

The Blue Grotto Quilt



This Blue Grotto quilt can be easily created using a single jellyroll in shades of blue, turquoise, green, and lavender along with the Baby Lock Presto sewing machine. The quilt can also be designed using fabric from your own batik stash.

42 blocks
8" X 8" finished

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® Presto Sewing Machine
1 Jellyroll (forty-two 2 ½" strips) in shades of the ocean
3 ½ yards of 45" wide fabric for backing and binding
Quilt batting
Rotary cutting system
Madeira Cotona thread to match fabric
Basic sewing supplies

Instructions:

1. The quilt top has one block design, a simple four-patch with four surrounding strips.
2. Cut each of the forty-two strips from the fabric jellyroll into the following sizes:
 - Four—2 ½" x 2 ½"
 - Two—2 ½" x 4 ½"
 - Two—2 ½" x 8 ½"
3. Select four different light colored 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares. Stitch two squares together with right-sides together, making two units. Press the seams. Stitch the two units together into one four-patch unit. Press the seams.
4. Continue stitching four-patch units until you have a total of forty-two, with the color gradation from light to dark batiks.
5. Selecting a shade of batik slightly different than the colors in the four-patch, stitch two 2 ½" x 4 ½" strips to opposite sides of one four-patch. Press the seams toward the strips.
6. Stitch two 2 ½" x 8 ½" strips of the same color to the remaining sides of the four-patch block. Press the seams toward the strips.
7. Stitch a total of forty-two blocks. Square the blocks to 8 ½" x 8 ½".
8. Lay the blocks into seven rows of six blocks each. Start in the upper left-hand corner with the lightest colored blocks and work towards the lower right-hand corner where the darker colored blocks will be placed.
9. Alternate each block, with the 2 ½" x 4 ½" strips on the top/bottom to the 2 ½" x 4 ½" strips on the sides. This will keep the seams from butting together, allowing them to lay flat.
10. Stitch the blocks into rows, press the seams.
11. Stitch the rows together and press the seams.
12. Layer the quilt, batting, and backing. Baste the layers securely.
13. Quilt the entire top of the quilt as desired.
14. Cut binding strips and bind the quilt.

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