

# Hug-in-a-Mug and Stepping Stones Quilt

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**Finished quilt size: 57" x 77"**

**Finished block Size: 10" x 10"**

**18 Framed Hug-in-a-Mug blocks**

**17 Stepping Stones blocks**

## Materials:

Fabric A: 18 pieces 1¼" x WOF\* (block frames)  
6 pieces 3" x WOF (stepping stones blocks)  
7 pieces 3" x WOF (outer borders)  
8 pieces 2½" x WOF (binding)

Fabric B: 6 pieces 3" x WOF (stepping stones blocks)

Fabric C: 6 pieces 5½" x WOF (stepping stones blocks)

Fabric D: 6 pieces 1¼" x WOF (inner borders)

\*WOF = width of fabric

## Assembly Instructions; Hug-in-a-Mug blocks

Step 1: Press and inspect blocks. Check for things like tension errors, untrimmed dog ears, etc. Square block edges to even them out if necessary.

**Note: Each 1¼" strip will frame 1 block if you cut 2 short pieces and 2 long pieces from the strip. Exact length will depend upon the size of the blocks.**

Step 2: Sew 1¼" strips of fabric A to 2 opposite sides of a block and press seam allowances away from the block. Sew strips to remaining 2 sides of block, press seams away from blocks. "Frame" each of the 17 Hug-in-a-Mug blocks

Step 3: Trim each block to **10½"**. Centre the block as well as possible within the 'frame'.

## Assembly Instructions; Stepping Stones blocks

Step 1: Sew a 3" strip of fabric A to a 3" strip of fabric B right sides together along one long edge to make a strip set. Press seam allowance toward darker fabric. Make 6 strip sets.

Step 2: After removing the selvage from each strip set and squaring up the end, crosscut 3" slices. Cut a total of 68 slices.

Step 3: Assemble 2 “sliced” units into a 4-patch. Make 34 4-patches. Each one should measure 5½” from raw edge to raw edge.

Step 4: Crosscut the 5½” strips of fabric C into squares. Cut 34.

Step 5: Assemble 2 of the 4-patches, and two of the squares from step 4 into a stepping stones block. (see assembly diagram) Make 17.

### **Quilt Top Assembly**

Arrange the 18 Mug Hug blocks and 17 Stepping Stones blocks into 7 rows of 5 blocks. (see assembly diagram) Sew each row together and press the seam allowances toward the Mug Hug blocks. Join the rows. Press the top.

### **Borders:**

- Preparing the borders: After removing the selvage, sew the 6 strips of fabric C for the inner borders end to end with a straight seam (**not diagonally**). Press seams open.
- Measure the length of the quilt at both sides and in the middle. Take the average of these measurements to determine the length of the side borders. Cut 2 pieces of border at that length. Starting from the middle, pin borders in place and sew to the quilt top. Press towards the border.
- Measure the width of the top, bottom and middle of the quilt (which now includes the side borders). Take the average of these measurements to determine the length of the top and bottom borders. Cut 2 pieces of border at that length. Again, starting from the middle, pin borders in place and sew to the quilt top. Press towards the border.
- Repeat these instructions with the strips of fabric A identified for the outer border.

**By pinning the borders before sewing, they will stay in place much better and not migrate as they are sewn to the quilt. The quilt will be squarer and lie flatter if you measure, cut, pin and sew.**

### **Binding:**

Prepare the binding by sewing 7 strips 2½” by WOF end to end with a **diagonal** seam. Trim excess seam allowances. Press seams open and trim dog ears. Fold in half along long sides, wrong sides together and press flat. **Place prepared binding and any extra pieces of fabric with the quilt top** if you are not quilting the top. Be sure to print your name on the QofV paper label before you pin it to the quilt top.

### **Backing:**

If you are able to provide a coordinating backing, please launder the fabric first with unscented laundry soap. Piece the backing together if necessary, leaving 4” of fabric on all four sides if you are not doing the quilting yourself.

**Thank-you!**

**Assembly Diagram:**

