Duck and Ducklings

By Nan Baker

Nan Bakers's **Duck and Ducklings Kennel Quilt** is designed to fit perfectly into a small kennel. This little quilt is easily made from your stash in no time at all!

Make one for your pet, and then make another to donate to a local animal shelter in your area. Visit **www.PetfinderFoundation.com** for a list of animal shelters needing **Kennel Quilt** donations in your area or go to **www.quiltpatternmagazine.com** to learn more.

For a picture tutorial on how to make this kennel quilt, visit Nan's blog at **www.purrfectspots.com** . If you are designing your own, be sure to check out the **Guidelines for Small Kennel Quilts** on the next page to create a safe quilt for pets!
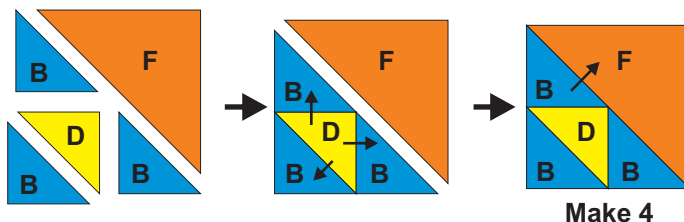
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Duck and Ducklings Kennel Quilt
12" x 18"

Skill Level

Materials:

Use pre-washed, 100% cotton fabrics and batting.

Blue background (1 fat quarter); cut into:

- 2 (two) 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" strips (A)
- 6 (six) 3-1/4" squares; cut the squares **once** on the diagonal to create 12 triangles (B)
- 4 (four) 2-7/8" squares (C)

Yellow (1 fat eighth) cut into:

- 2 (two) 3-1/4" squares; cut the squares **once** on the diagonal to create 4 triangles (D)

Spotted center (1 fat eighth) cut into:

- 1 (one) 2-7/8" square (E)

Orange (1 fat eighth) cut into:

- 2 (two) 5-5/8" squares; cut the squares **once** on the diagonal to create 4 triangles (F)

Multi-color (1 fat eighth) cut into:

- 4 (four) 2-7/8" squares (G)
- 2 (two) 1-1/2" x 12-1/2" strips (H)

12-1/2" x 18-1/2" rectangle of fabric for backing

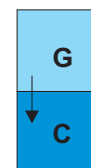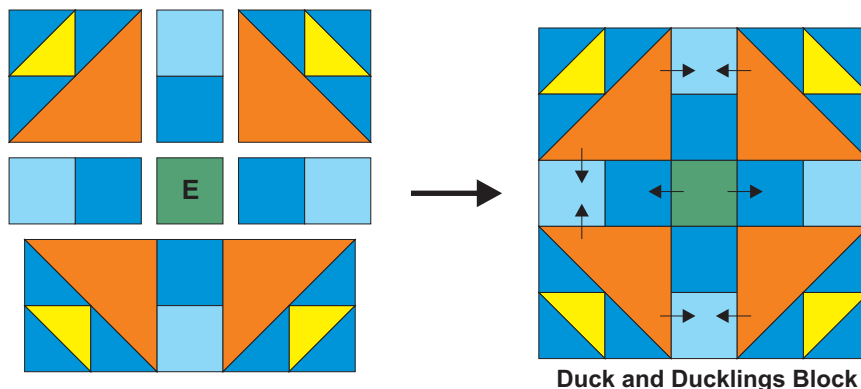12-1/2" x 18-1/2" rectangle of batting

Directions:

Sew pieces right sides together using a **_scant_** 1/4" seam and a small stitch length (e.g. 14 stitch per inch). Press seam allowances in the direction of the arrows.

1. Lay out 3 B, 1 D, and 1 F triangle as shown. Sew the B and D triangles together. Sew the F triangle to the B/D triangle unit as shown. Repeat to make a total of 4 units.

Make 4

2. Sew a C square and a G square together as shown. Repeat to make a total of 4 units.

Make 4

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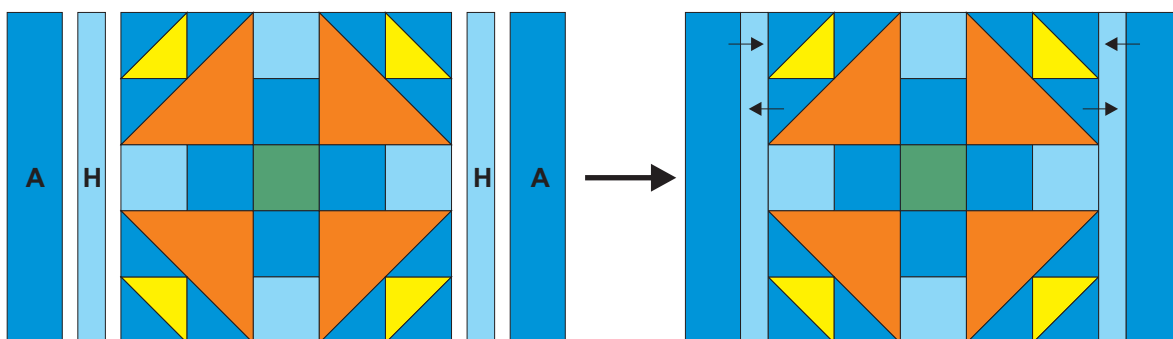Nan promotes animal disaster preparedness and wrote the CASEY Plan.
Visit Nan's website at **www.purrfectspots.com** to find the plan and see her numerous pet-inspired patterns.

3. Lay out an E square, the 4 units made in Step 1, and the 4 units made in Step 2 as shown. Sew each row of units together. Sew the 3 rows together to complete the Duck and Ducklings block.

Duck and Ducklings Block

4. Sew an H strip and an A strip to each side of the Duck and Ducklings block as shown.

5. Place the quilt backing right side up on a flat surface. With right sides together, align the raw edges of the quilt top and the quilt backing. Place the batting on top of the quilt top, again aligning the raw edges. Pin in place.

6. Sew the top, backing, and batting together leaving a 4" opening for turning. Backstitch on either side of the opening. Make sure you have caught the batting when stitching the seam. Trim corners.

7. Turn the quilt right side out. Carefully poke out the corners. Whipstitch the opening closed. Press.

8. Quilt in a simple pattern to keep the batting in place.

Guidelines for Small Kennel Quilts:

▸ Materials used should be 100% cotton (biodegradable).

▸ Pre-wash fabrics (pets can have allergies just like humans).

▸ Finished size should be 12" x 18". This fits the most commonly used small kennel used at shelters.

▸ When piecing, use a small stitch length (e.g. 14 stitches/inch).

▸ Do not use binding as it can be hazardous to pets if it becomes loose. Layer, sew around the edge using a small stitch length, and turn quilts pillow-cover style. Whipstitch the opening with small, tight stitches.

▸ Use only simple appliqués that are secured with tight stitches along the edges. Avoid using fusibles.

▸ Keep the quilting simple and use small tight quilting stitches that won't catch on pet claws. Do not tie quilts as the ends can get caught in claws or chewed off.

▸ Do not use any metallic threads or other embellishments (e.g. beads, charms, buttons, ribbons, lace, trims, etc.) of any kind. Do not add handles or loops to the quilt.