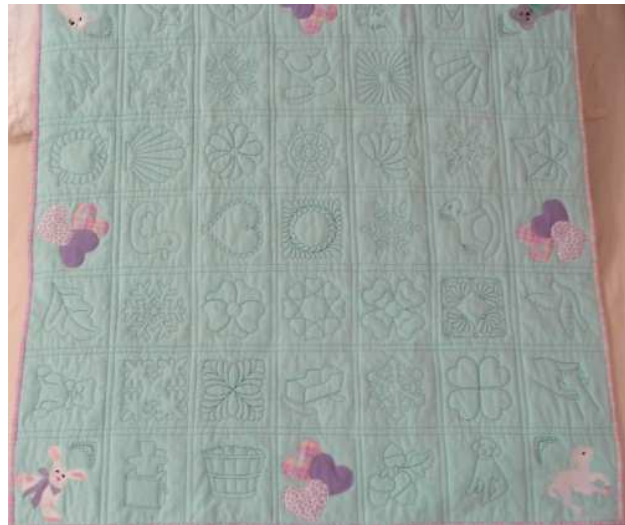


Baby Quilt Projects by Mary Jane Allen
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Pink Quilt above, Lavender Quilt below, White Quilt above, Mint Green Quilt below



Supplies:

1-1/4 yards solid-color flannel (at least 42" wide)

1-1/4 yards print flannel (60" wide) OR 2-1/2 yards print flannel (45" wide)

cotton batting 40" square

Furry Friends designs from Perfect Little Stitches

Teeny Baby designs from Perfect Little Stitches (White Quilt only)

Quilting embroidery designs from Perfect Little Stitches

embroidery threads

cotton thread for quilting

tear-away stabilizer

freezer paper

cotton quilting thread

Pre-wash the flannel. Trim selvages from the flannel. Square the ends.

Pink Quilt: cut a 40" square from the pink flannel. Using tailors chalk, mark lines on the pink flannel every 8" vertically and horizontally. In each corner, embroider an animal design, centered diagonally within the marked square. Tear away excess stabilizer.

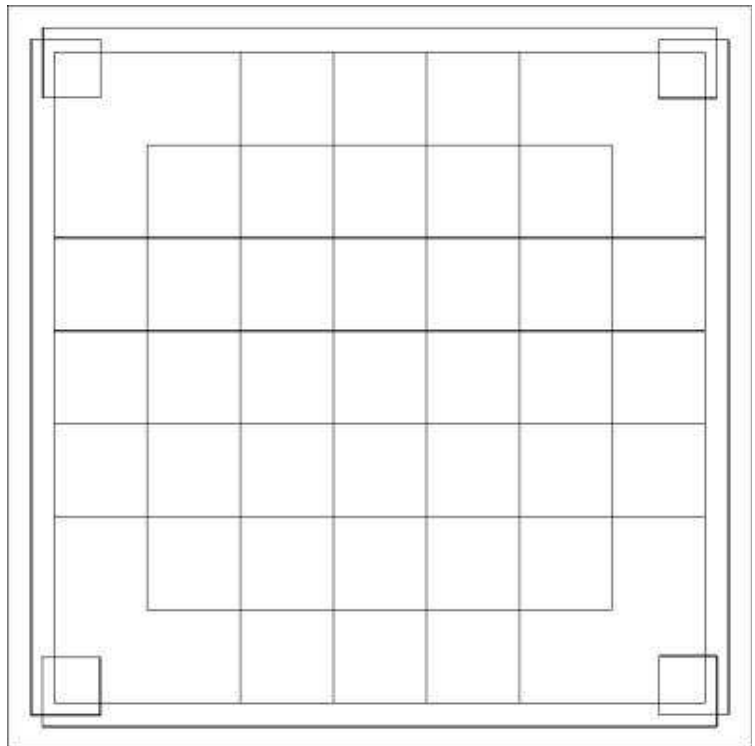
From the print flannel, cut a 40" square. For the binding, cut 4 lengthwise strips of print flannel 2-1/2" wide and 41" long.

Print the Qhfeathd design actual size. Trace the heart shape onto freezer paper 4 times. Cut out the four hearts. Iron to the wrong side of the print flannel (use scraps). Trim to 1/4" of the freezer paper. Press the 1/4" seams over the edge of the paper. Remove the paper. Use a glue stick to lightly glue the seam allowance to the underside of the applique. Use a light amount of glue to position each heart in the center square on each side of the quilt. Using invisible thread and a small blanket stitch, sew the appliques in place.

Layer the backing, batting and quilt top. Baste or pin baste. Machine quilt along the chalk lines, using the dual feed foot. Shadow quilt 1/4" around each embroidered animal. Quilt 1/8" inside and outside each heart applique.



Close-up view of a corner of the Pink Quilt (right).



White Quilt: cut flannel to make a 39" square. Embroider a rabbit design in each corner. On each side, embroider three Teeny Baby designs as shown in the picture. Mark the quilt to make a grid of squares, seven across and seven down (see grid picture at right).

Trim the print flannel and batting to match the white flannel. Layer and pin or baste. Quilt along the lines of the grid using the dual feed foot.

Center the embroidery hoop over a square of the grid and hoop without stabilizer. Quilt the layers with a quilting design, with tension settings as for regular sewing. Unhoop immediately to prevent hoop marks. Steam out the marks if necessary. Quilt every square and the spaces either side of the rabbits, except for where the Teeny Baby designs are embroidered. There will be a total of 41 quilted squares.

Lavender Quilt: Similar to pink quilt, but with 5-1/2" squares (7 squares by 7 squares). Make the outer squares each 5-3/4" to allow for the binding. Stitch hearts as described in the pink quilt, positioned as shown in the photo.

Mint Green Quilt: follow directions for lavender quilt, but use smaller heart appliques from coordinating flannel scraps (as shown in the photo).

To finish all quilts: cut the print flannel into strips for binding and sew into place.

Trim two strips to 40". Sew the 40" strips to opposite sides of the quilt, right side of the strip to right side of the quilt top. Fold binding in half lengthwise with raw edges matching. Hand sew the folded edge to the quilt back. Sew remaining strips to the other two sides, allowing 1/2" to be folded under at each end. Sew to back.

For each unembroidered square, use a different quilting design. Start with the center square. Hoop the quilt without using stabilizer. Center the design in the square. Support the bulk of the quilt with your left arm so the embroidery hoop can move freely and be sure the quilt does not get caught between the hoop and the machine. Stitch. Work your way outward, orienting each design so the bulkiest part of the quilt is always to your left where you can support it.

The pink quilt uses white cotton machine quilting thread. The other quilts use colored thread to coordinate with the color of the flannel.

Make a special quilt label and sew to the back of the quilt.



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