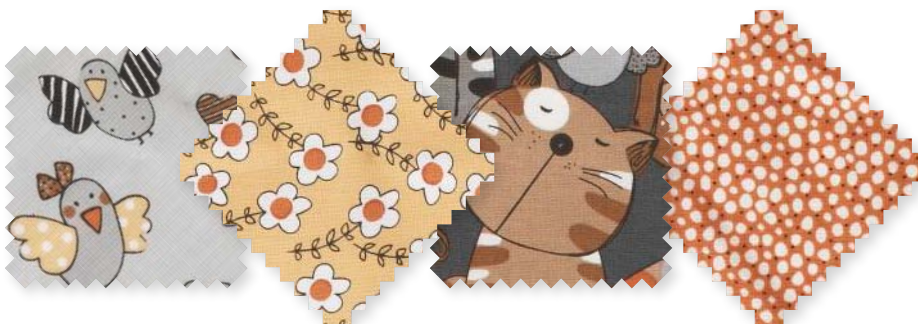


Project: Dutchmen's Puzzle Baby Quilt

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This big-block design is perfect for showcasing novelty prints, such as the Calico Kitty collection from Timeless Treasures (ttfabrics.com). To keep the quick-to-piece baby quilt from looking too busy, pair the larger prints with small-scale florals and dots.

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Materials

- $\frac{7}{8}$ yard cream print (blocks)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ yard orange dot (blocks, middle border)
- $\frac{5}{8}$ yard total assorted novelty prints, dots, florals, and stripes (blocks)
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ yards tan cat print (blocks, outer border, binding)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ yard gray floral (sashing, inner border)
- $3\frac{1}{8}$ yards backing fabric
- 55" square batting

Finished quilt: $46\frac{1}{2}$ " square

Finished block: 14" square

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From cream print, cut:

- 64—4" squares

From orange dot, cut:

- 2— $2 \times 37\frac{1}{2}$ " middle border strips
- 2— $2 \times 34\frac{1}{2}$ " middle border strips
- 4— $4 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ "

From assorted novelty prints, dots, florals, and stripes, cut:

- 24— $4 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles (6 sets of four matching)

From tan cat print, cut:

- 5— 5×42 " strips for outer border
- 5— $2\frac{1}{2} \times 42$ " binding strips
- 4— $4 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

From gray floral, cut:

- 2— $2\frac{1}{2} \times 34\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips
- 3— $2\frac{1}{2} \times 30\frac{1}{2}$ " strips for sashing and inner border
- 2— $2\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strips

Assemble Blocks

1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each cream print 4" square.
2. Align a marked cream print square with one end of an orange dot $4 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle (Diagram 1; note direction of drawn line). Sew on drawn line, then trim excess, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Press open attached triangle, pressing seam toward triangle. In same manner, add a marked cream print square to opposite end of rectangle (Diagram 1; again note direction of drawn line). Stitch, trim, and press as before to make a Flying Geese unit. The unit should be $4 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
3. Repeat Step 2 to make four matching Flying Geese units total. Using remaining novelty prints, dots, florals, stripes, and tan cat print $4 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, repeat Step 2 to make 32 Flying Geese units total (four matching units from each fabric).
4. Gather two sets of four Flying Geese units. Sew together one Flying Geese unit from each set to make a Flying Geese pair (Diagram 2). Press seam in one direction. The pair should be $7\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four matching Flying Geese pairs total.
5. Referring to Diagram 3, sew together Flying Geese pairs in pairs. Press seams in opposite directions. Join pairs to make a Dutchmen's Puzzle block. Press seam in one direction. The block should be $14\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 to make four Dutchmen's Puzzle blocks total.

Assemble Quilt Top

1. Referring to Quilt Assembly Diagram, lay out Dutchmen's Puzzle blocks and gray floral $2\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$ " and $2\frac{1}{2} \times 30\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strips.
2. Sew together pieces in each block row. Press seams toward sashing strips.
3. Join block rows and long sashing strip to make quilt center. Press seams in one direction. The quilt center should be $30\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
4. Sew gray floral $2\frac{1}{2} \times 30\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips to opposite edges of quilt center. Add gray floral $2\frac{1}{2} \times 34\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward inner border.
5. Sew orange dot $2 \times 34\frac{1}{2}$ " middle border strips to opposite edges of quilt center. Add orange dot $2 \times 37\frac{1}{2}$ " middle border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward middle border.
6. Cut and piece tan cat print 5×42 " strips to make:
 - 2— $5 \times 46\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips
 - 2— $5 \times 37\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips
7. Sew short outer border strips to opposite edges of quilt center. Add long outer border strips to remaining edges to complete quilt top. Press all seams toward outer border.

