

Warm Blend Quilting Pattern



Materials

Finished Top - Model was made from assorted bright prints & Pony Appliqué Quilt
Thread - model uses white cotton machine quilting thread
Basting Pins or Spray
Warm Blend 50% Cotton 50% Polyester Batting - At least 54" x 70"
Sewing machine capable of free-motion quilting
(feed dogs need to drop)
Scissors

1. Baste top, batting and backing together with basting pins or Basting Spray. Batting and backing will need to be larger than the top on all sides.
2. Trace quilting pattern onto tissue paper or copy onto quilting paper. Quilting paper can be reused on a few blocks.
3. Pin or spray baste pattern onto 4-patch blocks.
4. Make sure the feed dogs are lowered or covered on your machine. Install a fresh needle in the machine. Set your stitch length to a smaller number; 1.5-2.
5. You will need to start quilting in the middle of the quilt and work your way out to the edges. Lift the presser foot and pull the top thread tail in order to bring the bobbin thread to the top.
6. Hold the tail of the threads and take a few stitches in one spot to secure the beginning stitches.
7. Start with small stitches at a slow speed and gradually increase speed and movement to achieve desired, consistent stitch length. Follow the tracing until pattern is completed. For continuous quilting, stitch from one posy pattern to another with a wavy, rippling quilting line.
8. At end of a quilting line, gradually slow down to a stopping spot, take a few stitches in one spot to secure the threads and clip the threads from the quilt top.
9. Continue until quilted as desired. In the Pony Appliqué Quilt, the horses, posies and leaves are outline quilted with invisible thread, and the rest of the quilt is covered with the free-motion posy pattern.
10. Trim away the excess batting and backing, following the edge of the quilt top.
11. Bind the edges.

Tips for success:

- ~ If you prefer an all-over, repeated pattern without using paper, practice your free motion pattern with a pen on scrap paper. Your hand gets used to the movement and makes it easier to start on the quilt.
- ~ When you start & stop, secure the ending threads, lift the presser foot, and move the quilt to the new starting spot. Clip all the tail threads when the quilt is done.
- ~ Don't forget to move around and stretch every 15 minutes or so. You can get very stiff from the constant arm and shoulder pressure needed to move a quilt around.

Free Motion Posy Pattern

100% - Do not print at 'fit to page'

