

Freshman Year Twilight Mystery Quilt

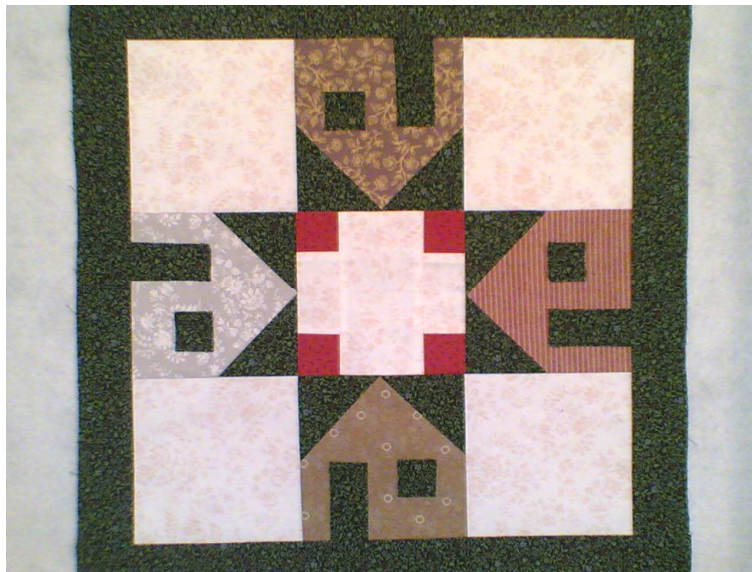
Where Bella Rests Her Head

Have you noticed in the Twilight series by Stephenie Meyer Bella has 4 primary houses that she sleeps in? Rest is something that she definitely needs, and despite Edward's inability to sleep, I think he would like a gal who gets a little beauty sleep every now and then. Wouldn't want Bella to get cranky! I wanted us to remember all those great Bella bedroom scenes from the movie in our Freshman Year here. He watched her sleep! (swoon) What a man. At least he doesn't snore.

This is your first section of the quilt and it is meant to represent the circle of places Bella roams between. (Bella's house at top, Jacob's at the res. to the right, the Cullen house at bottom, and a special little stone cottage that shows up in Breaking Dawn to your left)

Before you get all excited at one omission, let me tell you this:

we will deal with the Isle of Esme later !



In quilter's lingo, this is basically a large 9 patch block with borders. You will be making 9 smaller blocks, sewing them together in rows and then sewing a border around the unit.

Do you see the four house blocks, four solid blocks, and one center block that is the chimneys? (that center block also looks a bit like the first aid symbol, which could represent Dr. Cullen too—see, this entire project will be filled with hidden meanings)

Before we get to the directions, here is a handy conversion chart for all of you who need metric conversions throughout the project. I liked this calculator:

[Metric Conversion Chart for Fabrics and Sewing](#)

p.s. I hope you print out these instructions and add them to your Orientation pages. This will all make a lovely book when we are done.

Step 1: Cut Fabric

You will need to refer to our chart from [Orientation](#).

I always wash, dry, and then iron all my fabric before cutting. You can use starch if you like, but hold off on the fabric softener.

This finished block measures 18" x 18".

Fabric F: pick one and cut one 5.5" square
Fabric I: third brown (middle gradient), cut one 5.5" square
Fabric D: first red, cut one 5.5" square
Fabric C: cut one 5.5" square

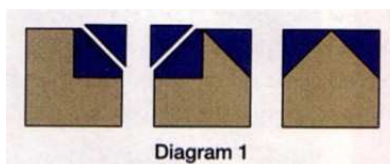
Fabric D: pick one and cut four 1.75" squares

Background Fabric A: eight 3" squares
one 1.75" x length of fabric strip
two 2" x 15.5" strips
two 2" x 20" strips

Background Fabric B: four 5.5" squares
two 1.75" x 3" rectangles
one 3" x 5.5" rectangle

Step 2: Assemble the House Blocks

1. Find your 5.5" squares of fabrics F, I, D, and C. These are your houses.
2. With your marking pencil or chalk, draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the eight 3" squares of fabric A.
3. Place a marked square of fabric A on the upper right corner of one of your house blocks. Sew on the drawn line. Trim the seam allowance to .25" Press the triangle open.
4. Repeat to add a second marked square of fabric A on the upper left corner of your house block. Repeat trimming and ironing.
5. The pieced block should still measure 5.5" square.
6. Repeat these steps with the other three 5.5" squares. (fabrics F, I, D, and C)

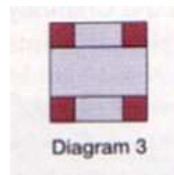


Step 3: Add Doors and Windows to House Blocks

1. Find your long strip of fabric A. (1.75" x length)
2. Press under .25" hem on both long edges of your strip. The strip should now be about 1.25" wide x the length off the bolt. (roughly 44/45")
3. From your newly ironed strip, cut four 1.25" x 3" rectangles and four 1.25" x 1.75" rectangles.
4. Press under a .25" hem on one short edge of each 1.25" x 3" rectangle. This will make your door appliqué pieces.
5. Press under .25" hem on each raw edges of your 1.25" x 1.75" rectangles. These will be your square appliqué windows.
6. Referring to the diagrams below for placement, hand appliqué, or machine top stitch a door and a window appliqué to each house block. The raw edge of the door appliqué should be flush with the blocks' bottom edges, and the window and door top edges should be aligned.



Step 3



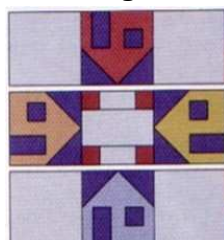
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Step 4: Assemble the Chimney Block

1. Find your four 1.75" squares of fabric D and your rectangles of fabric B.
2. Sew a square of fabric D to each end of the 1.75" x 3" rectangles of fabric B. (diagram 2)
3. Press the seam allowances toward the center. These ironed pieces should measure 1.75" x 5.5"
4. Sew these two chimney units to opposite ends of the 3"x 5.5" rectangle of fabric B.
5. Look at diagram 3. Your unit should look like that, and also be a 5.5" square.

Step 5: Assemble the houses of Bella Unit:

1. Looking at the diagram below, lay out your completed house blocks, your solid background fabric B blocks, and your chimney block according to the diagram. You can put the houses in whichever order you want.
2. You will sew three horizontal rows together first, then sew the rows together to make a unit.
3. Don't forget to press all your seams after sewing.



Row 1

Row 2

Row 3

Step 6: Add Borders:

1. Find your remaining strips of fabric A.
2. Place your newly completed 9 patch of houses on your table.
3. You will sew the 2" x 15.5" border strips to the left and right sides of the unit.
4. Iron the seams.
5. Next sew the top and bottom border strips (2" x 20") on the top and bottom.
6. Trim and iron seams.

You are DONE! You did it! Give yourself a high five!!

Bella's house unit can now be placed aside.

What do you think we will be making next????