



Bee Quilt



Your little one will be buzzing with excitement when he or she sees this bright, cheery quilt. Perfect for a baby shower gift or for any bee lover, this quilt is simple to create using the Accuquilt Go! Cutter and classic quilting techniques on a Baby Lock quilting machine.

Approximate Finished Quilt Size 51" x 43"

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing Machine

Sewing machine feet needed:

Walking foot

Echo quilting foot

Open toe foot

Accuquilt Go! Cutter

Accuquilt Critters die and mat

Steam-A-Seam2

1/2 Yard of Black mini dot fabric

1 Yard of green mini stripe

1 Yard of yellow mini stripe

1 Yard of yellow mini bee print

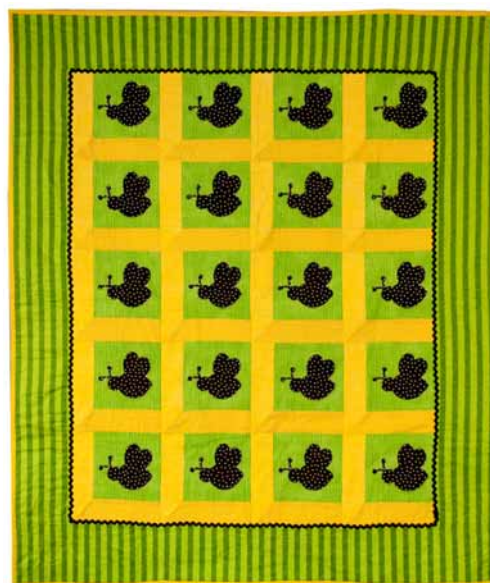
2-½ Yards large green strip

2-½ Yards yellow cotton for backing

60" x 45" batting

2 packages of black medium rick rack

White thread



All-purpose thread to match fabrics
1 Spool of Madeira monofilament thread
Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
Marking pencil
Pins
Iron and Ironing board

Instructions:

1. Cut squares 6 ½" from the green mini stripe. You will need 20 squares.
2. Cut strips 2 ½" x 8" from the yellow mini strip and yellow bee print. You will need 20 strips of each.
3. Thread the machine with all-purpose thread.
4. Select ¼" stitch. Sew strips to sides of block stopping ¼" from the corner. Use the photo for directional reference for the stripes. Make sure the background block stripes are all the same direction.
5. Fold the square diagonally, matching the strips. Drop the needle in the previous stitch and stitch to the corner to form the mitered edge.
6. Press each block.
7. For the bees, iron fusible webbing onto the back of the black mini dot fabric.
8. Cut the bee shapes from the black mini dot fabric using the Accuquilt Go! Die cutting system.
9. Position the bees in the center of the block background.
10. Once the bees are in place, thread the machine with the white thread and attach the open toe foot.
11. Use an appliqué stitch to secure the bees to the blocks. Press
12. Stitch four blocks together into a row. Press. Continue until you have stitched 5 rows. Press. Sew the rows together matching the seams.
13. Press the quilt top.
14. Cut two strips 5½" wide x width of fabric from the widthwise grain of the wide green stripe.
15. Cut two strips approximately 7" wide from the lengthwise grain of the wide green stripe. The side borders are cut wider to allow for matching the pattern. Once the pattern is aligned the borders will be squared off.
16. Using a ¼" seam sew one of the side vertical border strips to the edge of the pieced top.
17. Pin the top and bottom border strip, aligning the stripes to match the vertical border strip you previously attached.
18. Stitch the top and bottom border onto the quilt, stopping before reaching the opposite side of the vertical border.
19. Align and pin the other vertical border so the stripes match the horizontal borders. Pin in place. Attach the vertical border. Trim off the excess seam allowance if needed.
20. Then finish the seams that attach the top and bottom horizontal borders to the quilt. Press.



21. Square off the borders so the horizontal and vertical borders are even in width measurement.
22. Layer the quilt with backing right side down, then batting and the pieced top right side up. Pin to keep the layers from shifting.
23. Thread the machine with the monofilament thread.
24. Use the walking foot to stitch in the ditch along the attic window blocks.
25. Attach the free-motion echo foot and drop the feed dogs to quilt around the appliqué bees.



26. Quilt the border by repeating the bee shape several times.
27. To bind the quilt, carefully trim the excess batting without cutting the backing fabric.
28. Measure and cut off the excess backing, leaving 1¼" from each edge of the pieced top.
29. Fold the raw edge of the backing fabric in towards the quilt. Then fold the backing over once more encasing the edge of the quilt. Press and pin in place.
30. Fold and tuck the fabric at the corners to create mitered corners. Press and pin in place.
31. Using an open toe foot, appliqué stitch and a matching thread, stitch along the fold securing the edges.
32. With the quilting and binding complete, add a little extra charm to the quilt with rick rack.
33. Raise the feed dogs and stitch the rick rack to the border with the echo foot.



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