

## Project: Wrapped Up

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Craft a cuddly throw from plush fabrics, and discover an easy method that allows you to piece and quilt at the same time!

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### Materials for Blue Quilt

- 17 $\frac{1}{8}$  yards plush backing fabric
- $\frac{3}{4}$  yard brown-and-white floral plush fabric (quilt center; border Nos. 2, 3, and 4)
- 1 yard solid blue plush fabric (quilt center, border No. 3, binding)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  yard solid white plush fabric (border No. 1)
- $\frac{3}{4}$  yard brown-and-blue print plush fabric (border No. 4)
- 51×63" lightweight batting
- Washable basting spray
- Size 90 /14 sewing machine needle for stretch fabric
- Fine-point water-soluble marker

Finished quilt: 45×57"

**Yardages and cutting instructions** are based on 58" of usable fabric width.

**Measurements** include  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

To make the green quilt, use gray-and-white floral instead of brown-and-white floral, solid green instead of solid blue, and gray-and-green print instead of brown-and-blue print.

### Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order. For tips on cutting and sewing plush fabric, see page 6.

#### From backing fabric, cut:

- 1—51×63" rectangle

#### From brown-and-white floral plush, cut:

- 2—5×29" border No. 2 strips
- 3—5×25" strips
- 8—5" squares

#### From solid blue plush, cut:

- 4—2×58" binding strips
- 2—5×41" border No. 3 strips

- 2—5×29" border No. 3 strips
- 4—5×25" strips

#### From solid white plush, cut:

- 4—3×29" border No. 1 strips

#### From brown-and-blue print plush, cut:

- 2—5×49" border No. 4 strips
- 2—5×37" border No. 4 strips

### Assemble Backing

1. Use basting spray to adhere batting to wrong side of backing rectangle. Trim batting even with backing edges.
2. Referring to **Diagram 1**, use a ruler and fine-point water-soluble marker to mark placement guidelines on batting.

### Add Quilt Center

1. Center a brown-and-white floral plush 5×25" strip on horizontal guideline, right side facing up (**Diagram 2**). Use basting spray to hold strip in place. Arrows on diagrams indicate the direction of nap.
2. Place a solid blue plush 5×25" strip atop first strip, right side down. Stitch one long edge through all layers using an even-feed foot. Apply basting spray to wrong side of blue plush strip before flipping it open (this is known as a stitch-and-flip method). Finger-press seam.
3. Repeat Step 2, alternating direction of fabric nap, to add a solid blue plush 5×25" strip to opposite long edge of brown-and-white floral plush strip.
4. Refer to **Diagram 3** and repeat steps 2 and 3, alternating direction of nap at top and bottom, to add remaining brown-and-white floral plush

5×25" strips, then solid blue plush 5×25" strips, to make quilt center. The quilt center should be 25×29" including seam allowances.

### Add Borders

1. Using the same stitch-and-flip method and referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, sew solid white plush 3×29" border No. 1 strips to long edges of quilt center. Add remaining solid white plush 3×29" border No. 1 strips to remaining edges; finger-press. The quilt center should now be 29×33" including seam allowances.
2. In the same manner, sew brown-and-white floral plush 5×29" border No. 2 strips to short edges of quilt center (**Quilt Assembly Diagram**); finger-press. The quilt center now should be 29×41" including seam allowances.
3. Add solid blue plush 5×41" border No. 3 strips to long edges of quilt center. Sew brown-and-white floral plush 5" squares to each end of solid blue plush 5×29" border No. 3 strips to make two border No. 3 units. Finger-press seams toward border No. 3 strips. Sew border No. 3 units to remaining edges of quilt center (**Quilt Assembly Diagram**). The quilt center now should be 37×49" including seam allowances.
4. Sew brown-and-blue print plush 5×49" border No. 4 strips to long edges of quilt center. Add brown-and-white floral plush 5" squares to each end of brown-and-blue print plush 5×37" border No. 4 strips to make two border No. 4 units. Finger-press

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seams toward border No. 4 strips. Sew border No. 4 units to remaining edges of quilt center to complete quilt top (**Quilt Assembly Diagram**).

### Finish Quilt

1. Trim batting and backing even with edges of quilt top.
2. Join solid blue plush 2×58" binding strips with diagonal seams to make one long pieced binding strip. Trim seam allowances to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and finger-press open.
3. With the wrong side inside, fold under 1" at one end of pieced binding strip and finger-press. In center of one edge of quilt, place binding strip against right side of quilt top; align raw edges and make sure nap of binding strip faces toward center of quilt. Begin sewing binding in place 2" from folded end. Sew binding in place with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. Turn binding over edge to quilt back. Turn under raw edge of binding  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and pin to quilt back, being sure to cover stitching line. Working from the front, sew binding in place with a serpentine (wavy) or zigzag stitch.

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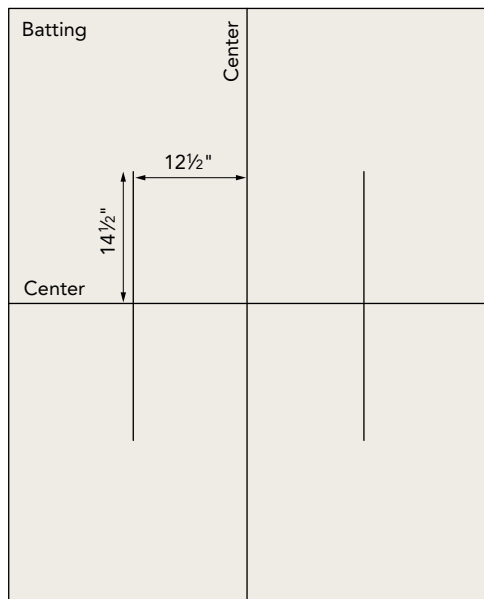


DIAGRAM 1

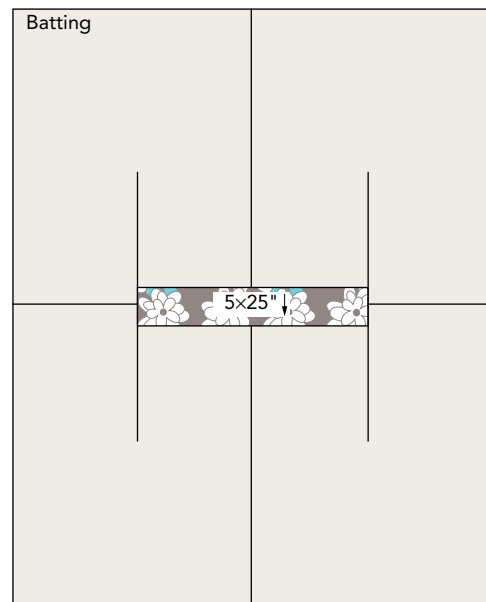


DIAGRAM 2

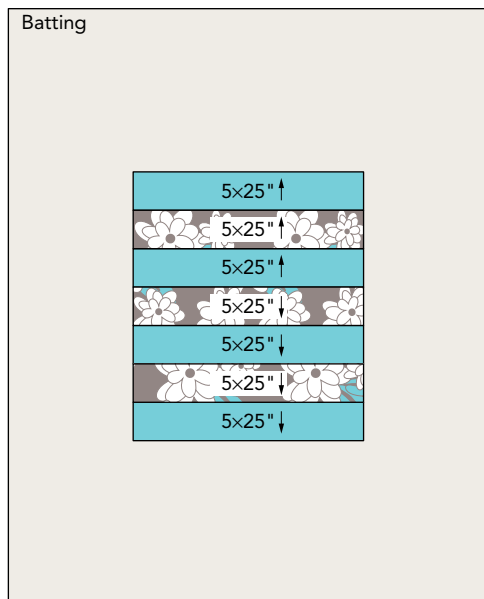
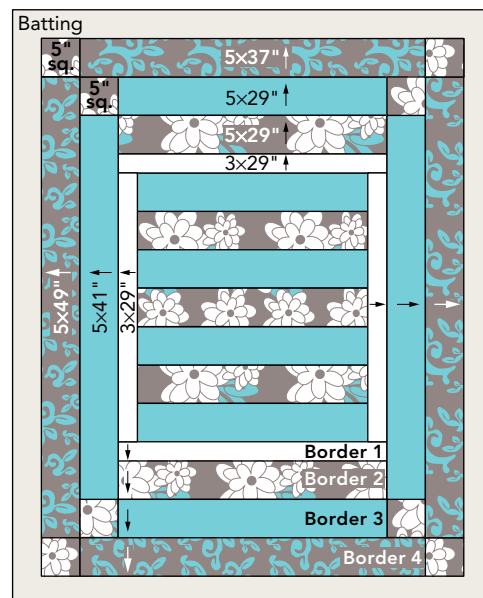


DIAGRAM 3



QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

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### *Working with plush fabric:*

- Plush fabric has a nap. Run your hand up and down each length of plush fabric. The direction of the nap is whichever direction you run your hand that feels smoothest and makes the pile lie flat. Place strips with nap running from the quilt center to the outside edges.
- Plush fabric sheds when cut; use a rotary cutter to minimize fuzz. After cutting, place in dryer with a damp wash cloth on low heat for about 10 minutes. Or, keep a lint roller or vacuum handy. Keep fabric edges and table clean as you cut.
- Plush fabric stretches on the crosswise grain but very little along the lengthwise grain (parallel to the selvages). Pin strips in place before you stitch to keep fabric edges secure.
- Use an even-feed foot (also called a walking foot) to prevent fabric from slipping.
- Use a 9<sup>9</sup>/<sub>14</sub> ballpoint (stretch) needle and a longer-than-normal stitch—3.0 to 3.5 millimeters—to keep seams from puckering.
- Finger-press seams only. Polyester plush fabrics, especially those that are textured, do not like the heat of an iron.
- Use low dryer heat when laundering the quilt.

—Tips courtesy of Shannon Fabrics ([shannonfabrics.com](http://shannonfabrics.com)).