

Springtime Puff Quilt

SPECIFICATIONS

Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Quilt Size: 48" x 48"



This is a great project for a floor quilt for a little one if the buttons are not used, or use it as a lap quilt to keep handy if a chill arises.

MATERIALS

- 81 scrap 5" A squares or 2 packs (42 each) precut 5" squares
- $\frac{5}{8}$ yard pink-and-white stripe
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards muslin
- 2 yards light green floral
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ yards backing fabric
- 1 yard batting
- Thread
- Polyester fiberfill
- 81 ($\frac{5}{8}$ ") round white buttons (optional)
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

CUTTING

From pink-and-white stripe:

- Cut 6 ($2\frac{1}{4}$ " by fabric width) binding strips.

From muslin:

- Cut 11 ($4\frac{1}{2}$ " by fabric width) strips. Subcut strips into 81 ($4\frac{1}{2}$ ") base squares.

From light green floral:

- Cut 9 ($6\frac{1}{2}$ " by fabric width) strips. Trim 4 strips to make 4 ($6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ") B strips. Set aside remaining strips for C.

From backing fabric:

- Cut 1 (37 " by fabric width) strip. Trim strip to make a 37 " backing square.

From batting:

- Cut 2 each $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " B and $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $48\frac{1}{2}$ " C border strips.

COMPLETING THE PUFF SQUARES

1. Select one A square and one base square.
2. Place the A square wrong sides together with the base square. Match corners and pin. Make a single pleat in the center of three sides of the A square until it matches the size of the base square as shown in Figure 1.

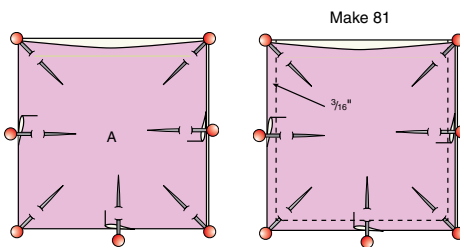


Figure 1

Figure 2

3. Stitch around the three pinned sides $\frac{3}{16}$ " from edges as shown in Figure 2.
4. Repeat with remaining A squares and base squares to make a total of 81 A units.
5. Lightly stuff each A unit with fiberfill. **Note:** Too much fiberfill will make it difficult to sew the units together. Try to

use approximately the same amount of fiberfill in each unit for a uniform look.

6. Pin the open edges of one stuffed A unit, pleating the remaining side of the A square and stitching as in steps 2 and 3 to complete one puff unit as shown in Figure 3.

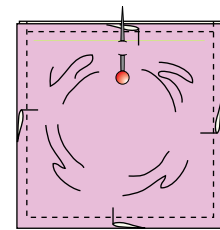


Figure 3

7. Repeat step 6 with remaining stuffed A units to complete a total of 81 puff units.

COMPLETING THE QUILT

Refer to the Assembly Diagram to arrange and join the puff units in rows to complete the quilt top.

1. Arrange and join nine puff units to make a row. Repeat to make a total of nine rows, finger-pressing seams in rows in opposite directions.
2. Join the rows to make the quilt center; finger-press seams in one direction.
3. Center the quilt center wrong sides together on the backing square. Measure from the edges of the quilt top to edges

Here's a Tip

The smaller $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of the puff units do not show, so it is a good place to use up some scraps if you would rather not purchase muslin.

“It has been a while since I made a puff quilt, and I thought it was time to make one for spring. I can see this one draped over a wicker chair on a porch with all the soft, pretty colors for spring.” —Chris Malone



of backing at each corner to be sure the quilt top is square with the backing; pin-baste to hold layers together. **Note:**

You will have to pull at the pleated part of each puff unit to make it straight with the backing.

4. Sew a button to the center of each puff unit, stitching through the backing layer. **Note:** *If the quilt is intended for a child under the age of 3, do not use buttons. Instead, make a well-anchored cross stitch in the center of each puff unit with embroidery floss or pearl cotton.*

5. Remove pins from the center area, leaving edges pinned.

6. Sandwich a B batting strip between two B fabric strips, with wrong sides of B facing batting; baste to hold. Repeat to make a second layered B strip.

7. Pin one layered B strip on the top front edge of the quilt center, folding the backing fabric out of the way as shown in Figure 4; stitch layers together. Repeat on the bottom of the quilt center.

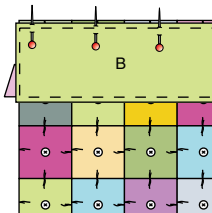
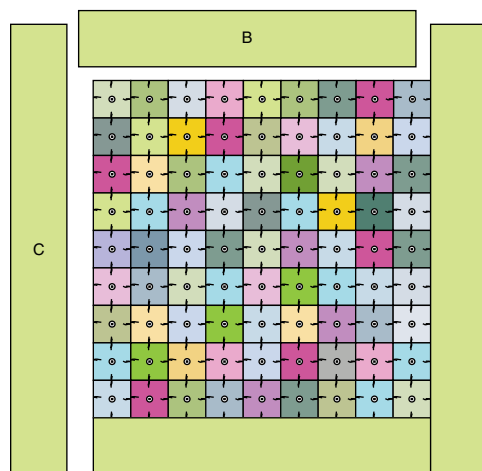


Figure 4



Springtime Puff Quilt
Assembly Diagram 48" x 48"

8. Join the C strips on the short ends to make one long strip; press. Subcut strip into four 6½" x 48½" C strips.

9. Repeat steps 6 and 7, sewing the C strips to the sides of the quilt center.

10. Turn under the edges of the backing square as needed and hand-stitch in place to cover the B and C seams as shown in Figure 5.

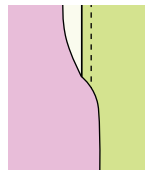


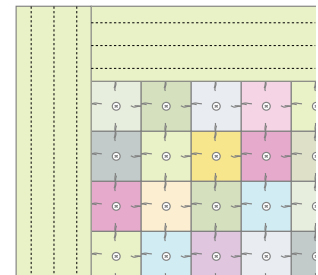
Figure 5

11. Machine-stitch between the quilt center and the B and C strips. Quilt the B and C strips as desired.

12. Bind edges referring to Quilting Basics on page 110 to finish. **QW**

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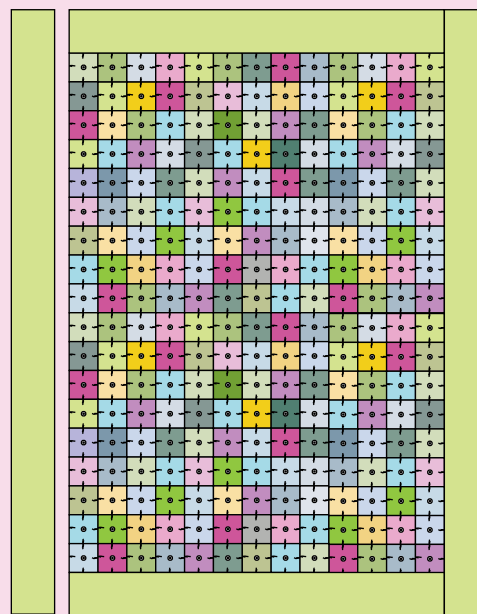
A puff quilt makes a lovely baby quilt, but if you make this pattern for a baby, do not use buttons. Try finishing the puff units by making a small cross stitch in the center of each square using colorful pearl cotton or embroidery floss.



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Quilting Diagram

Increase Size With Additional Blocks

Make 234 puff units and join in 18 rows of 13 puff units each to make a twin-size quilt.



Springtime Puff Quilt
Alternate Assembly Diagram 64" x 84"