Dog Days

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Featuring fabrics from the **Dog Days collection by Sue Zipkin**
"Dog on It" Doggy Bed Finished size: 30" x 24" x 4 " Tall
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Materials

Yardages based on 42" wide fabric

Fabric Requirements for "Dog on It" Bed Measuring 24" x 30" and 4" tall

1/2 yard of dogs on blue (center and cornerstones)

1/4 yard command print in cream (1st border)

3/8 yard paw print in brown (2nd border and cornerstones)

3/8 yard blue dog toys (outer border)

1 yard of dog stripe (sides)

3/4 yard for backing of your choice

Cut the Fabrics

WOF = Width of Fabric
LOF = Length of Fabric

Cutting Instructions:

From the dogs on blue print cut:
1 rectangle – 9-1/2" x 15-1/2"
4 squares – 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" (fussy cut your favorite dog breed!)
(Optional: Instead of fussy cutting the dog print, have your dog's photo transferred to fabric and cut the 3-1/2" squares from that! Look for photo transfer fabric at your local quilt shop to print the photos right on your own inkjet printer at home.)

From the cream command print cut:
2 rectangles – 3-1/2" x 9-1/2"
2 rectangles – 3-1/2" x 15-1/2"

From the brown paw print cut:
2 rectangles – 2-1/2" x 19-1/2"
2 rectangles – 2-1/2" x 21-1/2"
4 squares – 3-1/2" x 3-1/2"

From the blue dog toys print cut:
2 rectangles – 3-1/2" x 19-1/2"
2 rectangles – 3-1/2" x 25-1/2"

From the stripe cut side pieces:
2 rectangles – 4-3/4" x 25-1/2"
2 rectangles – 4-3/4" x 31-1/2"
(Cut this lengthwise on the bolt, following the dog stripes of your choice. Depending on the foam piece or pillow form you find to fill the dog bed, you may need to make this wider or narrower. Adjust as necessary.)

From the backing fabric, cut:
2 rectangles – 21" x 25 1/2"

Directions

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Piecing Instructions: Use 1/4" seams unless otherwise directed. Always press toward the darker fabric.

1.   Piece command print 3-1/2" x 15-1/2" to opposite sides of the dog print 9-1/2" x 15-1/2" rectangle and press. Piece 3-1/2" fussy cut squares to each end of the 3-1/2" x 9-1/2" command print rectangle, make sure the dogs on each end face the same direction. Piece these units to the center rectangle unit and press.

2.   Piece the paw print 2-1/2" x 21-1/2" rectangles to the sides of center piece, press. Piece the paw print 2-1/2" x 19-1/2" rectangles to the top and bottom, press.

3.   Piece the dog toys 3-1/2" x 25-1/2" rectangles onto each side of the center unit, press. Piece the paw print 3-1/2" squares onto each end of the 3-1/2" x 19-1/2" dog toy rectangles, press. Piece onto top and bottom of center unit, press.

4.   Sew the side rectangles (stripe), right sides together, onto each of the sides, starting and finishing 1/4" away from each of the corners. Make sure that all the dogs heads are closest to the center unit so they will finish right side up. Sew the four corner seams closed, leaving 1/4" open on the outside edge.

5.   On each of the backing fabric pieces, turn under one 25-1/2" side 1/4" twice and topstitch down for a nice finished edge. Overlap these two edges by about 5" and pin unit to measure 25-1/2" x 31-1/2" in size. Pin and sew carefully to the side pieces, right sides together, as you did in Step 4. Turn right side out, stuff with pillow form or foam piece. Present to pet and hope they like it!

Optional Finishing Technique: Before you piece the top, sides, and backing together, layer with batting and muslin and machine quilt each section. This will make the dog bed a little more durable. Use a simple crosshatch design or stitch in the ditch. Piping could be added into all the seams that attach top to sides and sides to backing for a professional finish.