

I think that in this day and age where everything is fast, fast, fast, and everything can be bought at Walmart or Target for much cheaper than the cost of making it, sewing a quilt is an act of love. Every stitch is infused with that love. Even the thoughts one thinks while cutting, piecing, and quilting tend to turn to the person for whom the quilt is intended. Not that long ago, I was checking on the kids before heading to bed, and I paused to admire my little girl under a quilt I'd just finished. It had taken about seven hours to bind that quilt, hundreds of dollars in fabric (because I'd bought lots for auditioning), paid hundreds more to have it long-armed, and of course I knew I could've picked up a cute quilt at Target for \$60. But right at that moment, with my girl and her stuffies all snuggled beneath her special quilt, I was so overwhelmingly glad I'd made it myself, and so sure that it's all worth it.



Snug As a Bug

for the Splendid Sampler™

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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"

Requirements

- # 7" x 7" square background fabric.
- # Embroidery floss
- # Stabiliser (optional)

Block Assembly

1. Trace the pattern on to the back ground fabric.
2. Using 2 strands of floss, back stitch (BS) or Stem stitch (SS) embroider each traced line.
3. Use a french knot (colonial knot) (FS) for the eyes and teddy bear's nose.
4. Use 1 strand of floss for the bunny's and teddy bear's nose and detail on baby's feet.
5. Find centre of block and trim block to 6 ½" x 6 ½" square.



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"My favourite tip for making an embroidery look more like an ink illustration is to go through the entire pattern stitching in 2 or 3 strands of floss, then go back in and randomly thicken the line by adding more stitches, side by side. To me, the irregular line is more natural and more appealing".



1 inch

#TheSplendidSampler

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