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'Simply-a-Bloom' Quilt
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This quilt is perfect for a new quilter as it uses the simplest of block construction & appliqué techniques. It is made with Bonnie & Camille's gorgeous new line, 'Simple Abundance'.



Ingredients:

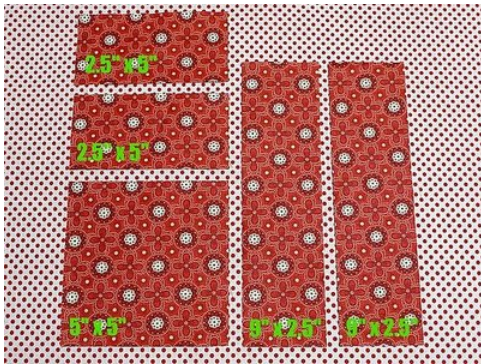
- 1 x Bonnie & Camille 'Simple Abundance' layer cake (55010LC)
- 2.5 yards Moda ivory Bella Solid (9900 60)
- 2/3 yard binding fabric
- backing fabric
- fusible web

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Instructions:

Cutting

Choose two of the lightest prints in your layer cake. Cut each of these prints into 5" squares to yield eight squares. Seven of these squares will be used as appliqué backgrounds.



From the remaining layer cake squares, cut two 2.5" x 5" rectangles, one 5" x 5" square and two 2.5" x 9" rectangles, as shown in the diagram below.

From the cream fabric, cut:

- two strips, 6" x 90" (vertical borders)
- two strips, 6" x 55" (horizontal borders)
- six strips, 2.5" x 55" (horizontal sashings)
- twenty eight rectangles, 2.5" x 9" (vertical sashings)

You can download a cutting diagram for the cream fabric [here](#).

<http://docs.google.com/fileview?id=0B8Izuj9PSywnYTk1MzIHYTQNTg3OC00NmI0LWI1NjgtNDViOWZmMjg5NWWM3&hl=en>

Assembling the blocks

Choose seven coloured 5" squares to use for your appliqué (I chose tone-on-tone prints for this step). Set these squares aside for later.

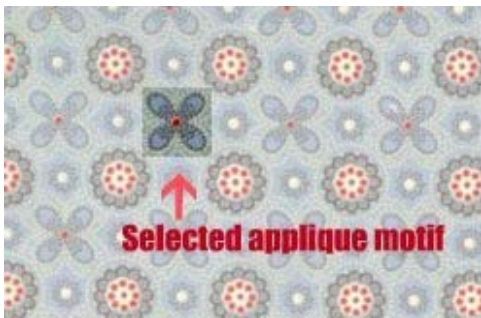
At this point, you can audition your fabrics by laying them out on the floor until you are happy with the arrangement. Or you can piece the blocks randomly. Your choice!

To make the blocks, stitch two 2.5" x 5" rectangles to opposite sides of a 5" x 5" square using a 0.25" seam. Press.



Stitch two 2.5" x 9" rectangles to the sides of the block.
Press.

Make 35 of these blocks. Include 7 blocks which have a light background square at the centre - these will be your appliqué blocks.



Appliqué blocks

Examine your fabrics closely and choose a simple motif that might be used for your appliqué blocks. I chose the very simple four-petalled bloom from this print:

I scanned the fabric on my computer, selected the shape & enlarged it so that it was 3.75" square. If you'd like to use this design, a pdf file is available for download [here](#). Otherwise, be brave & choose your own motif that relates to the fabric you are using.



Using a pencil, trace your chosen appliqué motif seven times onto the paper side of fusible web, leaving a 0.25" space between shapes. Cut out the shapes roughly - don't cut on the pencil line yet.

Fuse each shape onto the back of your selected fabrics.



Cut out each shape carefully on the pencil line.



Fuse the appliqué to the cream background squares, taking care to centre the motif. Machine appliqué motif onto block using a blanket stitch in a matching thread.

Assembling the blocks

Arrange the blocks in seven rows of five blocks. Sew the rows together, piecing a 2.5" x 9" white strip between each block.

Measure the width of your rows of blocks. Trim the six 2.5" x 55" horizontal sashing strips and the two 6" x 55" horizontal border strips to this measurement.



Join the rows of blocks, piecing the horizontal sashing strips between each row. Take care to line up the blocks vertically as you join the rows.

Join the horizontal border strips to the top and bottom of the quilt.

Measure the length of your quilt. Trim the 6" x 90" border strips to this measurement. Join the borders to the left and right sides of your quilt.



Back, quilt and bind your quilt as desired. I used any remaining layer cake fabrics to piece the backing.

My quilt was beautifully and expertly machine quilted by Belinda Betts of [Eucalypt Ridge Quilting](#). Thanks Belinda! The quilting design incorporates blooms & birds and is called [Aves b2b](#) by [Anne Bright](#).

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Yield:

1 x 'Simply-a-Bloom' quilt, approximately 62" x 83".



Thank you so much to Moda for the opportunity to be involved with Moda Bake Shop. It is an enormous privilege and pleasure to post 'Simply-a-Bloom' as my first MBS project!

Enjoy!

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