

# Beary Close to my Heart

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STITCH GUIDE: Blanket stitch for the appliques. Fancy stitch for the quilting around the border.

PROJECT MEASUREMENTS: 112cm (44 in square)

## CONSTRUCTION:

Using your iron on interfacing lay out the squares in alternate colours, i.e. white, then the colour. Your grid is 8 squares wide so start at the corner labelled Top Right. You will need 2 pieces of the interfacing to create this quilt.

Press squares into place and starting at one end fold over and stitch with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam or standard foot. Do all 7 seams then turn it around and do all the seams the other way.

Do one half and then the second and then join them, matching the seams. Press well.

## Borders

First stitch the  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in fabric strips to the side edges of the quilt, leaving an overhang on each end. Press away from the quilt and trim off ends in line with the quilt top...

Now join three border strips together end to end. Cut in half and leaving an overhang as before, add to the top and bottom of the quilt. Trim in line with the quilt top.

## BACKING

Join the backing fabric together with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ in seam (ensuring the Selvidge is not showing) and press the seam to one side.

Lay the backing out on flat surface with wrong side facing up. Lay the batting over it and smooth out any wrinkles. Lay the quilt top over it and then smooth out any wrinkles. Fold back half of the quilt top and spray the exposed batting with quilt basting spray. Carefully replace top and smooth down, removing any wrinkles. Repeat on the other side of the quilt top. When the quilt top has been basted, flip over the quilt sandwich and repeat for the backing, adhering one side of the backing to the batting first then repeating with the other side. You can view Leanne's gluing technique at <http://www.aussiequickquilt.com/videotips.html> on the Tips and Freebies Page.

## **QUILTING**

Quilt in the ditch of all the seams using a standard foot as once it is basted together, it won't move.

## **APPLIQUE**

Iron your teddy and heart pieces into place. Applique around each one using your stitch and colour of choice stitching through all layers of the quilt.

## **BINDING**

Stitch 3 of the 2½ in binding strips end to end in one set of three strips. Press the seams to one side, then press all the binding strips in half along the length, with wrong sides facing. Using a single strip of binding, align raw edges with the side edge of the quilt, with right sides facing on the back of the quilt. Stitch the binding to the side edge of the quilt using a ¼ in seam. Repeat for the other side of the quilt. Press the binding out, then trim the binding level with the upper and lower edges of the quilt. Fold it over to the front of the quilt and stitch on the front of your quilt 1 mm from the edge of the binding. Repeat for the other side edge of the quilt using the remaining single strip.

Lastly, attach the binding to the upper and lower edges of the quilt using half of the three-strip set as needed for each one folding the beginning and end in to create a neat finish.

Alternately you can view a more traditional method of binding on our website <http://www.aussiequickquilt.com/videotips.html> on the Tips and Freebies page.

Attach a label to the back of the quilt with your name and the completion date.

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