



Summer Living Picnic Blanket

Simple patchwork and applique combine to make these lovely summer picnic blanket - perfect for Pimms on the lawn, sandwiches on the sand, or just enjoying your garden on a sunny after noon!

Finished blanket measures 40" x 50" approx



You will need:

- 144 x 4 ½” squares quilting cotton in pastel shades and light colours (so that the applique text will stand out clearly)
- ½ yard inner sashing fabric (plain or light coloured/pastel patterns)
- ½ yard outer sashing fabric
- 52” x 42” light weight batting
- 52” x 42” backing fabric
- 5 ¼ yards bias binding
- 1 FQ first dark-coloured fabric
- Less than 1 FQ second dark coloured fabric
- Invisible thread
- Embroidery foot for sewing machine
- Bondaweb

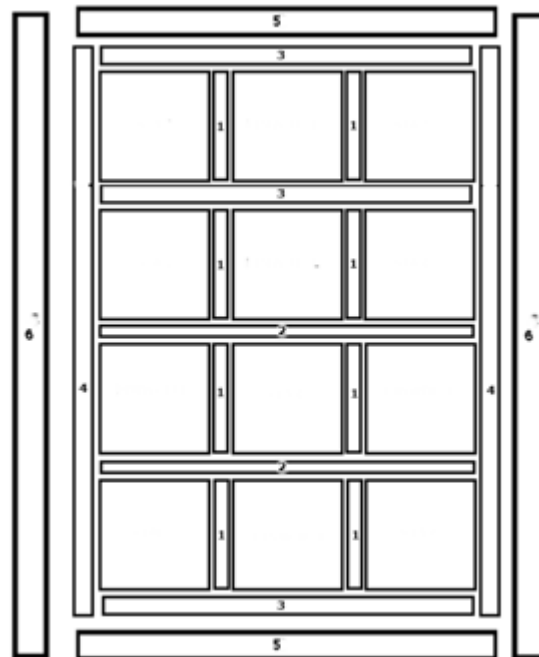
Blanket top:

Seam allowance is ¼” throughout

This is a very simple patchwork top that should be assembled as follows:

- Join your 4 ½” squares into 12 blocks of four squares

- Cut eight 2 ½” x 8 ½” strips from the inner sashing fabric and use to join your squares into four rows of three squares each.
- Cut three 2 ½” x 24 ½” strips from inner sashing fabric and use to join your four rows of three squares into a rectangle.
- Cut two 2 ½” x 24” wide strips from inner sashing fabric and use to edge the top and bottom edges of your rectangle
- Cut two 2 ½” x 42 ½” wide strips from inner sashing fabric and use to edge the sides of your rectangle
- Cut two 3 ½” x 32 ½” wide strips from outer sashing fabric and use to edge the top and bottom of your rectangle.
- Cut two 3 ½” x 54 ½” wide strips from outer sashing fabric and use to edge the sides of your rectangle.
- Press blanket top carefully.



- Trace the letter shapes (given full size and reversed) onto the paper side of your Bondaweb. Fuse onto fabric and cut out carefully. You may find it easiest to use embroidery scissors for the inner curves of letters such as “e” and “a”.
- Position letters on blanket top using photograph as a guide. When you’re happy with their positioning peel off paper backing and fuse into place with a hot iron.
- With invisible thread in your needle zig zag over edges of letters to make sure they’re extra securely attached and will stand up to wear and tear.
- Make your quilt sandwich and quilt - I used invisible thread in my needle and simply stippled all over the blanket, but the choice is yours!
- Finish by binding edges of blanket.
- Take to beach and enjoy picnic!





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Templates actual size and reversed for tracing onto Bondaweb

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