

A Guessing Game

One of my childcare moms is expecting a little one. Today was her C-section date. We've been talking about it a lot here. Everyone has been getting excited. I haven't had a baby-baby for a bit so we forgot what having babies is like.

You might remember that I just finished a baby quilt for a neighbor baby...(that was 5 months old) I was so embarrassed it was so late. I was determined not to let this baby quilt get away from me.

Well my childcare parents didn't find out if it was a boy or girl so I couldn't really start a quilt...or could it?? I'm not a gender neutral fan as whatever I do I feel like it's either boyish or girlish. Then Sunday evening I decided I'd just start cutting out both. Use the same pattern and cut one girl and one boy...now for a pattern.

I ended up picking this....

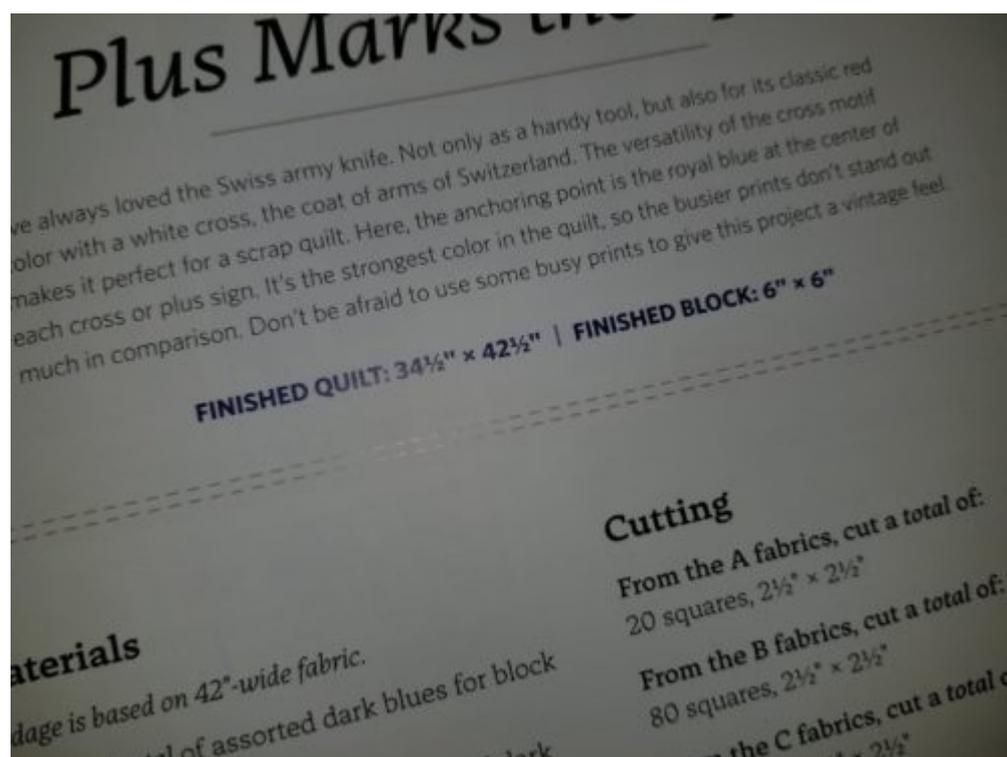


Something simple but I liked it!! So as I pulled scraps I decided boy or girl quilt and cut. I had what I thought was enough and then it was time to start sewing. Do I sew boy...or girl? I picked boy. I sewed on them Tuesday night and this morning and have 19 sewn.



For the boy version I chose more boy colors with cream based neutrals for the backgrounds. For me, neutral backgrounds look better with these colors and more boyish.

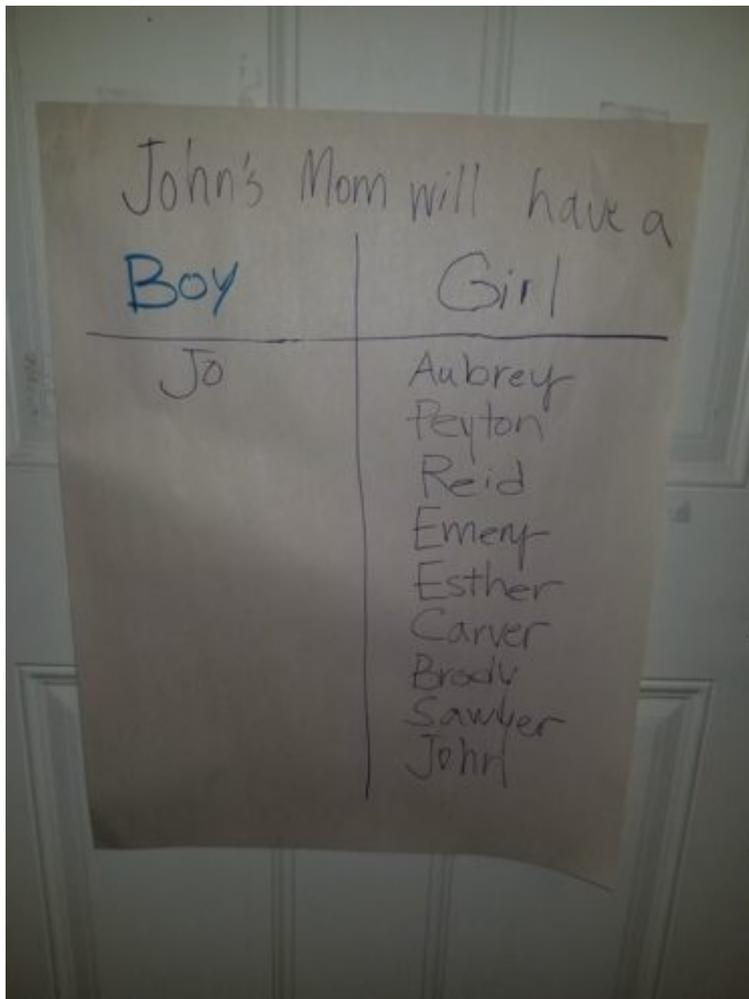
Of course I also did the debate about whether I should make it bigger or not. As shown it's 34 1/2" x 42 1/2". I'll make it bigger....



I was pretty impressed at how far I got. In fact I was thrilled!! I have 19 blocks and only need 25...or 36 if I make it bigger. I'm adding brown blocks next. I like the combo of orange, green, teal and brown.



So at childcare today we did a little survey and the kids and I guessed if it would be a boy or girl. I guessed boy...ALL of the other kids guessed girl.



Well Grandpa picked up the little boy today. He had news...He said: it was a boy and they named him Lucas. Grandpa then changed his statement and said, "No really, it's a girl and they named her Jenna." He's a great big teaser!! I love him though. He's such a fun guy. It is a girl.

So... That means I am setting the boy blocks aside and will dig into these. I have to cut more background pieces.



I have lots of these cut as when I was cutting pieces from the scrap piles, I saw this quilt in the same book. Both quilts needed 2 1/2" squares so I figured I'd make this with the girl colored blocks if they had a boy.



I'm so excited for a girl to be here at childcare!! I've had 4 boys here all in a row!! They are all pretty rough and

tumble boys too. This girl will either soften them all up or I'm going to have a hard core tom boy here! Either way, I can't wait to love on her!!

..and so, I've got a great start on a boy quilt!!