

## Moderate

Hello! My name is Nicola Dodd from CakeStand Quilts and it's so lovely to be here at the Moda Bake Shop sharing my very first recipe. I live in the UK, where we're still waiting patiently for some Spring sunshine. Luckily I've had J oanna Figueroa's beautiful Strawberry Fields Revisited collection to brighten up my sewing room. My recipe uses a Layer Cake - my favourite pre-cut - and is constructed from just two repeated blocks!
I hope you'll love making it as much as I did...

## 54" x 72" Finished Quilt

## Ingredients:

Part of 1 Layer Cake or 36 10" squares
1 yd neutral fabric for central blocks
$11 / 4$ yd fabric for border blocks
$31 / 2$ yds fabric for backing
62 " x 80" Cotton Batting
$1 / 2$ yd fabric for binding

## Instructions:

Please read through the pattern before you begin, assuming a $1 / 4$ " seam allowance and a fabric width (WOF) of 42". I would always recommend making a test block.

## CUTTING:

1. From each of the $\underline{36} 10^{\prime \prime}$ print squares - $\underline{24}$ for your central blocks and $\underline{12}$ for your border blocks - cut $\underline{2} 5^{\prime \prime}$ squares and $\underline{4} 21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares (fig. 1)


Fig. 1
Please note: If you are a confident cutter - and have a nice, sharp rotary blade - you can cut
three or four at a time


This will leave you with a 5" square (or a Charm Pack) to set aside for another project and I have a suggestion for using it at the end of the recipe...
2. From your neutral fabric, cut $\underline{6} 5^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips and subcut into $485^{\prime \prime}$ squares
3. From your border fabric cut $\underline{9} 5^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips; then from $\underline{6}$ of those strips subcut $\underline{\mathbf{2 4}} 5^{\prime \prime} \times 9 \underline{1} / 2^{\prime \prime}$ pieces and from the remaining $\underline{\underline{3}}$ strips subcut $\underline{24} 5^{\prime \prime}$ squares
4. From your binding fabric cut $\underline{7} 2^{1} / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips

## PIECING THE CENTRE BLOCKS:

5. For each centre block choose $\underline{2}$ sets of contrasting print pieces, each set comprising of a 5" square and $\underline{\mathbf{2}}$ matching $2^{\underline{1} / 2^{\prime \prime}}$ squares. You will also need $\underline{2}$ neutral $5^{\prime \prime}$ squares.
6. Draw or press a diagonal line on the back of the $2^{1 ⁄ 2} / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares, pin one of each print, right sides together, on opposite corners of the neutral square
7. Stitch on the line, flip 'open' and press - to 'snowball' the corners - trimming away the middle layer of fabric and leaving the background cream fabric to keep your block nice and square (figs. 2 \& 3). If you' ve chosen a darker neutral you may prefer to trim out this back layer too.


Fig. 2


Fig. 3
8. Assemble the block, as shown below, taking care to position the prints correctly (fig. 4). Press your seams in the direction of the arrows ( $>$ )

press open


Fig. 4
9. Your block should measure $91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square

MAKE 24

## PIECING THE BORDER BLOCKS:

10. For each centre block choose a set of print pieces, each set comprising of a $5^{\prime \prime}$ square and $\underline{2}$ matching $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares. You will also need a $5^{\prime \prime}$ square and a $5 " \times 91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ piece of border fabric.
11. 'Snowball' one corner of each of the border pieces, as described in step 7
12. Assemble the block, as shown (fig. 5), pressing your seams in the direction of the arrows (>)


## press open



Fig. 5
13. Again, your block should measure $91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square

MAKE 24

## ASSEMBLING THE QUILT:

14. Lay out your quilt blocks - arranging the border blocks around the edge - then assemble the quilt centre (fig. 6), taking care to pin at the points marked $\diamond$ Alternate the direction in which you press the seams in each row, so they will 'nest' nicely when you join the rows together.

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Fig. 6
15. Cut your backing into two WOF x $62^{\prime \prime}$ pieces, trim off the selvages and join together using a $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ seam, pressed open.
16. Sandwich the batting between the backing and the quilt top, baste, then machine or hand quilt. My lovely quilter Maureen ffrom the Quilting Place\} used a scrummy Peacock Meander. 17. J oin your binding strips end to end to form one long strip and press in half, wrong sides together, along its length. Trim away excess batting and background - taking the opportunity to ensure your corners are square - and bind the raw edge using your preferred method \{and you can find my favourite method on the Sketchbook page of my website, here\}.


Yield:
A 54" x $72^{\prime \prime}$ Lap or Baby Quilt plus a Charm Pack!
How about using that 'bonus' Charm Pack to encourage a friend to start quilting. My very first project was a Moda Bakeshop recipe: a pretty table runner designed by Camille Roskelley and made with a Charm Pack. And there are lots of other lovely Bakeshop projects that use a Charm Pack too. I'll be giving my Strawberry Fields Revisited Charm Pack away on Instagram so come and say hello!
Until then, this has been such fun!! Happy sewing,
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