

Play Date - Block of the Month

Play Date Roses Mini-Quilt

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

Quilt Size: 28 3/4" - Block Size: 8"



Yardage

One Block ~

- (5) 5" squares (one yellow, two green, and two prints for flowers and buds)
- (1) 9" square of cream (CSNE 01N)

Mini-Quilt ~

- (14) 5" squares for block appliques (954C, 955J, 955Y, 957P, 959P, 959Y, 960J, 793B, 793P, 794G, 794R, 794Y, 795G, and 795Y)
- 1 fat eighth *each* of two green prints (PDAT 955G and GGAR 793T) for leaf appliques
- 1/4 yard of blue star-flowers (PDAT 955B) for sashing
- 1/4 yard of blue floral (GGAR 799B) for pieced border
- 1/2 yard of cream solid (CSNE 01N) for blocks and pieced border
- 2/3 yard of blue girls (PDAT 954B) for sashing squares, outer border, 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 blue star-flowers, cut:
12 sashing rectangles, 1 1/2" x 8 1/2"

From the blue girls, cut:
2 strips, 2 3/4" x 28 3/4"
2 strips, 2 3/4" x 24 1/4"
4 binding strips, 2" x 42"
9 squares, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

From the cream, cut:
16 squares, 3 1/4" x 3 1/4"

From the blue floral, cut:
16 squares, 3 1/4" x 3 1/4"
4 squares, 2 7/8" x 2 7/8"

Construction

Block (Refer to photo as needed)

1. Use the pattern pieces to make appliqué templates. Use the 5" squares, the green prints, fusible web, and the appliqué templates to prepare 4 green stems, 8 green leaves, 1 large flower, 4 yellow bud center, 4 flower buds, 1 small flower, and 1 yellow flower 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, starting with the stems and following the order listed in step 1. 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" blue sashing rectangles and two blocks, alternating them to make a block row. Make two block rows.
6. Sew together three 1 1/2" blue squares and two 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" blue sashing 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. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 3 1/4" cream square. Place a marked square on each 3 1/4" blue floral square, right sides together, and stitch 1/4" on each side of the marked diagonal line. Cut on the line to make two half-square units; press. Make 32 units.
9. Sew eight half-square units together as shown in the photo to make a border strip; press. Make four.
10. Sew a border strip to each side of the quilt top; press. Sew a 2 7/8" blue floral square to the both ends of each remaining border strip and sew them to the top and bottom edges; press.
11. Sew the 24 1/4"-long blue strips to each side of the quilt top; press. Sew the 28 3/4"-long strips to the top and bottom edges; press.
12. 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!