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Squarey Cat Quilt by Wendy Poling

Hi this is Wendy from Sewing in the Wendy City {sewinginthewendycity.blogspot.com}. I'm thrilled to bring you my second Moda Bake Shop recipe! This time I got to work with Momo's Just Wing It! collection, which is fabulously beautiful.

I call this quilt my "Squarey Cat" quilt because it uses giant squares to make a large quilt and goes together very easily and quickly. If you've always been a "Scaredy Cat" about a bed-sized quilt, then "Squarey Cat" is a good pattern for you!



Ingredients:

- 1 layer cake in Just Wing It by MoMo
- 2 Jelly Rolls in Just Wing It by MoMo
- 1 yard of a coordinating print for binding
- 5 1/2 yards of a coordinating print for backing

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Instructions:

From the layer cake, pull out the following:
 18 squares that will be the centers of our blocks
 4 squares that will be the corner posts on the piano key border (trim to 8" square)
 9 squares that will be subcut into 2.5" x 10" strips (yielding 36 10" strips)
 3 squares that will be subcut into 2.5" x 8" strips (yielding 12 8" strips)
 The rest of the layer cake can be pieced into the backing

From the 2 jelly rolls, you will need the following:
 8 solidish strips to be the inner border. I used the blue toned ones.
 36 strips, each cut into: one 18-inch strip, a 14-inch strip, and an 8-inch strip
 Another 36 strips, each cut into: one 14-inch strip, and three 8-inch strips

When you finish cutting you will have:

36 10-inch strips
 72 14-inch strips
 36 18-inch strips
 156 8-inch strips

It may be helpful to find a ziploc or a basket for each size of strips.

Now, time to sew! It is very, very helpful to chain piece these. If you do this, it will go pretty quickly.



To each of your 18 center squares, add the following:



10-inch strips to each side,



14-inch strips to the top and bottom,



another set of 14-inch strips to the left and right



And finally, 18-inch strips to the top and bottom.



At this point, your blocks will be approximately 18 inches square. Press them well, and take them to your cutting mat.

Cut vertically and horizontally to make four 9-inch blocks.



You will have 72 of these 9-inch blocks.

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Layout the blocks in pairs like so... and pin them. Make sure you have the squares lined up... in the top right on the left and the bottom right corner on the right. I suggest pinning them all and then chain piecing all 36 pairs.



Aren't they pretty all lined up like that?



Next, sew the pairs of blocks into rows of 4 blocks, alternating the square placement each time.

Then put 2 groups of 4 together so that you have 8 blocks. You will have 9 identical rows of 8 blocks each.



Find the 8 jelly roll strips you reserved for the inner border and sew them together end-to-end.

Add the inner border onto your quilt center.



Find the giant pile of 8-inch strips you cut earlier, and sew them together to make a piano key border.



So that I didn't have to deal with a very long border at one time, I split my strips into approximately 4 strips and pieced them together as I needed to add to the quilt.



I used corner posts on mine.



First, add the piano key border to the short sides of your top. Then we do some careful measuring. Put an 8-inch square onto one end of a piano key strip. Then carefully lay it out, marking where you get to the other end where the other corner post will be.



Trim the piano key border 1/4" past the inner border, then sew on the other corner post. Pin carefully so that your points line up.



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Backing:
I love a pieced quilt back!



Here's the backing fabric. Isn't it beautiful! I used 5 yards of the backing fabric, but it was close! So I'm suggesting 5 1/2 in the pattern.



I had several leftover layer cake squares and I pieced them into the back with my leftover jelly roll pieces.



I took my leftovers and arranged them to be as large as the quilt top. There are many ways to do this, but here's mine:



I used the dark blue as my binding fabric, and it worked well. I think one of the solids would also be lovely.

To make your binding, cut 9 strips that are 2.5" by the width of the fabric.



Quilt and bind as desired.

Yield:



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A beautiful oversized-full sized quilt, measuring approximately 87" x 96".

I'm so pleased with the way it turned out.



And pieced backs are so much fun!



Here's a full shot....

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And I made this cute butterfly pillow with my leftover scraps.

For the pattern and more information on making the pillow, please visit my blog, {sewinginthewendycity.blogspot.com}.



Thanks so much for reading.
Blessings to you--

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