

Bubble Gum is the first choice.

Bubble Gum Pink is the perfect choice for the breaker border in the little girl Aunt Gracie quilt. The finished centerpiece is lying on my designer wall, er' floor. Only a fragmented fat quarter remains of the auditioned color: Bubble Gum Pink. Bites here and there look as though Pac Man came for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

After, again, searching high and low in my fabric stash, I find there is no more of the pink cloth singing "Pick me, Pick me". There are choices, though. The Ombre pink will add interest. Still not enough to go around the four sides of the quilt, a cute little 36 inches by 42 inches. Or the flowers dancing in the pink field could work if it were not so busy.

An idea would be to gather all the pinks and hook them together (not unlike using bubble gum to glue to a stick and lower down a storm drain to hopefully connect with a golf ball and ever so slowly pull it out of the street drain). Perhaps that would be is too busy. Not a good breaker border to rest the eye after the colorful eye candy pieces in the quilt medallion.

So, no pink fabric will be used. The Bubble Gum is out of flavor..favor. However, there may be a teal or a green in the second drawer of the dresser where the folded fabric feels free to rest until it is chosen to be made into a masterpiece.

Looking for the perfect fabric in creating a quilt top is fun. Sometimes, it is a struggle, however the craft of putting together the right look is key to quilting. The tones and hues in each color way can keep a person awake for hours. Some of us even get out of bed and start a search surrounding ourselves in cloth extracted from shelves, wardrobes and dresser drawers in a studio. Some of us have a studio. Some of us have an extra bedroom. Ah, bedroom. Someplace to return to in the middle of the night.

The perfect fabric for the perfect spot is feasible. We just have to keep searching in a stash, in an extra bedroom, or in a quilt shop. Not, preferably in the middle of the night.

Quilt creating could keep us "in the pink". If we are feeling blue a pick-me-up is at hand. Sewing pieces of fabric together can quickly set things straight. And the color tones and hues play a huge part in how we deal with our mood. A friend was told by her husband to "go quilt for a while. Your mood needs changing." So, too, the name of a fabric color is helpful. Cinnamon and Sugar Brown could put a few smiles on us. And the Bubble Gum Pink fabric can even allude to the sweet smell of the pink bubble gum encased in the paper cartoon wrapper of so many years ago.

Yes, Bubble Gum Pink is still the first choice.

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