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Over view & requirements



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Welcome to this free BOM (block of the month) which I've designed for the UKQU website.

I've been fortunate to have been able to use the new **Riley Blake range of fabric called 'Gem Stones'**.



The colouring within this range is just fabulous!! With just 6 x 1/2m pieces I've been able to achieve a look that would normally take a much larger range of fabric. The design is what I believe they call 'Ombre', in that it gradually changes colour from one end of the fabric to the other. You'll be able to see this quite clearly in a couple of the blocks.

I've used 1m **Penny Roses's 'Charlotte'** for the binding and 2.25m of the wonderfully bright **P&B's Flora Fantasia** for the backing, just because I could!

I've also added 1.5m of a plain beige for the sashings and the border, 1/2m of Bondaweb for the appliqué and several Gutermann threads.

My design will also suit what I call my 'Scrap & Stash' designs, in that you can use up some of the lovelies you've had stashed away for a rainy day..... or in this case a sunny day!!



I can just see this quilt being used on a summers evening out in the garden, on a balcony or in the conservatory, with a glass or two to hand..... or on a winters evening in front of the telly or fire while having a snuggle!

The whole design is purposefully viewed as 'landscape' as it goes across the lap as opposed to the generally used 'portrait' or upright view of a quilt. It might look a bit odd having a lamppost sideways on!

I've used a bit of a coastal theme, very loosely, no real surprise as I live near the Cornish coast. The more pictorial block designs are taken from photos or items of mine, I adore shells, hence the conch shell, which is a bit of a family thing.....

Hopefully the block designs will appeal to and suit all capabilities. We'll start with the easier ones and work our way through the different techniques. There will be at least one block with an easier option if you really think you're not up for the original design, but I would hope everyone will have a go at everything. After all we all live and learn, that very much includes me!

Yes, I have mixed hand and machine work within the blocks, for practical reasons that will be explained as we go. You can complete yours either by hand or machine, or mixed, I for one will not criticise so long as you like what you produce. Those that know me know I mix and match, encourage design developments but most importantly wish you to learn and at the very least enjoy your creativity.

A couple of things to bear in mind as we go.....

-Accuracy is everything! From the first template or rotary cut, through to the last stitches in the binding & label.

-We all work (and teach) in different ways, this is perfectly normal.

-There are no right or wrongs, but there are happy outcomes and lessons learned.

-do as I say not as I do!! The quilts that I make and present to you as patterns are made by me as samples. They often differ slightly from the finished pattern because I've learned something or found an easier method for you whilst making. My aim always, is that yours will look far better than mine.

I encourage question asking. If you need help or support please message me your query, preferably with a photo, the easiest way will be via the support group that has been set up on Facebook, linked to my page:

Search '**Double Snuggle Lap Quilt BOM 2019**' and request to join.

My page is '**Abbieanne Patchwork Quilting & Textiles**', feel free to like and follow all the things happening when I'm out and about teaching and creating.

You can also contact me via my website www.abbieanne.com or email me on **abbie@abbieanne.com**

I'll get back to any queries as quickly as I can, but please be aware I might be teaching or busy at a show.

There will be instructions over 7 months of 2 blocks per month (the last month will have the construction details and the last block).

More than anything, I want you to enjoy creating as much as I do.



As we work through the blocks, save any scraps, they'll be very jolly when it comes to the crazy patchwork block!

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Thank you for coming to play! I hope you enjoy!!

Abbie xxx