

"SURPRISE!" QUILT, Three Sizes

TEEN SIZE: Fifty-six 6 ½" squares of different fabrics. Finished quilt top will have 8 rows, each consisting of 7 squares.

CHILD SIZE: Forty-two 6 ½" squares of different fabrics. Finished top will have 7 rows of 6 squares

BABY SIZE: Thirty-six 6 ½" squares of different fabrics. Finished top will have 6 rows of 6 squares.

Put the fabric squares into a bag or box and shake it up. You will remove one square at a time from the bag and sew it to the next. No planning; each square will be a surprise! If the square you pull out matches the one you just sewed, put it back into the bag and select another surprise square. The only "rule" is that matching squares not be sewn together. (If final square matches the previously selected square, sew it on other end of the row.)

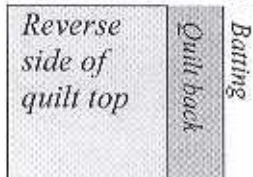
Pick up block 1. Using a ¼" seam lay block 2 with the right side of its fabric facedown upon the right side of block 1. Stitch them together on the right-hand side of the block. Open the sewn blocks so that you are seeing the correct side of the fabric on both blocks.

Lay block 3 face down on block 2 and stitch them together on the right-hand side with a ¼" seam. Now you have three blocks joined together. Open them so that you are seeing the right side of the fabric on all three blocks. Place block 4 facedown on block 3 and sew a ¼" seam to join the right edges. Continue until you have all of the blocks in the row sewn together. Set Row 1 aside; repeat for remaining rows.

When the blocks of all rows have been stitched together, gently press the seams open (don't use an "ironing" motion or the fabric will stretch). Lay your rows out on a table or bed to decide the order you want to sew the rows together. (Remember not to match two squares; turn row upside down, or move it to avoid this.)

Lay Row 1 face down upon Row 2. Pin the rows together, matching the seams of the squares. (The bottom of Row 1 is pinned to the top of Row 2.) Stitch the rows together; open the two rows. Add Row 3. Continue matching the seams of the blocks and stitching the rows together until you have the quilt top assembled.

COMPLETING THE QUILT, ENVELOPE STYLE:



Lay batting flat, place quilt back on top of batting (right side up), matching at corners & smoothing. Place quilt top (right side down) on top of quilt back. Match all corners. Smooth layers and pin in place. Sew three layers together on all four sides, leaving a 10" opening on one side. Trim seams & corners just enough to eliminate excess bulk. Reach inside package & pull corners all out through the opening. Bring entire package inside out, use finger tip to "square" corners. Smooth quilt, pin around entire quilt & sew around all sides with a width-of-presser-foot seam, making sure that opening is secured in seam. Tie knots at the intersections of squares to secure layers, or machine stitch if preferred. Check that all pins have been removed.