

"Moody Blues" Quilt

No trip to the Houston Quilt Festival would be complete without a visit to Galveston. Our quilt is based on one of Galveston's most beloved historic houses, the Moody Mansion. The veranda tiles inspired this quilt, and the grand front entry and stunning oleander flowers feature strongly. The oleanders are as much a symbol of Galveston as is this historic home. This quilt incorporates piecing, foundation piecing and applique.



Duration:

This is a five (5) month project suitable for intermediate to advanced level quilters.

You Will Need:

3 metres (3 yards) plain latte (fawn) coloured fabric

1 metre (1¼ yards) plain mid-blue fabric

1 metre (1 yard) plain white fabric



1½ metres (1¾ yards) dark chocolate brown fabric for borders (note – the borders were pieced)

Sufficient 'tile' patterned fabric to cut 18, 2½ inch squares (see photo below)

Fat Quarter mid-dark green patterned fabric for leaves

Fat Quarter light pink fabric for flowers

Fat Quarter mid-dark pink fabric for flowers

Small amount of brick-red fabric (at least 10 x 4½ inches) for house

Small amount plain very dark fabric for house

½ metre (½ yard) stabiliser (or light-weight fusible interfacing) for back of applique panels

1 metre (1 yard) of backing material/paper for foundation pieced border. We used light-weight non-fusible interfacing for this.

Fusible webbing for applique

Permanent grey colour fabric marking pen for detailing bricks

Permanent pink colour fabric marking pen for flower detail

Matching machine threads in pinks, greens, white and grey for satin stitch applique

Batting measuring at least 50 inches x 66 inches

Backing fabric measuring at least 50 inches x 66 inches

Finished Quilt Size:

The finished size of this quilt is 46 inches x 61 inches. (115cm x 153cm)

Preparation:

All fabrics are pre-washed and pressed before use.

It is assumed a quarter-inch seam is used throughout.

Please read through all instructions fully before beginning.

Printing Templates:

Please note – to print out your templates and designs at the correct size, you will need to ensure that you print on Borderless A4 format, from the Adobe Acrobat file that you receive the designs in.

To do this, please ensure firstly that the picture is at 100%. (Check the box in the top middle toolbar, and click on the small black arrow beside it to change, if necessary.)

Click "File" in the top left hand corner, then "Print" from the drop down box menu. Click on the "Properties" box at the top of the print information box, then the bottom "Print Layout" tab on the left hand side of the box that next pops up. Under the Heading "Layout" in that new box, you will find a list of print options starting with 'Normal'. The last option on that list is "Borderless" – click the small button beside that to select it and ensure you have "A4 Borderless (210 x 297 mm)" showing as the type of paper you wish to print on.

When that is all OK, click "OK" to return to the main print information screen. The small preview of your picture should show the FULL design on a white background. If there is any grey area around the edges, you will need to repeat the above steps until you can see that the whole design will be printed – right to the edges of the page where necessary.



"Moody Blues" – Month 1

This month you will piece the tile background for the centre of your quilt.



You Will Need:

3 metres (3 yards) plain latte (fawn) coloured fabric

1 metre (1¼ yards) plain mid-blue fabric

1 metre (1 yard) plain white fabric

1 metre dark chocolate brown fabric for borders (note – the borders were pieced)

Construction:



From the latte coloured fabric, cut 60, 6½ x 6½ inch squares.

From the white fabric, cut 120, 2 x 2 inch squares.

From the mid-blue fabric cut 120, 2 x 2 inch squares.

Snowball all blocks as shown, by aligning the coloured square with the corner of the latte coloured block. Sew diagonally across the little square, then fold over and press.

Add 2 white and 2 blue squares to each latte block as shown.

Trim away the excess latte fabric under the snowballed corners.

As pictured below, arrange your blocks in diagonal lines with the blue corners pointing up. You will need to cut some blocks to add to some rows as shown and possibly make a few more half blocks. Your finished area needs to be about 47½ x 32½ inches. Ours measured this, when we squared up the edges, however this is not really crucial – something about this size will be fine.





Border:

From the dark chocolate fabric, cut strips 1½ inches wide to fit the two sides. Sew to the sides and press. Then measure and cut another 2 strips for top and bottom borders.

Sew and press.

Next Month, you will add the appliqued mansion entry way on top of this panel.