

Lucky Charm Quilt 25" x 25"

Supplies Needed:

Background fabric Dark fabric for 9 patches & applique Dark fabric for hourglass & applique Binding fabric Batting Backing Freezer paper Marking pencil 1/2 yard 1 fat quarter 1 fat quarter 1/2 yard 26" square 3/4 yard 1 yard



Cutting Instructions:

9 patch blocks Cut 5 strips 11/2" x 18" from the dark Cut 4 strips 11/2" x 18" from the background

Hour glass blocks Cut 5" squares (7 dark and 7 background) Each pair of 1 dark and 1 background square will make TWO hourglass blocks. You will have one left over.

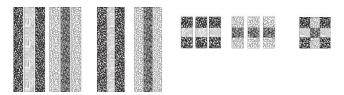
Borders Cut 2 strips 5" x $15\frac{1}{2}$ " from the background Cut 2 strips 5" x $25\frac{1}{2}$ " from the background

Applique

Cut 6 hearts using the templates provided from each of the 2 dark fabrics. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance for needle turn applique method.

To make the 9 patch blocks: (Always use 1/4" seam allowance.)

- 1. Arrange three 1¹/₂" strips (dark, background, dark) and sew them together lengthwise. Repeat.
- 2. Arrange three 11/2" strips (background, dark, background) and sew them together lengthwise.
- 3. Press toward the dark strips.
- 4. Cross cut the strip sets into $1\frac{1}{2}$ " sections and sew them into 9patches.
- 5. Trim the finished blocks to an exact $3\frac{1}{2}$ " if needed.



To make the hourglass blocks:

- 1. Layer a light 5" square on top of a dark 5" square right sides together.
- 2. Mark a diagonal line from corner to corner.
- 3. Sew ¹/₄" away from drawn line on both sides.
- 4. Cut on the drawn line.



- 5. Press to the dark fabric and layer one HST block on top of the other, right sides together.
- 6. The dark should be facing the background and the background should be facing the dark.
- 7. Draw a diagonal line in the opposite direction of your sewn seams.
- 8. Sew ¼" away from drawn line on both sides. Then cut on the drawn line.
- 9. Press to the dark making a pinwheel of the seam allowances to reduce bulk.
- 10. You will have two finished blocks, trim them to an exact $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".



To assemble the top:

- 1. Referring to the photo, arrange your blocks to ensure the hourglasses are facing the correct direction.
- 2. Alternate 9 patches and hourglass blocks starting and ending with an hourglass in the first row.
- 3. To check placement of hourglass blocks, each 9patch should be entirely surrounded by either background OR darks (not both).
- 4. Sew the rows together one at a time and PRESS the seams toward the 9 patch blocks.

Add the borders:

- 1. Sew the 5" x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " borders to opposite sides of the quilt top.
- 2. Press the seams toward the borders.
- 3. Sew the 5" x 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ " borders to the remaining sides of the quilt top.
- 4. Press the seams toward the borders.

Applique:

- 1. Arrange the hearts at the corners of the borders as shown.
- 2. Using your favorite method of applique, stitch the hearts in place.

Finishing the Quilt:

- 1. Layer, baste and quilt the quilt.
- 2. Using freezer paper, cut a strip 5" x 26".
- 3. Fold the freezer paper in half lengthwise, then fold again in half.
- 4. Open the freezer paper and accordion fold on the creases.
- 5. Trace a curve at the edge of the freezer paper and trim it away on the drawn line.
- 6. Open the freezer paper and center it on one border of the quilt.
- 7. Mark the curved line.
- 8. Repeat on the remaining 3 borders.
- 9. Sew the bias binding to the drawn line.
- 10. Cut away excess and finish binding.

