

A Quilt for Tristan

Tuesday, 29 November 2011 05:56



Now that I know this has arrived safely I can finally blog about it. This was my brother's birthday present. He recently moved into a new place and I thought a cozy quilt would be a nice addition. I made this to my favourite quilt specifications - 60" by 80" (150 cm x 200 cm). I find quilts this size are big enough for a bed but small enough to keep on the couch; "lap" size quilts seldom cover enough when it's really chilly and I hate having to choose between having my shoulders or my legs be warm. The fabrics for the top and backing all came from my stash. I pulled out all the "manly" blues, greens and browns I had and made sure I mixed darks and lights. The truck fabric is a little bright but it was originally from my mum's stash and I thought Tristan might recognize it*. I always like to include a familiar fabric when I'm giving someone a patchwork gift. This is the biggest quilt I've ever quilted by machine and I expected it to be really difficult but it wasn't so bad. I think the biggest help was pulling my table well out from the wall so there was plenty of space for the quilt to pile up in. The quilting is just lines running the length of the quilt. I sewed them freehand, without drawing the lines in first, and didn't worry about them being a bit off of straight at times. I forgot to take a picture of the back of the quilt before I mailed it off but it is dark green panels and bright green swirly borders with a label that doubled as a birthday card.

*When asked, Mum she said she thought the scraps were leftover from a pair of overalls. Tristan says he might vaguely remember them.



A Quilt for Tristan

Tuesday, 29 November 2011 05:56

