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Citrus and Mint Baby Quilt + Free Pattern



The block we'll be sewing is called a half snowball quilt block. A full snowball quilt block uses the same technique, but with all four corners getting the triangle. This half snowball tutorial will show you how to make this block, which you can use in all kinds of projects! I hope you enjoy this free quilt pattern.

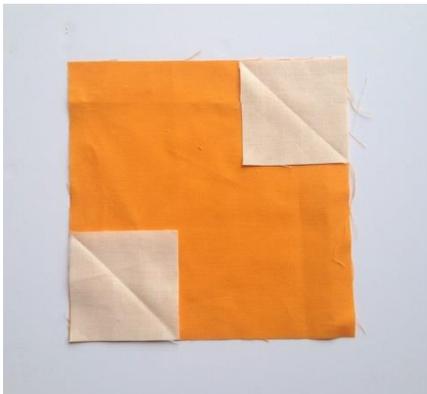
Finished quilt 36 1/2" x 42 1/2"

Materials:

- 9 to 12 fat eighths (each makes 3 blocks), fat quarters (each makes 6 blocks) or large scraps of colored fabric in three color groups (like yellow, orange, and mint green)
- 1/2 yard of cream or white fabric for the small diamonds
- 1/3 yard of binding fabric
- Crib size batting
- 1 1/2 yards backing fabric

Cutting:

- Cut 42 squares of colored fabric 6 1/2" x 6 1/2"
- Cut 84 squares of cream fabric 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"
- Cut 4 strips 2 1/2" x 44" (width of fabric) for binding



Directions:

1. Fold each 2 1/2" square in half diagonally to make a crease, and press with your fingernail. With the right sides of fabric together, place a cream square on two opposite corners of a larger square as pictured. The crease should not touch the corners of the large square.
2. Stitch along the creased lines.



3. Use a rotary cutter and ruler to trim off the outside corners 1/4" outside of your stitch line.
4. Press the seams toward the center of the colored block.



5. Arrange the blocks in 6 columns and 7 rows until you get a color placement you like. I use my [portable design board](#) to make this process easier!

6. Join the blocks in each row with a 1/4" seam, making sure the cream triangle seams are aligned.

7. Baste the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired. I chose a wide meandering free-motion quilting pattern, stitching through the diamonds and other seams to reinforce them.



This is a really quick and easy baby quilt pattern that you can whip up over the weekend! Break it up over 4 days if you'd like so you can spend time cutting squares, sewing the blocks, joining the blocks and rows, and quilting the top!