



I've been procrastinating on a few sewing projects lately so this morning I spent some time getting my sewing room tidied up and everything sorted out. In the process I came across a piece of denim and a pink cotton heart I'd set aside ages ago for making into a crate blanket for Abby and decided to work on that instead; my other projects will have to wait until tomorrow (Queen of procrastination here).

I love making these little blankets for Abby. They're pretty quick to put together and since I know they will eventually get clawed around (to be made into the most comfortable lump possible) I don't worry too much about any mistakes that happen along the way. I use a piece of pretty fabric or some plain fabric with applique for the top, add a couple of layers of leftover batting and some plain fabric for the backing and quilt it all together. I haven't tried any patchwork blankets yet - I was worried they wouldn't survive long - but Abby has been really good about not trying to eat the applique shapes so I might try some fun piecing next time.

As far as I remember this piece of denim was part of a skirt I made myself a long time ago that stopped fitting not quite so long ago. It's very soft and such a nice, deep, royal blue. The heart came from a Quilters' Guild meeting. It must be from a couple of years ago because I don't remember going to many meetings last year. Someone had found a stack of these hearts - in all different fabrics - in her sewing room and brought them to the meeting to share around. I like the way pink and denim go together.

Abby slept on the sewing room floor for most of the time I was working. I always think that's extra cute. She was very curious about her blanket when it was all finished but didn't actually lie on it until I wiggled her around a bit. Fortunately she put up with me long enough for me to get a few pictures.

# A New Blanket for Abby

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