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Sophie Car Seat Quilt by Clover & Violet

Hello! I'm Jennie and I blog {along with my mom} over at Clover and Violet {cloverandviolet.com}. I have two little kids, both born in the winter. With my little boy I quickly discovered how easily blankets are kicked off, so I designed a little quilt that tied to the infant car seat handle. When I found out my second was a girl, I knew she needed a girly version for the car seat too! This little quilt also works great for a stroller and can be a little play mat in a pinch too!

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If you're interested in making one of these too, my friends at Sew Lux Fabric & Gifts {sewluxfabric.com} have put together a special kit at a special price just for this quilt {the kit uses *Domestic Bliss* by Liz Scott as they're already sold out of *Sophie* charm squares...I think I might need to make another one!}. Click here {sewluxfabric.com} for details.



Ingredients:

- 1 Charm Pack
- 1 yard large print for backing and binding
- 1/4 yard small print for borders
- 1/2 yard Bella Solids Snow for sashing
- 1 yard cotton flannel or batting



Instructions:

First, select 18 charm squares and pair them up {for 9 pairs}. Then, chose 7 more charms for the setting triangles, cut them in half diagonally {from point to point}, set aside.

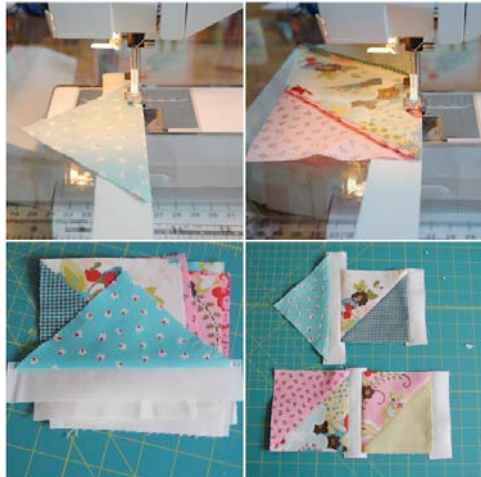


Place the pairs right sides together, then draw a line a line on the **wrong** side of one of the charms from point to point. Stitch through both charms 1/4 inch from the centerline on both sides of the line.



Cut the pair of charms in half along the drawn line. Press the halves open to make two half-square-triangle pairs. Trim each new square to 4 1/2".

Once you have sewn all 18 pairs and have 18 new squares, arrange the squares and setting triangles into rows, as shown:



From the Bella Snow, cut ten 1 1/2" strips. Leave behind the very last triangle of each row and sew the remaining pieces onto about four 1/4" of the sashing strips. Cut the blocks from the strips and begin forming quilt rows as shown:



I like to leave a little bit of the sashing hanging past the blocks so that I can trim it after I've sewn the rows, this gives a nice straight finish. Then sew the remaining triangle onto the end of the row.



After completing the rows, begin sewing the rows onto about three remaining sashing pieces. In order to line up the short sashing rows, I fold the top half-square-triangle row in half, line up the short sashings and pin at the intersections. This creates a nice grid.



Once you've completed sewing all your rows together, trim the quilt. To get nice, accurate points, trim 1/4" past each of the points, always lining up at least two points while you're trimming.



Use the remaining sashing pieces to create a border around the quilt. Then, from the small border print, cut four {4} 2" strips. Sew the border on in the same manner as the sashing.



Layer using your favorite batting. I used prewashed cotton flannel in my little quilt because where we live a heavy quilt isn't necessary. This is a great option for a warm climate or a spring or fall baby, when a little warmth is needed, but not as much as a full quilt. I quilted with an allover meander. Because my quilt was lightweight, I also used a single fold binding method.



Instead of using a 2 1/2" piece of binding folded in half {as for a standard double fold binding}, use a 1 1/2" piece not folded. Then pull it flat, tuck the raw edge in, and wrap it around to the back. I always pin or clip my binding down when using a single fold to avoid excess fraying.

Now, the final touch to this little quilt is adding the ties. Cut two 1 1/2" x 28" strips {I cut mine from the remaining backing piece}. Fold in half, press, then fold both raw edges toward the center seam as for bias binding.

Pin one ties ten inches {10"} from the top of the quilt on each side. Stitch in place and your quilt is ready for outings!



Yield:

One 25" x 30" quilt, ready to be tied on to any car seat or stroller!

Oh, and hopefully one cozy warm {and stylish} baby too!

I hope you enjoy this design, and if you make it I'd love for you to share it to the Clover & Violet {[flickr.com/groups/coverandviolet/](https://www.flickr.com/groups/coverandviolet/)} and the Moda Bake Shop {[flickr.com/groups/modabakeshop/](https://www.flickr.com/groups/modabakeshop/)} Flickr groups.



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