

Hydrangea Heaven

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Requirements:

Quantity	Item
1.7m	Light Value Fabric – 9-Patch & Snowball Blocks
1.2m	Medium Value Fabric – 9 Patch
80cm	1 st Border & Binding
1.1m	Main Border
85cm	1.2m wide Pellon
5.5m	Medium Weight Tearaway (30cm wide)
1.8m	2m wide Backing or 3.6m x 1.1m wide backing
1.8m	2m wide Wadding
	Matching Threads for Machine Embroidery
	Matching Threads for Sewing
	Threads for Quilting
	Bobbin Fill (white)
	150mm x 150mm Machine Embroidery Hoop
	Husqvarna Viking Design CD #101 – “Quilt”
	General Quilting & Sewing Tools & Accessories



Finished Size
60” x 60”

Cutting Instructions: WOF = Width of Fabric

Fabric	Main Cuts	Subsequent Cuts	✓
<i>Light Value Fabric- 9 Patch & Snowball Blocks</i>	Cut NINE 3” x WOF strips	Strip C	
	Cut FOUR 8” x WOF Strips	Cross Cut EIGHTEEN 8” squares – Unit A	
<i>Dark Value Fabrics- 9 Patch</i>	Cut EIGHT 3” x WOF strips	Strip D	
	CUT SIX 3” X WOF Strips	Cross Cut SEVENTY-TWO 3” Squares – Unit B	
<i>Main Border</i>	Cut SIX 6 ½” x WOF Strips		
<i>1st Border & Binding</i>	Cut SIX 2” x WOF strips		
	Cut SEVEN 2½” x WOF strips		
<i>Pellon</i>	Cut FOUR 8” x WOF strips	Cross Cut EIGHTEEN 8” Squares	
<i>Tearaway</i>	Cut EIGHTEEN 12” Squares		

Snowball Blocks

1. On the wrong side of each of the "Unit B" squares draw a diagonal line in pencil. Take one "Unit B" square and place it right side down onto a "Unit A" light background square, aligning it in the top left hand corner with the diagonal line going in the same direction as you see in the diagram 1. Sew on the diagonal line, repeat for the remaining three corners. Trim away excess fabric from the four corners, with a 1/4" seam allowance. Press to the outside. Assemble the remaining seventeen Snowball blocks in the same manner.

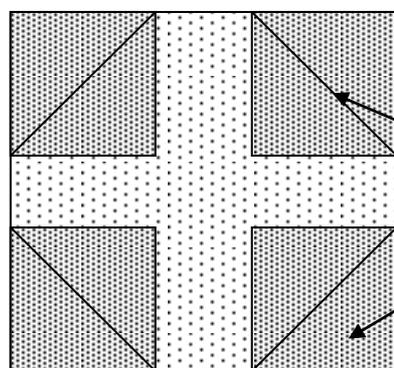
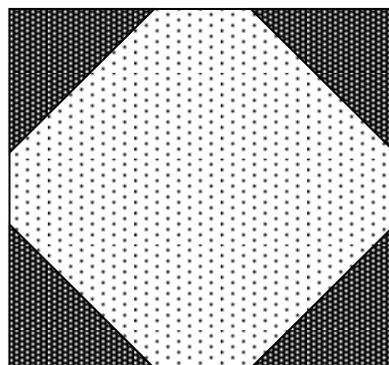


Diagram 1

Sew on drawn diagonal line

Trim away this section after sewing



Finished 4 1/2" Block

2. Layer each Snowball block onto 8" Pellon & 12" Tearaway square, with the Pellon as the middle layer. Hoop the block into a 150mm square Quilter's Do It All hoop and stitch out the single colour designs from the Quilt Design CD. Depending on how much you wish the designs to stand out, you may like to stitch the designs in several thread layers. When all blocks are complete, tear away the stabiliser and trim the back the pellon a 1/4" all the way around the block. Be careful not to cut any of the top layer of fabric when trimming the Pellon.

NOTES FOR EMBROIDERY:

Take the 8" squares and rule through centre from diagonal corners with blue washout or ceramic pen. Place pellon to wrong side of fabric. Hoop tearaway stabilizer in 150 x 150 hoop. Place pellon and fabric onto stabilizer, place template on top and line up fabric centre to match diagonal lines at centre of template. Remove template and pin fabric/pellon to tearaway, keeping pins to the outside edges of fabric – 4 pins will suffice.

Select your embroidery design, attach hoop, press fix button which will baste fabric and pellon to stabilizer. Warning – do not baste over your pins. Stitch your design 1 – 3 times then remove from hoop. Remove stabilizer and basting.

9-Patch Blocks

3. Arrange three sets of Light (Strip C) and Medium (Strip D) Fabric strips as shown in diagram 2. Sew strips together down the long sides, and press seams to the inside, forming Strip-Set A. Each set should measure 8" wide. Lie each set on a cutting mat, horizontally straight, and cross-cut from each set TWELVE 3" units, total yield from three strips sets is 36 units. See diagram 2.

Strip-Set A

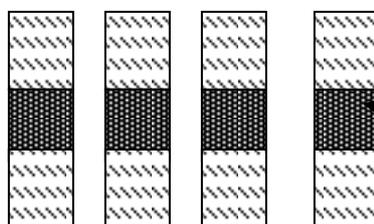


Diagram 2

Crosscut total of Thirty-Six 3" Units

4. Arrange two sets of Light (Strip C) and Medium (Strip D) Fabric strips as shown in diagram 3. Sew strips together down the long sides, and press seams to the outside, forming Strip-Set B. Each set should measure 8" wide. Lie each set on a cutting mat, horizontally straight, and cross-cut from each set NINE 3" units, total yield from two strips sets 18. See diagram 3.

Strip-Set B

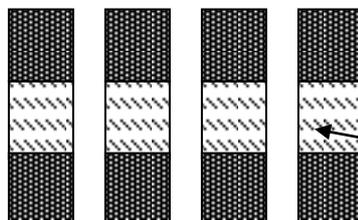
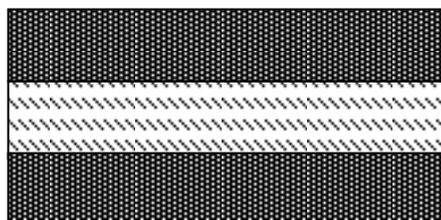


Diagram 3

Crosscut total of EIGHTEEN 3" Units

5. Pin and sew one 3" cross-cut A & B units together to form EIGHTEEN pairs - Diagram 4. Ensure you abut their seams accurately and sew them together. Press seams well. Pin the last Strip-Set A 3" unit to form the 9-Patch blocks. Take care to pin this last unit in the correct position, refer to diagram 5 & 6. When blocks are completed, press seams well and trim block to 8" square if necessary.

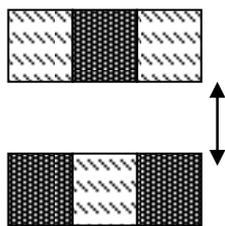


Diagram 4

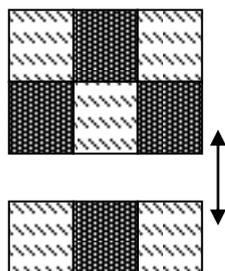


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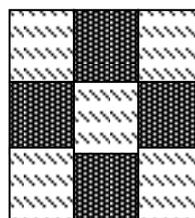


Diagram 6
Finished Block

Quilt Assembly.

6. Pin and sew the 9-Patch and Snowball blocks alternately forming six rows of six blocks. Refer to pattern picture. Press all seams well. Quilt top should measure 45 1/2" square.
7. Pin and sew two sets of three 1st border strips end to end and cut in half. Pin and sew the side borders on first, trim the excess border strips, press seams to the outside. Repeat for top and bottom border. Quilt top should now measure 48 1/2" square. Use this same process to attach the 6 1/2" Main Border strips.
8. Press quilt top well. It should measure 60 1/2" square. Layer top with wadding and backing and quilt as desired. Trim excess wadding and backing.
9. Prepare the 2 1/2" binding strips by joining them end to end with a mitred seam and pressing in half, wrong side together, lengthwise. At one end (the starting end), open out fold, fold up a 45 degree angle corner, press and trim leaving a diagonal 1/4" seam, press back in half again. Start pinning the binding half way down one side of the quilt, mitring the corners as you go. Start about 3" from the beginning of the binding sewing it to the quilt top using a 1/4" seam and your walking foot. Trim end of binding adding an extra 2" in length to feed into the opening you left at the start, and sew to finish off. You may have to cut your binding tail to fit into the opening.
10. To finish the binding, fold over the binding to the back of the quilt, and using matching thread, blind stitch the binding to the backing, taking care that your stitches do not go through to the front.

Congratulations you have finished your lap quilt. Don't forget to label your quilt.



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