

Chapter 1 : As seen in Quilting Celebrations magazine

A bright orange pumpkin evokes the beauty of Fall, the bird is an extremely fun quilt block to play with texture. A few scraps become a quaint bird atop the pumpkin. The pattern for this pumpkin mini quilt with a pieced bird is charm pack friendly and available for purchase.

If you have never made a miniature quilt, why not try one for a change of pace? They are made in the same way as regular sized quilts, but on a smaller scale. While most mini quilts tend to be made into wall hangings, they can also serve as a doll blanket some people make really tiny scale ones for dollhouses , lap quilts or small throws to match your household furnishings. I took the photo of the miniature quilt shown to the left when I visited a quilt museum in Washington state a few years back. The main background area is pieced, the baskets are appliqued and the flowers were added in silk ribbon embroidery. The details were incredible I wonder how long it took the quilter to make. Miniature Quilt What are Miniature Quilts? There are different approaches to making small quilts. You can use a reduced number of standard sized blocks to make a smaller lap size quilt or even enlarge a block to make a wall-hanging from a single block. Other mini quilts are made like traditionally sized quilts but with the block components being substantially smaller in scale. For example, a standard nine-patch block would be made using three inch squares to make a block that finishes up at nine inches square. A miniature nine-patch might be made using one inch blocks with a finished block being 3 inches square. In some cases, the blocks are so reduced in size that the entire miniature quilt may end up being smaller than the original block. What is important is the finished overall size of the quilt - if a quilt is smaller than 24 inches on a side, it is generally classified as a miniature quilt, but quilt shows and competitions will have specific rules regarding block size and finished overall size. They must be no larger than 24" in both width and length with all aspects of the quilt being reduced in scale. This means that the piecing and imagery are scaled down in relation to the size of the quilt. The quilt shown here is made using the Double Wedding Ring pattern this link takes you to directions for making a standard sized quilt in this pattern. As you can imagine, making mini quilts takes patience and attention to detail because they must be precisely assembled. Below, I have some tips to make small scale piecing easier. While accuracy is also important in standard quilt making, it is absolutely critical when making miniature quilts. Certain block components, such as half triangle sets , can be made deliberately larger and then trimmed down which can save some time on the assembly process. Before starting to sew, take a look at your quilt patterns and decide if this assembly technique would work with your pattern. When it comes to matching seams, it is important to pin carefully prior to stitching. Be sure to use quilting pins which are thinner, longer, and sharper than regular pins. Time spent pinning accurately will save time ripping out seams later. One trick that I use frequently when trying to perfectly match seams is to insert a pin straight up and down through the points that am I trying to match and leave the pin standing up. If you angle the pin to one side or the other, the seams will slip slightly, so it works best if the pin is completely vertical. With the seams matching, you can then pin on either side of the vertical pin and then sew the quilt units together. Whip Up Mini Quilts: With plenty of step-by-step instructions and helpful how-to illustrations, this book showcases an artful approach to design basics while outlining the fundamentals of quilting techniques. Best of all, it all comes in a user-friendly format with lay-flat binding and pattern sheets tucked into the front pocket. This sewing machine presser foot can make quilt piecing easier, especially miniature quilts, because it has quarter-inch markings on three sides of the foot to ensure accuracy. Another helpful feature is the small center hole which prevents fabric from being dragged down into the feed dogs. Lastly, on the right edge of the foot, there is a blade that holds the edge of the fabric seam at just the right distance. If you have trouble feeding your mini quilt pieces into the sewing machine in a straight and even manner like I do it seems as though my machine sometimes likes to eat my fabric , there are a couple of tricks that you can use to make this easier. The first trick is to start stitching on a piece of scrap material and then sew onto your quilt pieces - sometimes the initial stitches will tangle a little then smooth out. By doing this, the tangled stitches will be on the scrap fabric rather than your quilt pieces. Another helpful tip is to use a straight stitch feed plate this is the one with a small hole rather than a slot. This can help prevent the fabric

from being pushed down into the feed dogs and jamming the machine. When you press the seams on your quilt blocks, take care that you do not let the iron distort the seams nor press the fabric out of shape. This is an especially important consideration when using pieces that have edges cut on the bias such as triangles, because bias edges easily stretch off grain which can cause the block to ripple. The blocks in the mini quilt shown here are only 1" wide. The sides of the quilt are embellished with beautiful silk ribbon embroidery. The curved edges make it look more elegant. There are 60 built-in sewing stitches that include decorative stitches and 7 styles of one-step buttonholes. Accessories include nine presser feet, seam ripper, cleaning brush, and wide table. The hard carrying case makes it easy to transport to sewing or quilting classes. There is a variable speed button that makes it easy to adjust and control your sewing speed, especially important when piecing miniature quilts. Fiskars Rotary Cutting Set This rotary cutting set includes everything you need to start making miniature quilts. The 18 x 24" self healing cutting mat is double-sided for more versatility. A 6 x 24" clear acrylic ruler enables you to clearly see where you are cutting. The seam allowances are highlighted for easier viewing and the geometric grid allow for simple shape cutting. The rotary cutter uses a 45 mm rolling rotary blade that will accurately cut through multiple layers of fabric. Clover Mini Iron II This miniature iron may seem like a strange recommendation, but it really does work wonderfully when making mini quilts. The smaller iron plate allows you to press the seams and get into tighter areas without distorting the other areas of the quilt. The lighter weight also reduces hand fatigue. This iron includes the basic ironing tip, a stand and a screwdriver for changing the plates. There is another Clover Mini Iron set that includes five interchangeable blades in different sizes and shapes. Any error, however minute, will be much more apparent than in its larger counterpart. Also, people are generally intrigued by miniature items and tend to want to take a closer look at them - I know I do, and they will tend to notice any flaws in the piecing and seaming. Another option for precise small scale piecing is to use the foundation piecing method. Foundation piecing enables the quilter to create complex blocks with a high degree of accuracy because the foundation paper or fabric stabilizes the fabric. If you are interesting in learning how to make a miniature quilt, I have suggested some of my favorite books below. I have also provided a fairly extensive list of links to free small quilt patterns for you try out. Author Paula Doyle shares her innovative and easy technique for precision piecing on small scale blocks. The 30 different blocks included in the book can be combined to create dynamic and beautiful miniature quilts that are skillfully and accurately pieced. She also includes instructions for 14 different projects using the individual tile patterns such as placemats, pillows, a wallet, and table runner among more. Mini Quilt Video Demonstration - Miniature Rail Fence Quilt Pattern Learn how to make a miniature quilt using the rail fence pattern by watching this easy-to-follow video tutorial. You will learn how to cut, lay out, and piece a rail fence quilt pattern. The mini quilt blocks can be put together to not only make miniature quilts but also to make bags, cushions, potholders and other fun decorative projects. Each block included in the book provides a set of complete assembly instructions including a fabric cutting list along with suggestions for mixing and matching with other blocks and ideas for embellishment. Colorful photos throughout the book provide creative inspiration. Mini Quilts on Exhibit If you are interested in seeing miniature quilts close up, here are some places where you can see them on exhibit. Maybe you can incorporate one or more of these on your next trip!

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Teje September 1, at 8: I love all your mini quilts! Made just today some really mini blocks and had so much fun! What are they good for. I love your little collection. The Suburbs one is calling to me; I may have to head to your shop and check out that booklet! Thanks for your great blog! Reply Erika Balban September 1, at 9: I absolutely LOVE your quilt patterns and your clear, simple directions. A mini quilt booklet is a brilliant idea!!!! Reply Allison September 1, at 3: Reply Tina September 1, at Thank you for all your work. And for putting them in one booklet, as I also have several patterns already. September 1, at I especially love the photo with them stacked on top of each other â€” all the cute binding! A booklet is brilliant! Reply stubbledgrapes September 1, at 1: And then I get to go fabric shopping, woo! Your patterns look great. Definitely a must do! Angie September 1, at 7: Thanks for putting them in a booklet! Reply Sigi G September 2, at 4: I have many of your patterns and just finished your Suburb quilt. I love that you brought out these mini patterns. Reply Katie Cohagen September 2, at 6: The idea of putting all of them in one booklet is genius! I plan on carving quilting time for myself over Christmas break and these will be on my list! Reply slcquilter September 2, at 6: Really fun to make something you love in small formâ€”quick and satisfying! Mini quilts are a great way to play with a new block or technique with a lower level of commitment than a large quilt. Your patterns look great! Reply Amber September 2, at 6: AND they made my home pretty, hanging on the walls. Reply Pbee September 2, at 6: In the late 80s and 90s a Miniature Quilts magazine was publishedâ€”I have every copy. Loved them then and still love them now. Sheri Bowers September 2, at 7: Reply Allison September 2, at Emma September 2, at 7: Have ordered my copy! I want one, lol, nice job! Kathy Osterby September 2, at 7: Reply Kimberly September 2, at 8: I also got your Shimmer pattern. Reply robinsnestquilting September 2, at

Chapter 3 : Tied with a Ribbon: Dare/Essentials II - Art Gallery- The Mini's Quilt Blog Tour

*Mini Quilt Celebrations [Elizabeth Chandler, Joanne Donahue] on calendrierdelascience.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. Small area of discoloration on top and at bottom of cover on right edge see photo inside pages are fine no writing or discoloration of inside pages.*

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Free Patterns for Mini Quilts. Stitch up tiny quilts (less than 26" square) in a flash using these free patterns for small quilts.

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Machine Embroidery > As seen in Quilting Celebrations magazine. 1 to 61 of 61 Items: Jingle Bells mini mats. \$ Check It Out. Holiday Lantern mini mats. \$

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Whip Up Mini Quilts: Patterns and How-to for 26 Contemporary Small Quilts (Hardcover) - A New Miniature Quilt Book from the Creative Minds at calendrierdelascience.com! Brother 1/4-Inch Quilting Foot A 1/4 inch foot is one of my favorite tools for quilting.

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Charter Township of Oakland Barber Join in the Celebrations by designing a mini barn quilt! GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW: 1. Pick up wood square at the HDC.

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Mini Quilts: Inspiration for the Modern Quilt Guild Swap - Scrappy Taffy - October 18, To finish this post, if you are looking for some more familiar quilt patterns in a mini size, you might start with Cluck Cluck Sew.