

Play Date – Block of the Month

Friendship Star Mini-Quilt

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Using her Play Date and Grandma's Garden fabrics from P&B Textiles

Quilt Size: 28 1/2" - Block Size: 8"



Yardage

One Block ~

- (6) 5" squares (1 light-medium prints, 5 medium-dark prints)
- (1) 8" x 11" piece of cream (CSNE 01N)

Mini-Quilt ~

- (24) 5" squares (954C, 954G, 954P, 955C, 955G, 955J, 955Y, 957B, 957P, 957O, 958B, 958P, 958Y, 959J, 959P, 960B, 960J, 793B, 793C, 793P, 793T, 794G, 794Y and 795G) for blocks
- 3/8 yard of pink/blue print (GGAR 796P) for outer border
- 5/8 yard of dark blue leaves (GGAR 795B) for border blocks and binding
- 1 yard of cream solid (CSNE 01N) for blocks and borders
- 1 yard of any *Play Date* fabric for backing

Cutting

For **each** block:

From the cream (CSNE 01N), cut:

- 4 rectangles, 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"
- 4 squares, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

From the light-medium square, cut:

- 4 squares, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

From 1 of the medium-dark square, cut:

- 4 squares, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

From *each* of the 4 medium-dark squares, cut:

- 1 rectangle, 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" (4 total)

Mini-Quilt:

From the cream, cut:

- 2 inner-border strips, 1 1/4" x 18 1/2"
- 2 inner-border strips, 1 1/4" x 17"
- 1 sashing rectangle, 1" x 17"
- 2 sashing rectangles, 1" x 8 1/2"
- 4 rectangles, 2" x 3 1/2"
- 5 strips 2" x 42"; crosscut 100 squares, 2" x 2"

From the dark blue leaves, cut:

- 4 binding strips, 2" x 42"
- 3 strips, 3 1/2" x 42"; crosscut 48 rectangles, 2" x 3 1/2"
- 4 squares, 2" x 2"

From the pink/blue print, cut:

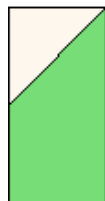
- 2 outer-border strips, 2 1/2" x 28 1/2"
- 2 outer-border strips, 2 1/2" x 24 1/2"

Construction

Block: *(Refer to photo as needed)*

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each

2 1/2" cream square. Place a marked square on one end of each 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" printed rectangle, right sides together. Sew along the line. Trim the excess fabric leaving a 1/4"-wide seam allowance; press. Be sure to position each cream square as shown. Make four units.

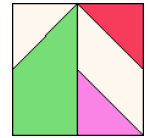


2. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each

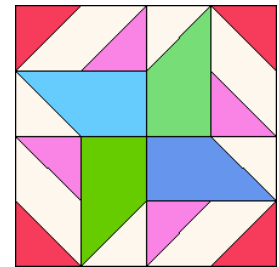
2 1/2" printed square. Place a marked square on both ends of each 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" cream rectangle, right sides together. Sew along the line. Trim the excess fabric leaving a 1/4"-wide seam allowance; press. Be sure to position each marked square as shown. Make four units.



3. Sew one unit from step 2 to the right-hand side of each unit from step 1 to make a corner unit; press. Make four corner units.



4. Sew four side units together, rotating the units as shown, to make one block; press.



5. Repeat steps 1 — 4 to make a total of four blocks.

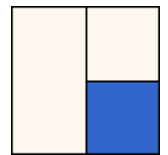
Mini-Quilt Assembly

6. Sew one 1" x 8 1/2" cream rectangle between two blocks to make a block row; press. Make two block rows.

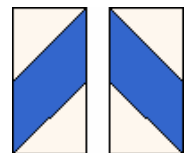
7. Sew the 1" x 17" cream rectangle between two blocks rows as shown in the photo; press.

8. Sew a 1 1/4" x 17" cream strip to each side of the quilt top; press. Sew a 1 1/4" x 18 1/2" cream strip to the top and bottom edges.

9. Sew one 2" dark blue square, one 2" cream square, and one 2" x 3 1/2" cream rectangle together as shown to make a corner block; press. Make four corner blocks.



10. Repeating step 2, draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each remaining 2" cream square. Sew a marked square to both ends of each dark blue rectangle to make 24 units and 24 reversed units. Be sure to position each marked square as shown.



11. Using the units from step 10, sew one unit and one reversed unit together to make a border block. Make 24 blocks.

12. Sew six border blocks together to make a border strip. Make two and sew them to each side of the quilt top; press.

13. Sew six border blocks together to make a border strip. Sew a corner block to both ends of the strip as shown in the photo. Make two and sew them to the top and bottom edges; press.

14. Sew the 24 1/2"-long pink/blue strips to each side of the quilt top; press. Sew the 28 1/2"-long strips to the top and bottom edges; press.

15. 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!