

Play Date - Block of the Month

Flowerpots Mini-Quilt

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Using Play Date, Grandma's Garden, and Dotty fabrics from P&B Textiles
Quilt Size: 32" - Block Size: 8"



Yardage

Block ~

- (5) 5" squares for piecing and appliqué
- (1) 10" x 10" square of cream (CSNE 01N)

Mini-Quilt ~

- (20) 5" squares (958B, 955G, 959Y, 960J, 793P, 960B, 954P, 958Y, 955J, 795G, 954B, 958P, 793C, 955Y, 706MW, 955B, 954C, 959P, 793T and 794G) for blocks

3/8 yard of orange ovals (959J) for sashing

2/3 yard of purple stars (PDAT 955C) for border and binding

1 1/4 yard of cream solid (CSNE 01N) for sashing and border

1 1/8 yard of any *Play Date* fabric for backing

**Additional supplies for each block: 8" of 1/4" (baby) rickrack,
3 buttons (1/2"), and 3 strands of yellow embroidery floss

Cutting

For each block:

From the cream (CSNE 01N) cut:

- 1 rectangle, 4 1/2" x 8 1/2"
- 2 rectangles, 2 3/4" x 3 1/2"
- 2 rectangles, 1 1/2" x 2 1/4"

From 1 of the 5" squares cut:

- 1 rectangle, 1 1/2" x 5"
- 1 rectangle, 4" x 3 1/2"

Mini-Quilt:

From the cream cut:

- 6 strips, 1 1/4" x 42"
- 2 rectangles, 1 1/2" x 22 1/2"
- 2 rectangles, 1 1/2" x 24 1/2"
- 24 squares, 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"
- 4 squares, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

From the orange ovals cut:

- 3 strips, 1" x 42"
- 9 sashing squares, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

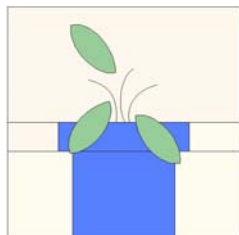
From the purple stars cut:

- 4 squares, 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"
- 48 squares, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"
- 4 binding strips, 2" x 42"

Construction

Block: *(Refer to photo as needed)*

1. Sew a 4" x 3 1/2" print rectangle between two 2 3/4" x 3 1/2" rectangles to make the flowerpot base.
2. Sew a 1 1/2" x 5" print rectangle between two 1 1/2" x 2 1/4" cream rectangles to make the flowerpot rim.
3. Sew the units from steps 1 and 2 together to make the flowerpot. The unit should measure 4 1/2" x 8 1/2".
4. Referring to the photo, arrange and sew three 2 1/2"-long pieces of rickrack to the 4 1/2" x 8 1/2" cream rectangle to make the flower stems.
5. Sew the units from steps 3 and 4 together.
6. Use the leaf pattern to make an appliqué template. Use a green 5" squares, fusible web, and the appliqué template to prepare three leaves.
7. Position three leaves as shown in the photo. Fuse the leaf appliqués and finish the edges with decorative stitching.

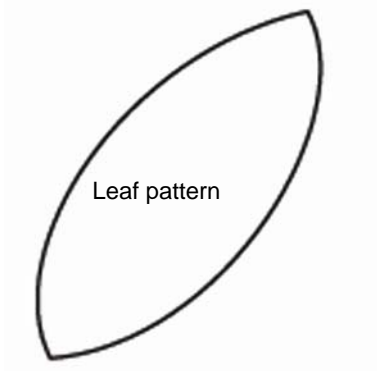


8. Repeat steps 1 - 7 to make four blocks. Don't add the folded flowers until you have finished the quilting and binding.

Mini-Quilt Assembly

9. Sew a 1" x 42" orange strip between two 1 1/4" x 42" cream strips to make a strip set. Make three. Crosscut the strip sets into 8 1/2"-wide segments. Cut 12 segments.
10. Sew together three segments from step 9 and two blocks, alternating them to make a block row. Make two block rows.
11. Sew together three 2 1/2" orange squares and two segments from step 9, alternating them to make a sashing row. Make three rows.
12. Sew the sashing rows and blocks rows together, alternating them as shown in the photo.
13. Sew a 22 1/2" cream rectangle to each side of the quilt top; press. Sew a 24 1/2" cream rectangle to the top and bottom edges.
14. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 2 1/2" purple square. Place a marked square on opposite corners of each 4 1/2" cream square, right sides together and raw edges aligned. Stitch along the marked line. Trim away the excess fabric, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Press toward the purple triangle. Make 24 border blocks.
15. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 2 1/2" cream square. Place a marked square on one corner of each 4 1/2" purple square. Stitch, trim, and press. Make four corner blocks.
16. Sew six border units from step 14 together as shown in the photo to make a border strip. Make four. Sew a border to each side of the quilt top; press. Sew a corner square from step 15 to each end of the remaining border strips and sew them to the top and bottom edges; press.
17. Layer the quilt top with batting and backing. Quilt as desired. Bind the edges to finish.
18. Use the 5" squares to cut out one 3 1/2" circle and two 3" circles for each block.
19. Press each circle in quarters to locate the center. Fold the edge of the circle to the center and press. Fold the next edge to the center; press. Continue folding and pressing to make a hexagon flower. Make a total of three large flowers and eight small flowers. *(See Folded Flower Diagram on page 3.)*
20. Use embroidery floss to sew a button in the center of each flower to attach the flowers to the quilt. Add a label to the back of your quilt and enjoy!





Pattern pieces do not include seam allowances. Add 1/4" seam allowance to cut fabric pieces for hand appliqué.

