

Novelty or Bear Quilt, Infant

Fabric Requirements:

Center Novelty Fabric or Appliqué Block:

Cut 1 - 12 ½" square of Novelty Fabric OR **light** fabric for background

Cut bear shape from a 10" square of **medium-dark** cotton, fleece, flannel, or corduroy fabric

Cut bear's eyes and nose from small scraps of **dark** fabric

Inner Border (pieced):

From 3/8 yard **dark** fabric (44" wide), cut 4 – 6 ½" squares and 4 – 4 ½" x 12 ½" rectangles

Outer Border (pieced):

Cut 12 – 6 ½" squares of assorted **light to medium light** fabric

Cut 8 – 8 ½" x 6 ½" rectangles of assorted **medium** fabric

Backing:

1 1/8 yards fabric (44" wide)

NOTE: Additional 3 ½" wide border strips can be added to make a child-sized quilt - ½ yard of additional fabric is needed.

Appliqué Block: Attach the bear to the center of the background square using a zig zag stitch, satin stitch, or blanket stitch. Add the eyes and nose using a zig zag stitch, satin stitch, or blanket stitch. **All small pieces must be securely fastened.**

Layout Instructions: See diagram below. Place the appliquéd bear block in the center. Arrange the **inner border rectangles** (4 ½" x 12 ½") at the top, bottom, and sides of the center block. Add the inner border squares (6 ½"), one in each corner. Arrange the **outer border rectangles** (8 ½" x 6 ½"), two each at the top, bottom, and sides of the center with the 6 ½" sides facing the center bear square. Place the remaining 12 squares (6 ½") in the corners.

Sewing Instructions: Using ¼" seams, sew squares and rectangles together to form blocks. Unfinished blocks measure 12 ½" square. Sew blocks into rows. Press the top and bottom row seams toward the center block. Press the center row seams toward the outside blocks. Sew rows together. Finished quilt measures approximately 36" x 36".

