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Sweet Secret Stars by PamKittyMorning

Here's my attempt at an artful shot of my Sweet Secret Stars quilt top. I'm no Camille, that's for sure. I hope this doesn't discourage you from trying this Sweet project!

Ingredients:



For this project you'll need a Honey Bun and Layer Cake (featured is Sweet by Urban Chiks)
3/8 yard of pink Bella solid
3/8 yard green Bella solid
1 yard of the border of your choice.

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Instructions:



If you can bear it, unwrap your cute honey bun and cut the strips in half at the fold. Take as much time as you need, I can wait!



Select 4 of your favorite strips and stitch them together making a strip set. Press seams in one direction.



Make a minimum of 16 strip sets. Vary the placement of lights and darks as this will make your blocks more interesting.



Cut each strip set into 1 1/2 inch segments. You will need a total of 200 segments.



Stitch your segments into units of 4. This is where you'll thank me for suggesting you press those strips in one direction. You will need 50 blocks.



From your Sweet Layer Cake, cut (49) 4 1/2 inch squares. (I cut 2 from each of the 40 layer cake pieces so that I would have plenty of choices when I laid out my blocks.)

Cut 160 pink 1 1/2 inch squares for your snowball blocks and your half snowball blocks. Draw a pencil line diagonally across each pink square, place on larger square and stitch on the line. OR stitch across using your favorite method. For your snowball blocks stitch a pink square on each corner, for your half snowball blocks



stitch a pink square to two adjacent corners.

Press away from square to create a corner triangle, trim excess from back of block.



This is where I suggest the line method, so you will have nice points that match up with your patchwork blocks. Unlike mine, which match up, some of the time.

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For this quilt you will need 31 snowball blocks, 50 patched blocks and 18 half snowball blocks.

Layout your blocks as shown in the photo of the quilt below. The half snowballs blocks have their pink points facing inward. Begin and end row 1 and all odd rows with a patchwork block, alternating blocks. Row 1 and 11 will have only half snowball blocks, row one facing down, row 11 facing up. Even rows will begin with a half snowball facing to the right and end with a half snowball facing left.

Borders

From Bella Solid green cut (5) 1 1/2 strips. Measure length of quilt, stitch 3 strips together and cut two strips for side borders. Stitch to sides of quilt. Measure width of quilt, using remaining strips cut top and bottom inner border. Stitch borders to top and bottom of quilt.

From Sweet Border print cut (6) 5 inch strips. Stitch 3 strips together for one long strip. Measure length of quilt. Cut two strips for side borders. Stitch to sides of quilt. Stitch remaining 3 strips together, measure width of quilt, cut two strips for top and bottom borders. Stitch to quilt.

This quilt would be called Sweet Not So Secret Stars had I reversed the green and pink, the green is a higher contrast and would show off more. But I like the subtle nature of the pink.. so there you go. You can decide for yourself which you like best. You could use your squares plain and it would be just as Sweet!

Yield:



Fresh from the garden

One 56 x 48 inch Sweet Quilt top!

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