

Crossroads Quilt



The Crossroads Quilt makes a great gift for a child. You can make it using your Baby Lock Aventura sewing and embroidery machine. The Aventura has enough space to the right of the needle to fit large projects like this one. When it's time to add the appliqué, EmbroideryWorks makes it easy with built-in AccuQuilt shapes.

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® Aventura Sewing and Embroidery Machine
EmbroideryWorks Advanced from Designers Gallery®
2 yard assorted colored prints from Riley Blake fabrics
1½ yards of yellow print
1½ yards of assorted bright prints from Riley Blake fabrics
1 yard of blue print for inside border and appliquéd blue cars
1 ½ yards of pink polka dot print for outer border and appliquéd cars
4 yards of backing fabric
Batting
Marking pencil
Madeira® Quilting and embroidery thread
AccuQuilt Die Cutter System
Cute Car Accuquilt Die #55354
Fusible Appliqué Stabilizer from Baby Lock
Basic sewing supplies

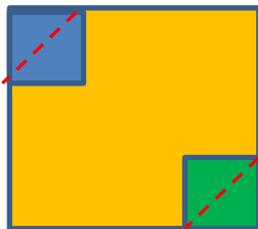
Instructions:

Cutting Fabrics

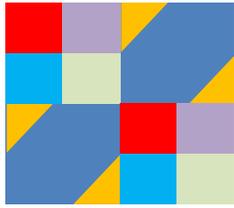
- From one of the darkest assorted prints, cut 32 3½" squares.
- From the other assorted prints, cut 16 3½" squares.
- From the yellow print, cut 32 6½" squares.
- From the bright prints, cut 128 3½" squares.
- From the blue print, cut 5 2" x 42" strips for the inner border.
- From the pink fabric, cut 7 2½" x 42" strips for the outer border.
- From the bright prints, cut 7 2½" x 42" binding strips.

Assemble of Blocks

1. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each dark print and the assorted 3½" print squares.
2. Place the two marked 3½" squares in opposite corners on the yellow 6½" square (*as shown in the following illustration*). Note the directions of the drawn line on the 3½" squares. Sew on the drawn line. Trim the seam allowance to ¼". Press the seam in the same direction toward the small square. The block should be 6½" square. Repeat to make 32 units.



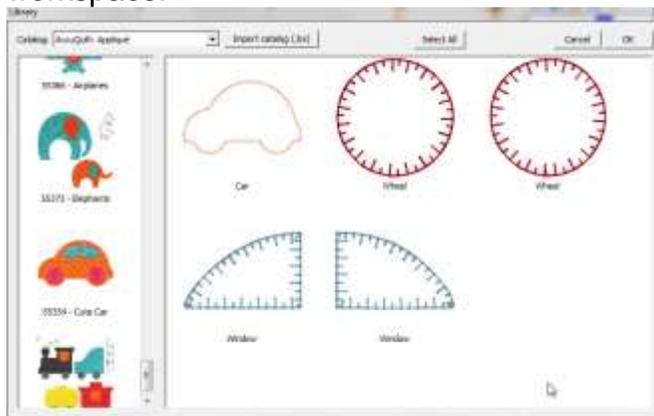
3. Sew together four assorted 3½" squares to create 32 four-patch units. Press seams.
4. To create one 12½" block, sew two of the four-patch blocks to two of the 6½" pieced corner block (*as shown in the following illustration*). Press the seams in the same directions. Make 16 12½" blocks.



5. Lay out the blocks in four block rows across and four rows down. Sew the blocks together in rows and press the seams in the same direction. Sew the rows together. Press the seams in the same direction. The quilt center should be 48½" square.
6. Piece together the blue strips for the inner border. Sew the border to the sides and then the top and bottom. Trim edges as you go. Press the seams toward the inner border.
7. Piece together the outer border strips. Sew the outer border strips to the sides and then to the top and bottom, trimming edges as you go. Press the seams toward the outer border.
8. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired. In the sample, a stipple stitch was used.

Embroidery

1. Open EmbroideryWorks.
2. Click on Merge Design.
3. Under the AccuQuilt Appliqué field, scroll down and select 55354 Cute Cars. Click on Select All. All of the design elements will be place on the workspace.



4. Move the wheels and the windows sections into position on the car as desired.
5. Save the design and send to the machine for embroidery.
6. Set up the AccuQuilt cutter.
7. Fuse the Stabilize It! Fusible Appliqué Stabilizer to the back side of the pink and blue fabric sections.
8. Place the fused fabric upside down on the Cute Car die and cut out the shapes while following the manufacturer's directions.
9. Hoop the quilt with one of the yellow quilt sections centered in the hoop.
Note: no stabilizer is needed for the embroidery portion of this project.
10. Retrieve the car appliqué design and appliqué the design while following the color stops. The first color will stitch the outline of the shape. Place the fused appliqué shape inside the stitched line. The second color is the

blanket stitch. The remaining color stops are for the wheels and the windows on the car. In the sample, white embroidery thread was used for all color stops. Repeat for the remaining cars. In the sample, there are two different colored cars (blue and pink). All of the blue cars are going in the same direction and the pink cars meet at the crossroads in the center of each of the blocks. There are 32 different hoopings for the appliquéd cars.

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