

Daydreamer Quilt

This pretty quilt is sure to bring much pleasure in the making and sweet dreams once it is finished. It has just one block, made in three different colourways, with the block rows separated by sashing. The fabrics are from the Pie in the Sky, Solid and Sophie collections.

Difficulty rating ***

Materials

- Fabric 1: 4¹/₂yd (4.10m) Sophie teal (130093)
- Fabric 2: 9in (23cm) square Tasselflower mustard (100481)
- Fabric 3: 13¹/₂in (35cm) square Whimsybird plum (100482)
- Fabric 4: 13¹/₂in (35cm) square Topsy Turvy plum (100483)
- Fabric 5: 9in (23cm) square Confetti cerise (100484)
- Fabric 6: ¹/₄yd (25cm) Willy Nilly mustard (100485)
- Fabric 7: 18in (46cm) square Confetti blue (100486)
- Fabric 8: 18in (46cm) square Willy Nilly teal (100487)
- Fabric 9: 9in (23cm) square Tasselflower blue (100488)
- Fabric 10: 13¹/₂in (35cm) square Whimsybird blue (100489)
- Fabric 11: 13¹/₂in (35cm) square Topsy Turvy blue (100490)
- Fabric 12: 13¹/₂in (35cm) square Whimsybird red (100491) if using this fabric for the backing you will have spare for the blocks
- Fabric 13: 13¹/₂in (35cm) square Topsy Turvy red (100492)
- Fabric 14: ¹/₄yd (25cm) Confetti red (100493)
- Fabric 15: 18in (46cm) square Willy Nilly pink (100494)
- Fabric 16: 9in (23cm) square Tasselflower red (100495)
- Fabric 17: ¹/₄yd (25cm) Willy Nilly green (100496)
- Fabric 18: ¹/₄yd (25cm) Tasselflower green (100497)
- Fabric 19: ¹/₄yd (25cm) Whimsybird pine (100498)
- Fabric 20: ¹/₄yd (25cm) Topsy Turvy pine (100499)
- Fabric 21: ¹/₄yd (25cm) Confetti pine (100500)
- Fabric 22: 13¹/₂in (35cm) square Cloudpie mustard (110064)
- Fabric 23: 13¹/₂in (35cm) square Cloudpie pink (110065)
- Fabric 24: 13¹/₂in (35cm) square Cloudpie red (110066)
- Fabric 25: 13¹/₂in (35cm) square Cloudpie grape (110067)
- Fabric 26: 13¹/₂in (35cm) square Cloudpie blue (110068)
- Fabric 27: 13¹/₂in (35cm) square Cloudpie teal green (110069)
- Fabric 28: 13¹/₂in x 18in (35cm x 46cm) Cloudpie green (110070)
- Fabric 29: ³/₈yd (40cm) Cloudpie grey (110071)
- Fabric 30: ¹/₈yd (15cm) Solid brown (120005)
- Fabric 31: ¹/₈yd (15cm) Solid cappuccino (120007)
- Wadding (batting): 64in x 84in (162.6cm x 213.4cm)
- Backing fabric: 4³/₄yds (4.3m) Whimsybird red (100491)
- Binding fabric: ½yd (50cm) Solid dusty teal (120043)
- Piecing and quilting threads and black embroidery cotton (floss) for French knot eyes
- Removable/erasable fabric marker
- Quilter's ruler, rotary cutter and mat

Fabric Notes

Where a long eighth or long quarter of a yard is given in the Materials list you could use a fat eighth and a fat quarter instead. A fat eighth is assumed to be approximately $10\frac{1}{2}$ in x 18in (26.7cm x 45.7cm) and a fat quarter approximately 21 in x 18in (53.3cm x 45.7cm). For economical cutting, Fabric 1 (Sophie teal) can be cut in any direction.

Finished Size

56¹/₂in x 76¹/₂in (143.5cm x 194.3cm)

General Notes

- Fabric quantities are based on a usable width of 42in (107cm), unless otherwise stated.
- Measurements are in imperial inches with metric conversions in brackets use only *one* system throughout (preferably inches). Width measurements are generally given first.
- Press all fabrics before cutting. Trim as needed to square up the fabric pattern/weave, using a quilting ruler to cut the top raw edge at 90 degrees to the selvedges.
- Use ¹/₄in (6mm) seams unless otherwise instructed.
- Read all the instructions through before you start.
- Always make one complete block as a test before going on to make the remaining blocks.

Quilt Layout

1 The quilt uses a single block in three colourways. There are nine blocks in total, arranged in three rows of three blocks, with horizontal sashing strips between the block rows, and at the top, bottom and sides of the quilt. See **Fig A** for the fabrics and **Fig B** for the layout.

Fig A Fabric swatches



Fig B Quilt layout



Cutting Out

2 It is best to cut the sashing strips for the quilt before cutting all the smaller pieces for the backgrounds of the blocks. From Fabric 1 cut the following, cutting across the fabric width.

- Eight strips 27½ in x 1½ in (69.8 cm x 3.8 cm). Sew the strips into pairs to make four strips 54½ in (138.4 cm) long. These are for horizontal sashing between the block rows and for the top and bottom of the quilt.
- Four strips 38½ in x 1½ in (97.8cm x 3.8cm). Sew the strips into pairs to make two strips 76½ in (194.3cm) long. These are for the sides of the quilt.

3 The measurements of the cut pieces needed for a single block are given in **Fig C** and **Fig D**, so follow the measurements carefully. Sizes include seam allowances. **Fig E** gives the fabric positions for the three colourways to show you exactly what fabrics to cut.

4 To cut the backing fabric, remove the selvedges and cut the fabric into two pieces each 84in (213.4cm) long x width of fabric. Sew them together along the long side and press the seam open. Trim to a piece about 64in x 84in (162.6cm x 213.4cm).

5 Cut the binding fabric into seven strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ in (6.4cm) x width of fabric. Sew them together end to end and press seams open. Press in half along the length, wrong sides together.

Fig C Layout and cutting for the head and body units

Sizes include seam allowances. All pieces to be cut initially as squares or rectangles



Fig D Layout and cutting for the butterfly and flower units

Sizes include seam allowances

All pieces to be cut initially as squares or rectangles

Butterfly Unit

Flower Unit

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b 2¼in x 2in (5.7cm x 5.1cm)

f 1in x 1½in (2.5cm x 3.8cm) g ¾in x 2½in (1.9cm x 6.4cm) **h** ¾in x ‰in (1.9cm x 2.2cm)

4¼in x 16in (10.8cm x 40.6cm)

c 1¼in (3.2cm) square

e 1in (2.5cm) square

¾in (1.9cm) square

i

i



Flower Unit

- **a** 6¾ in x 2½ in (17.1cm x 6.4cm)
- **b** 1^{*}/₈ in x 5^{*}/₂ in (4.1cm x 14cm)
- c 1½in x 5½in (3.8cm x 14cm)
- **d** 1½in (3.8cm) square
- e 2in (5.1cm) square
- f 3½in x 2in (9cm x 5.1cm)
- g 3½in x 1½in (9cm x 3.8cm)
- **h** ¾in x 13½in (1.9cm x 34.3cm)
- i 5¾in x 4½in (14.6cm x 11.4cm)
- **j** 1½in x 4½in (3.8cm x 11.4cm)
- **k** 1in x 4½in (2.5cm x 11.4cm)

Block size = $18\frac{1}{2}$ in x $24\frac{1}{2}$ in (47cm x 62.2cm) unfinished

Fig E Block layouts and fabric positions

Numbers indicate the fabrics used (see Fig A). All background pieces are Fabric 1. Make 3 of each block



Making a Block

6 There are three different colourways for the block (Block 1, Block 2 and Block 3), with each block made three times. Block 1 will be described and illustrated in detail. For ease of making, the block is divided up into different units and these are shown in **Fig F**. The block uses half-square triangle units and corner triangle units in various places to create sharp corners. These two techniques will be described first, so refer back to them as necessary.

Fig F The units of a block (Block 1 shown)



Making Half-square Triangle Units

7 These units are made using a two-at-once method, with the basic process shown in **Fig G**. A pair of squares will make two identical half-square triangle (HST) units. These units are used in the hair and are the same in all of the blocks, using Fabric 1 and Fabric 29. Take two different squares and on the wrong side of the lighter square, pencil mark the diagonal line. Place the two squares right sides (RS) together and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) away from the marked line on both sides, as shown. Cut the units apart along the marked line and press the units – the seam is normally pressed towards the darker fabric. Check each unit is the size

it is meant to be; for this quilt the HSTs should be $1\frac{1}{2}$ in (3.8cm) (unfinished), so you may need to trim each unit a little.

Fig G Making half-square triangle units



Making Corner Triangle Units

8 The basic process for this technique is shown in **Fig H**, with the first part of the diagram showing nine examples where corner triangles occur.

Following the basic construction process in the lower part of the diagram, take a rectangle piece and place it right side up. Take a square and pencil mark a diagonal line on the wrong side. Place the square right sides together with the rectangle, aligning the edges and with the marked line in the direction shown in the diagram. Sew along the marked line. Trim off excess fabric ¹/₄in (6mm) past the sewn line and then press the triangle outwards. Check the unit is the size it is supposed to be.

For units where more than one corner triangle is needed, use the same process but taking care to use the correct fabrics and sizes, and angling the sewn line in the direction needed.

Fig H Making corner triangle units

Examples of corner triangle units needed



9 You could make all of the HST and corner triangle units needed for a block, or make them as each unit of the block is sewn.

Making the Head Unit

10 To make the head, follow the stages in Fig I. Start by making the HSTs needed (as described in Step 7). For one block you will need ten HSTs. Now make the sub-units that need corner triangles (as described in Step 8). For this unit this is the top of the head and the

face. Lay out these sub-units with the other fabric pieces in a rough layout of the head unit. Now follow **Fig I 1** to sew the left-hand hair pieces together. Press the seams after each stage. Sew the other hair unit together as in **Fig I 2** to create the right-hand hair. Sew the face unit, as shown in **Fig I 3**. Now sew the sub-units together as in **Fig I 4** to complete the head unit. At this stage, this unit should be $12\frac{1}{4}$ in wide x $4\frac{1}{2}$ in tall (31.1cm x 11.4cm).



Fig I Making the head unit

Making the Tunic Unit

11 The tunic unit needs half-rectangle triangle (HRT) units in two different widths. Fig J and Fig K illustrate the process of making these HRTs.

For the left-hand side of the tunic, make the half-rectangle triangle unit **b/b** by following **Fig J** carefully. Start by marking the $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) seam allowances and dots at the corners, on the right side of the print fabric and the wrong side of the lighter background fabric (or you can just mark the dots) – see the *Tip*, below. On the background fabric, mark a diagonal line from corner to corner of the seam allowance in the direction shown in **Fig J 1** (note that the line is through the seam allowance dots, *not* through the outer corners of the fabric). Now place the fabrics right sides together, angling the background fabric so the two dots on the diagonal line match the dots on the fabric beneath (**Fig J 2**). Be precise in the alignment of the dots, pinning in place carefully and then sew along the diagonal line right to the edges of the fabric (see the dashed line in **Fig J 2**). Trim excess fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) from the sewn line (**Fig J 3**). Press the triangle outwards. The side edge of the triangle should match the side edge of the print rectangle. Check the sewn unit is the size shown in **Fig J 4**.

Tip

When marking the seam allowances, use a marker that will show clearly on the the fabric you are using, for example a chalk pen might be needed on darker prints. Use a removable or erasable marker when marking on the right side of the fabrics, so the marks can be easily removed later. Marking just dots at the seam allowance corners will mean that there is less marking to remove later.

Fig J Making the tunic half-rectangle triangle unit (b/b unit)

2 1 Using a removable marker, mark the ¹/₄ in (6mm) seam allowances (or dots at corners) 7½in (19cm) Mark a diagonal line 6 b through seam Angle allowance rectangle points so its seam allowance dots meet the dots beneath, WS WS and then sew 1¾in (4.4cm) 3 4 7½in (19cm) m off excess 1¾in (4.4cm)

12 To make the other half-rectangle triangle unit f/f for the right-hand side of the tunic, use the same general process but follow Fig K. As before, mark the ¹/₄in (6mm) seam allowances and dots at the corners, on the right side of the print fabric and the wrong side of the lighter background fabric (or just dots). On the background fabric, mark a diagonal line from corner to corner of the seam allowance in the direction shown in Fig K 1. Place the fabrics right sides together, angling the background fabric so the two dots on the diagonal line match the dots on the fabric beneath (Fig K 2). Pin in place and then sew along the diagonal line. Trim excess fabric ¹/₄in (6mm) from the sewn line (Fig K 3). Press the triangle outwards and check the unit is the size shown in Fig K 4.

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Fig K Making the tunic half-rectangle triangle unit (f/f unit)



13 Once these HRT units are made, you can assemble the tunic unit. Follow Fig L to select the correct pieces, sewing them together in the stages shown and pressing seams at each stage. When sewn, this unit should be $6\frac{1}{4}$ in wide x 8in tall (15.9cm x 20.3cm).





Making the Skirt Unit

14 Start by making the corner triangle units needed, as shown in Fig M (and described in Step 8). Arrange all the pieces as shown in the diagram and sew them together in stages, pressing the seams at each stage. When all pieces have been sewn together, this unit should be $6\frac{1}{4}$ in wide x $11\frac{1}{2}$ in tall (15.9cm x 29.2cm).

Fig M Making the skirt unit



Making the Shoe Unit

15 Begin by making the long triangle unit (o/p). Fig N shows the stages of creating this long triangle. Start by marking the ¹/₄in (6mm) seam allowances on the right side of the print fabric and the wrong side of the lighter background fabric. On the larger rectangle measure the distances shown (measuring from the edge of the fabric) and mark with a dot. On the wrong side of the background fabric, mark a diagonal line from corner to corner of the seam allowance in the direction shown in Fig N 1 and also mark dots on the seam allowance line. Place the fabrics right sides together, angling the background fabric so the two dots on the diagonal line match the measured dots on the fabric beneath (Fig N 2). Pin in place and then sew along the diagonal line. Press the triangle into place to check the fit – its edges should align with the larger rectangle, as shown in Fig N 3. Now trim excess fabric ¹/₄in (6mm) from the sewn line, remove the marks, press again and check the unit is 3¹/₂in x 2in (9cm x 5.1cm) (Fig N 4). Complete the shoe unit by sewing pieces q and r into place, as shown in Fig N 5. Check the unit is now 6¹/₄in x 2in (15.9cm x 5.1cm).

Fig N Making the shoe unit

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Mark ¼in (6mm) seam allowances on both pieces with a removeable marker and then measure and mark dots where shown



On the smaller piece, mark a diagonal line through seam allowance points



Trim excess fabric and remove marks

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Angle the piece so its seam allowance dots meet the dots beneath, and sew



Press the long triangle into place

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Making the Butterfly Unit

16 Start by making the corner triangle units needed, as shown in Fig O 1 (and described in Step 8). Select the other pieces required for the butterfly, arrange them as shown in the diagram and then sew them together in stages, pressing seams at each stage. Note that the narrow pieces that form the butterfly's body (h, g and i) need to be 3in (7.6cm) long when sewn together, so trim $\frac{1}{8}$ in (3mm) off the bottom if you need to. Now add the other two pieces of background fabric, as shown in Fig O 2. When sewn, this unit should be $4\frac{1}{4}$ in wide x 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ in tall (10.8cm x 52cm).

Fig O Making the butterfly unit



Making the Flower Unit

17 Start by making the corner triangle units needed, as shown in **Fig P** (and described in Step 8). Sew the four c/d sub-units together as shown. Now create corner triangles at the base of this unit using the same technique as before. Trim excess fabric and press the triangles outwards. Now add the other three pieces of background fabric, as shown. When sewn, this unit should be $6\frac{3}{4}$ in wide x $7\frac{1}{2}$ in tall (17.1cm x 19cm).

Fig P Making the flower unit



Making the Leaf Unit

18 Start by making the corner triangle units needed, as shown in Fig Q (and described in Step 8). Select the other pieces required for the leaves, arrange them as shown in the diagram and sew them together into two long columns, pressing seams after each addition. Now sew these leaf sub-units to the narrow central stem, as shown. Take your time with this as the stem is very narrow. The stem should be $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) wide once it is sewn to the leaf units. When sewn, this unit should be $\frac{63}{4}$ in wide x $\frac{131}{2}$ in tall (17.1cm x 34.3cm).

Fig Q Making the leaf unit



Making the Flowerpot Unit

19 This unit uses long triangles, which are created in a similar way to the shoe unit. Follow the stages of **Fig R** carefully. Start by marking the $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) seam allowances on the right side of the print fabric and the wrong side of the two background fabric pieces. On the large rectangle measure the distances shown (measuring from the edge of the fabric) and mark with a dot. On the wrong side of the background pieces, mark a diagonal line from corner to corner of the seam allowance in the directions shown in **Fig R 1**. (Note that the diagonals go in opposite directions.) Mark dots on the seam allowance lines, as shown. Place the fabrics

right sides together, angling the background pieces so the two dots on the diagonal line match the measured dots on the fabric beneath (**Fig R 2**). Pin and then sew along each diagonal line. Press the triangles into place to check the fit (**Fig R 3**). Trim excess fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) from the sewn lines, remove marks and press again (**Fig R 4**). Complete the unit by sewing the **k** pieces into place (**Fig N 4**). Check the unit is $\frac{6}{4}$ in x $\frac{4}{2}$ in (17.1cm x 11.4cm).

1 Mark the ¼in (6mm) seam allowances on all pieces with a removeable marker and mark the dots in the positions shown 5¾in (14.6cm) 1½in (3.8cm) On the wrong side of the **j** pieces, mark a diagonal line through seam allowance points in the directions shown 11.4cm (11.4cm W WS 1¼in (3.2cm) 1¼in (3.2cm) 2 3 Angle the pieces so their seam allowance Trim excess fabric, remove the marks dots meet the dots beneath, and then sew and press the long triangles into place 4

Fig R Making the flowerpot unit

Assembling the Block

20 Take all the units for the block and lay them out. Sew together in stages as follows.

- Sew the tunic, dress and shoe units together as in Fig S 1 and press the seams.
- Sew the flower, leaf and flowerpot units together and press.
- Sew the tunic/dress/shoe unit together with piece **a** on one side and the butterfly unit on the other side (**Fig S 2**) and press.
- Sew the head unit in place (Fig S 3) and press.
- Add the flower/leaf/pot unit to the block (Fig S 4) and press.

Check the block is $18\frac{1}{2}$ in x $24\frac{1}{2}$ in (47cm x 62.2cm).

Fig S Assembling the block







21 Repeat the whole block-making process to make another two of Block 1. Use the same processes to make three of Block 2 and three of Block 3, changing fabrics as shown in **Fig E**. **Fig T** shows Block 2 and Block 3 assembled.

Fig T Assembling Block 2 and Block 3





22 When all of the blocks are made, embroider the eyes on the girls' faces (**Fig U**), using six strands of black stranded cotton and working French knots with the yarn wrapped twice around the needle.

Fig U Sewing the French knot eyes



Assembling the Quilt

23 When all of the blocks are made, lay them out into three rows, each with three blocks. The order of each row is different for a random look, so follow **Fig V** for our layout. Sew each row together, pressing the seams open or to one side.

24 Take the four pairs of sashing strips and sew these in between the block rows and to the top and bottom of the quilt (Fig W). Press seams open or to one side. Finally, add the longer sashing strips to the sides of the quilt and press. The quilt top is now finished.

Fig V Sewing the blocks in rows



Fig W Adding the sashing and borders



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Quilting and Finishing

25 If you are quilting the quilt yourself you now need to make a quilt sandwich – you can do this in various ways, as follows.

- Use large stitches to tack (baste) a grid through the layers of the quilt in both directions, with lines about 4in (10cm) apart.
- Use pins or safety pins to fix the layers together.
- Use fabric glue sprayed onto the wadding (batting) to fix the layers together.

If you are sending the quilt off to be commercially long-arm quilted you won't need to make a sandwich, as this is done when the quilt is mounted on the machine. When the layers of the quilt are secured you can quilt as desired.

26 When all quilting is finished, square up the quilt ready for binding.

27 Use the prepared double-fold binding strip to bind your quilt. Sew the binding to the quilt by pinning the raw edge of the folded binding against the raw edge of the quilt. Don't start at a corner. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) seam, sew the binding in place, starting at least 6 in (15.2cm) away from the end of the binding. Sew to within a $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) of a corner and stop. Take the quilt off the machine and fold the binding upwards, creating a mitred corner. Hold this in place, fold the binding back down and pin it in place. Begin sewing the $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) seam again from the top of the folded binding to within $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) of the next corner and then repeat the folding process. Do this on all corners. Leave a 6in (15.2cm) 'tail' of unsewn binding at the end.

28 To join the two ends of the binding, open up the beginning and end of the binding tails, lay them flat and fold the ends back so the two ends touch. Mark these folds by creasing or with pins – this is where your seam needs to be. Open out the binding and sew the pieces together at these creases. Trim off excess fabric and press the seam. Re-fold the binding and finish stitching it in place on the front of the quilt.

29 With the quilt right side up, use a medium-hot iron to press the binding outwards all round. Now begin to turn the binding over to the back of the quilt, pinning it in place. Use matching sewing thread and tiny stitches to slipstitch the binding in place all round, creating neat mitres at each corner. Press the binding and your dreamy quilt is finished.