

## RAGGY QUILT INSTRUCTIONS



As you can see, Raggy Quilts are very cute, and very easy to make. I quickly stitched and made this 'quilt' (baby blanket for the doll house) in an afternoon – the longest part was the washing and drying!!

I made the blocks 4 ½ inch blocks, which are quite tight around a standard 4x4 design, but have included additional outer square's for 5X5 6X6 AND 8X8 hoops, so you can easily make blocks to a size you prefer.

*I have included 10 Baby Block designs with this how to, but you can use any design – in your software place your chosen embroidery design after Color 2 which are all the 'construction' colors. You should always have the square outline color as your last color. (It will make sense when you read the instructions)*

### MATERIALS

- Tear-away Stabiliser
- Pellon/thin batting
- Fabric – I have always used cotton, but many people insist on flannel (for extra fluffiness)

I created my quilt sandwiches in-the-hoop, but if you have a small hoop, or just wish to make your finished blocks larger than your hoop allows, I have included instructions at the end.

### PREPARATION – IN-THE-HOOP BLOCKS

Decide on the finished size of your blocks – I made 4 ½ inch blocks

Add 1 ½ inch to finished size to determine size to cut fabric – I cut 6 inch squares

Each block needs

- Front and back – 6 inches
- One Pellon Inner – cut slightly under 4 ½ inches

### EMBROIDERY



Hoop Stabiliser

Thread machine with a neutral color

Stitch Color 1 which is a guideline for placing your pellon

Place pellon within the guidelines

Place your front fabric over the pellon, checking that the overlap is even on all sides. (seems tricky first time, but you'll race thru it later)

Stitch Color 2 which attaches the fabric and ensures fabric doesn't shift when you embroider





Change your embroidery thread to the color of the design and complete your embroidery design.



Remove your hoop from the machine, turn your hoop over, and place your back fabric matching your front fabric (*there is a little bit of wiggle room – as you will be cutting your block down from 6 to 5 inch*)

As pictured, use pieces of tape to hold the fabric in place.



Return your hoop to the machine, and using your neutral thread, stitch last color which attaches your backing fabric.

That's it!



## APPLIED HEART BLOCKS

*I used a single piece of pink fabric for the heart – this gives you the frayed edge look – if you wish the edging to be fuller, then you could use 2 pieces of fabric*



Exactly the same as the embroidered blocks

- Hoop stabiliser
- Stitch color 1
- Place pellon and fabric over guidelines
- Stitch Color 2 to attach fabric
- Then
- Stitch color 3 which is the guideline for the heart
- Place 4 ½ inch pink fabric over the guideline
- Stitch Color 4 which attaches pink fabric



Trim the pink fabric to about ½ inch from edge – this is for the frayed edge, plus ensures you don't catch the pink fabric when you attach the back fabric

- Add fabric to back as before
- Stitch color 5 to complete block



### All Blocks

Remove excess stabiliser from edges  
Cut any jump stitches  
Use the stitched lines as your guidelines to even up your edges – I cut down to ½ inch

## CREATING THE BLOCKS MANUALLY

If you wish to make a block larger than your hoop, you can easily finish them yourself on the sewing machine.



Complete your front of block embroidery design as you normally would ie  
Hoop stabiliser and fabric  
Embroider/applique design  
Remove from hoop  
Remove excess stabiliser  
Cut jump stitches etc



**Cut pella to the finished size of the block**

**Cut backing fabric to finished size plus ½ inch seam allowance (raggy edge)**

**Centre your embroidery design and cut to that size (finished size plus ½ inch seam)**

As pictured pin the 3 layers  
Backing/pella/front

You can then stitch around the 4 edges using a ½ inch seam, so you end up with a completed block the same as the in-the-hoop blocks



## CONSTRUCTION

The hard work is already done – the only ‘odd’ thing to watch – and I’m sure we have all done it – for the raggy quilt you stitch the designs **wrong side together**.

- Align the blocks in a pleasing order
- Stitch wrong sides together into your rows – simply stitch along your previously stitched lines
- Stitch the rows together (once again **wrong sides together**)
- Once you have joined them all together
- Stitch around the entire edge following your ½ inch stitched lines, two times (this gives a secure edge for the quilt)
- Sit down in your favourite chair and start snipping!!
- Clip about ¼ inch around all seams and edges (including hearts)
- The last picture shows the edges I fluffed up with my hands – which you might be happy with, or pop the quilt in the wash and let the washing machine do the work for you!!

