

Soft Edges ~ Quilt Pattern Created by Leah Day

Do you have a stack of fat eighths or fat quarters that need to find a home in a new quilt? Stack and slice your fabrics to create this easy quilt top in a single day!

Finished quilt size: 50 x 50 inches

Materials

4 Fat Quarters Fabric A - 18 x 21-inch rectangles - Double Dutch by Latifa Saafir

2 1/4 yards Fabric B - Kona Cotton Solid Black

Black 100% cotton piecing thread

The Clammy 6-inch ruler

Sewline Fabric Glue Pen

Fabric Preparation and Quilt Piecing Tips

For best results, prewash, starch, and press all fabrics before cutting. Remember to lower your stitch length to 1.5 mm to create a tight stitch. Unless otherwise noted, please press all seam allowances OPEN to reduce bulk and make quilting easier.

Cutting Chart

Fabric A	Cut into 4 - 16 1/2 inch squares
Fabric B	Cut 16 - 4 1/2-inch squares Cut 2 - 6 1/2 x 16 1/4-inch rectangles Cut 6 - 6 1/2 x 40-inch strips

Preparation

Cut a curved edge into the corners of all 16 1/2-inch Fabric A squares using the outer edge of The Clammy 6-inch curved ruler. Mark the corner with the center and edge marks from the ruler.

Cut an inner curve on all 4 1/2-inch Fabric B squares. Make sure to line up the dark fold line of the ruler with the edge of the fabric squares to cut properly. Mark the center mark from the ruler on each piece.

Curved Piecing

Arrange one Fabric B square on top of one Fabric A corner and pin to match the center line. Run a line of glue along the edge of the fat quarter curve up to the outer mark. Align the edge of the background piece with the outer mark and pin. Squish and mush the fabrics together until the edges align. Repeat with the rest of the curve, gluing, then pinning and easing the fabrics together.

Move to your machine and pull your thread tails on the edge of the fat quarter block. Stitch along the curve, stopping to reposition to smoothly stitch the curved seam. Repeat this step to stitch all the curved seams on each block.

Press the curved seam outward with a pressing cloth. Align your ruler with the edge of the Fabric A square. Trim the edge 1/8 inch shorter, cutting off the excess Fabric B square on the edges. Repeat this step on all sides so your finished block should measure 16 1/4 inches square.

Piecing the Quilt

Piece the blocks together with the Fabric B 6 1/2 x 16 1/4 inch rectangles in the middle to form two rows. Piece the top row to one Fabric B 6 1/2 x 40-inch strip. Piece the second row to the other side of this strip to create the inner quilt top. Piece two more Fabric B 6 1/2 x 40-inch strips to the top and bottom edges of the quilt.

Piece together the remaining three Fabric B 6 1/2 x 40-inch strips with a diagonal seam. Cut this extra long strip in half and piece one to each side of the quilt. Give the quilt top a final press and it will be ready for quilting!

