Block Party, Preemie to Teen

Shown are instructions which will make one segment. Following these instructions for each segment, create the finished size blanket you would like.

Cut 5 – 4½” x 4½” squares, using a theme fabric or scraps
Cut 5 – 2½” x 4½” rectangles, using colors complimentary to the theme squares
Cut 2 – 6½” x 2½” rectangles, using colors complimentary to the theme squares

Sew a 4½” square to a 2½” x 4½” rectangle as shown. Repeat step for all squares.

Sew three of these units together, rotating the middle unit as shown.

Sew a 6½” x 2½” rectangle to each of the two remaining units. Sew these two together as shown.

Sew the two pieces together to form a 12½” [unfinished] block.

To complete a Preemie blanket, sew two 3½” x 13½” border strips to sides of the 12 ½” block, trim and press. Next, sew two 3½” x 19” border strips to top and bottom, trim and press. Lay quilt on top of flannel backing, right sides together. Sew around quilt using a ¼” seam and leave a 4” opening for turning. Turn quilt right side out and press. Slip stitch the opening closed. Machine quilt ½” from outside edge and in-the-ditch around the border. Finished size is 18” approximately square.

To make an Infant, Toddler, Child or Teen quilt, combine blocks, using AZB4K suggested finished sizes. [Find them on the website or in an AZB4K brochure.] Blanket can be finished using the traditional method, which uses a binding, or the ‘envelope’ method, which uses no binding. Quilt or tie at least every 3 ½ to 4 inches. Quilting in the ditch looks nice and reinforces the blanket. Quilting ½” around the outside edges gives a more finished look when using the ‘envelope’ method.

*Fabric requirements and cutting instructions are included for those wishing to make this pattern at home.

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