

Cuddly Baby Blanket

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This pattern uses a stack 'n' whack technique to create simple blocks, and backed with Cuddle this becomes a super cozy baby blanket. We don't call this one a quilt because it's not quilted and bound, but rather sewn together at the edges and turned, making it a quick last-minute gift.

Materials Needed

5 fat quarters, *either a coordinated pack or your choice*

1 yard of Cuddle fabric for reverse side

Thread to match Cuddle for top-stitching



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Prep & Cut the Fat Quarters

Cut each fat quarter to measure 18" x 19" (**NOT** 18" x 18"!). You will have a 2-3" strip left over on the selvage end.

Cut again so you have 4 pieces measuring 9" x 9½". Stack the four pieces together, and cut each stack as follows (or follow diagram at right):

Cut one (short) end @ 2"x9"

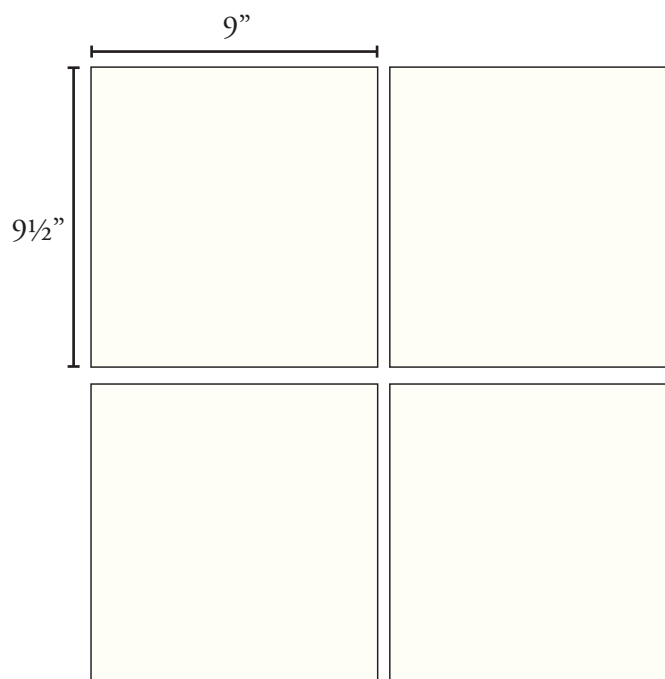
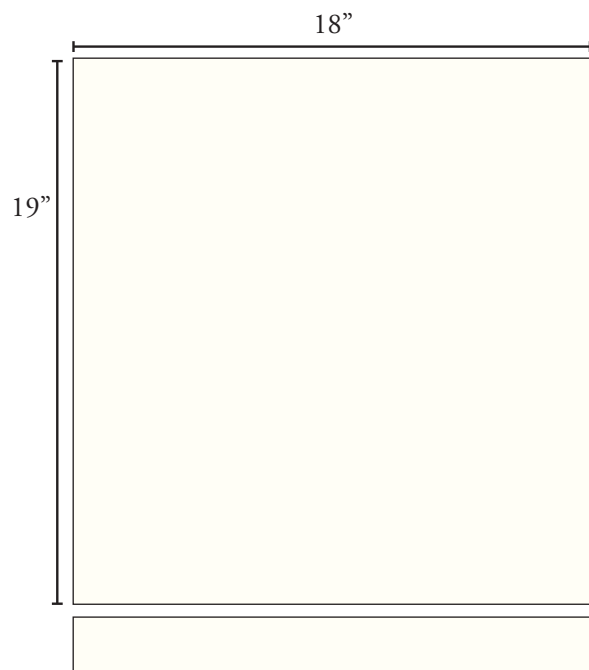
Cut in same direction @ 5", making two sections: 1 @ 5" x 9", and 1 @ 2½" x 9"

Sub-cut the last two sections as follows:

5" x 9": cut @ 5½" from right hand side, making two sections: 1 @ 5" x 5½", 1 @ 5" x 3½"

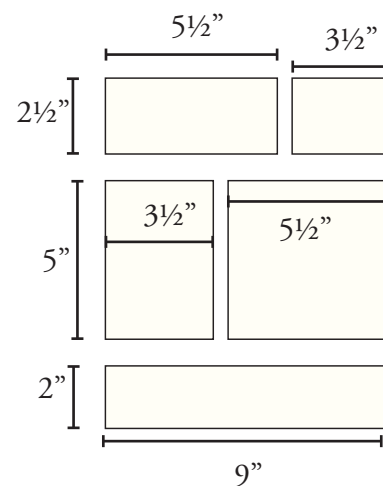
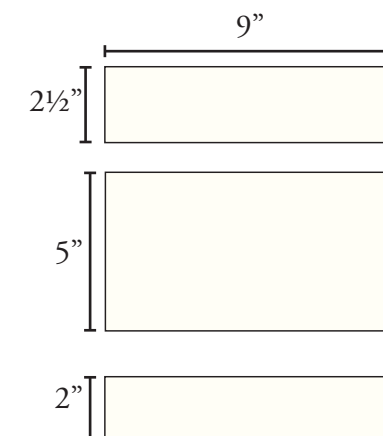
2½" x 9½": cut @ 3½" from right hand side, making two sections: 1 @ 2½" x 3½", 1 @ 2½" x 5½".

See diagram. Repeat for each fat quarter.



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Sort the cuts

You should now have 5 sets of cut pieces, one for each fat quarter. Keep them organized in piles as you cut them. Label them A, B, C, D, E.

This organization of the pieces can be confusing, as no block is exactly the same. Follow the sorting step by step and keep your block sets together.

1. - To sort them into blocks, start with the bottom strip sections, laying them out in piles next to each other, A-E.

2. - Then take all the 5" x 5½" pieces from fabric A, and set one down in position with B-E fabrics.

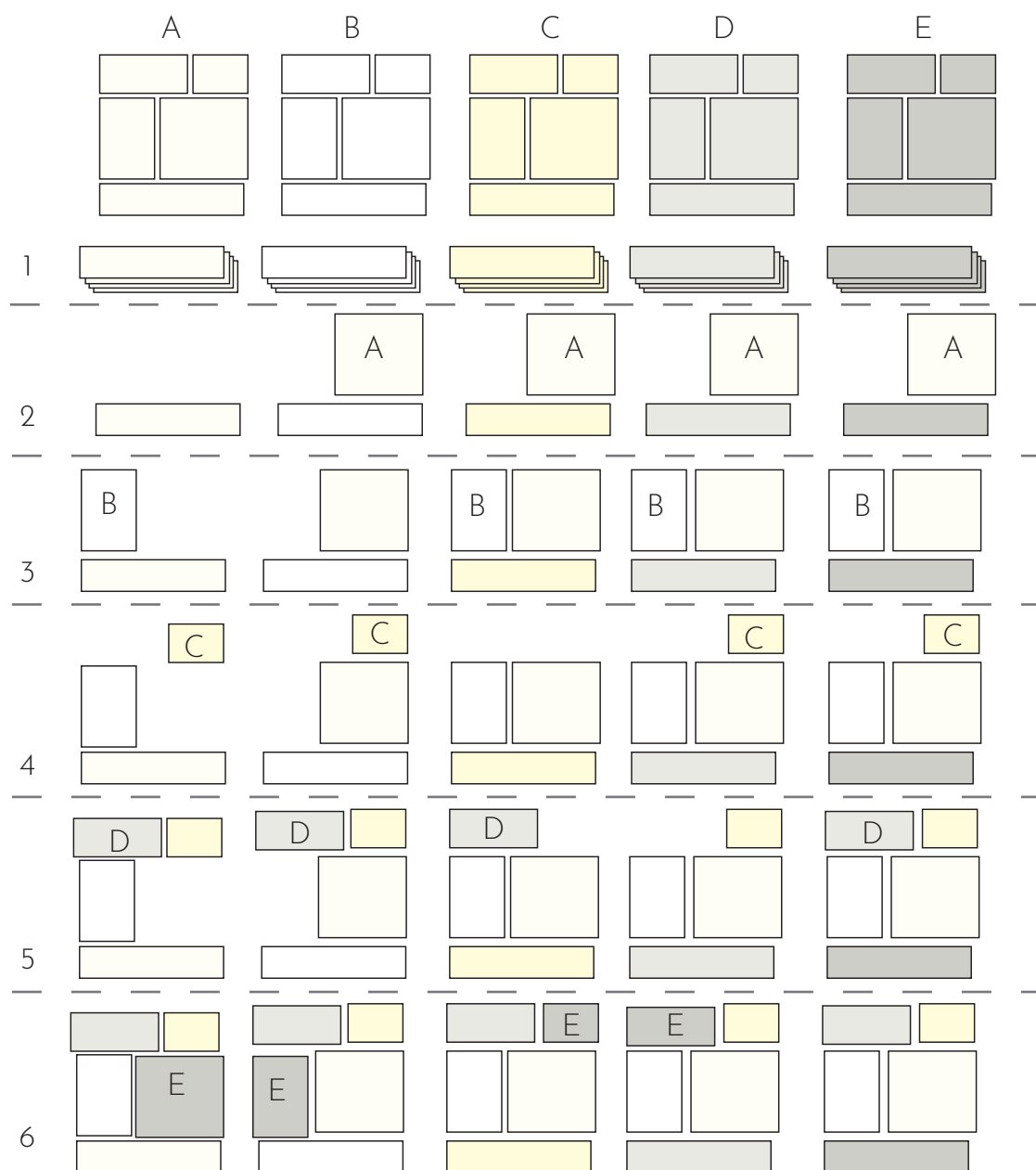
3. - Next take all the 5" x 3½" pieces from fabric B, and set one down in position with fabrics A, and C-E.

4. - Then take all the 2½" x 3½" pieces from fabric C, and put them with the A, B, D & E sets.

5. - Then, take the 2½" x 5½" from fabric D, and put them with A, B, C & E sets.

6. - Last, take one of each piece of fabric E and fill in the blanks of sets A-D.

Repeat for each bottom strip, selecting unused piles of A-D and singles of E until all blocks are matched.



Assemble

Keeping your stacks organized, assemble all the blocks. You should have 20. Trim to 8½" (especially the bottom strip, it will be sticking out).

Lay the blocks out, 4 x 5. Rotate every second block for variety. Play around until you're happy with your layout and sew together in rows. Press towards the blocks with fewer seams, and sew rows together, nesting your seams.

Stay stitch around the edges, use a longer stitch length, about ¼" from the edge.

Cut your Cuddle fabric to size, making it about 1"-2" larger than the quilt top.

Place your top **right sides together** with the Cuddle and pin relentlessly.

Sew around all four sides with a large seam allowance. Make sure to leave a 6" gap along one side, and reverse stitch on both sides of the gap to secure.

Trim Cuddle to match the top. Trim corners, leave about ¼" from stitching.

Turn through gap, push out the corners so they look tidy, hand-sew the gap closed.

Roll the edges between your fingers to push the seam to the edge, pin if you want, and sew around all four sides about 1" from the edges, see photo.

And you're done!

