

Play Date - Block of the Month

Play Date Crossing Leaves Mini-Quilt

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Using her Play Date and Grandma's Garden fabrics from P&B Textiles
Quilt Size: 27 1/2" - Block Size: 8"



Yardage

Block ~

(10—15) 5" squares (light-medium and medium-dark prints, including one yellow and one green)
(1) 9" square of cream (CSNE 01N)

Mini-Quilt ~

(21) 5" squares for blocks (954B, 954C, 954G, 954P, 955B, 955C, 955G, 955J, 955Y, 957B, 957P, 957O, 958 B, 958P, 958Y, 959J, 959P, 959Y, 960B, 960J, and 960P)
1 fat eighth (9" x 21") of (16) Play Date prints for outer border (954B, 954C, 954G, 954P, 955B, 955C, 955G, 955J, 957B, 957P, 958B, 958Y, 959P, 959Y, 960B, and 960J)
1/4 yard of yellow (GGAR 794Y) for inner border
3/8 yard of cream solid (CSNE 01N) for blocks and sashing corners
1/2 yard of purple floral (GGAR 793C) for sashing and binding
1 yard of any *Play Date* fabric for backing

Cutting

For **each** block:

From the cream (CSNE 01N), cut:
1 square, 9" x 9"

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From the purple floral, cut:

4 binding strips, 2" x 42"
12 sashing rectangles, 1 1/2" x 8 1/2"

From the cream, cut:

9 squares, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

From the yellow, cut:

2 strips, 1 1/2" x 19 1/2"
2 strips, 1 1/2" x 21 1/2"

From *each* of 4 of the fat eighths, cut:

1 square, 4" x 4" (4 total)

From *each* of the remaining fat eighths, cut:

1 rectangle, 4" x 7 1/2" (12 total)

Construction

Block: *(Refer to photo as needed)*

1. Use the pattern pieces to make appliqué templates. Use the 5" squares, fusible web, and the appliqué templates to prepare 28 leaves, 4 stems, and 1 center. (Or use the appliqué method of your choice.)
2. For each block, position the appliqué pieces in the center of each 9" cream square. Fuse the appliqués to the square and finish the edges with decorative stitching.
3. Press the block and trim to 8 1/2" square keeping the appliqué motif centered within the square.
4. Repeat steps 1 — 3 to make a total of four blocks.

Mini-Quilt Assembly

5. Sew together three 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" purple rectangles and two blocks, alternating them to make a block row. Make two block rows.
6. Sew together three 1 1/2" cream squares and two 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" purple rectangles, alternating them to make a sashing row. Make three rows.
7. Sew the sashing rows and blocks rows together, alternating them as shown in the photo.
8. Sew a 19 1/2" yellow inner-border strip to each side of the quilt top; press. Sew a 21 1/2" yellow inner-border strip to the top and bottom edges.
9. Sew three 4" x 7 1/2" rectangles together end to end to make a border strip; press. Make 4 border strips.
10. Sew a border strip to each side of the quilt top; press. Sew a 4" square to the ends of each remaining border strip and sew them to the top and bottom edges; press.
11. Layer the quilt top with batting and backing. Quilt as desired. Bind the edges to finish. Add a label to the back of your quilt and enjoy!