

LVQ Scrappy Strip Quilt-as-you-go

Dimensions:

(42 1/2 x 51 inches)

30 – 8 1/2" finished blocks (5 x 6 block layout)

Fabric needed: This is a great stash buster... the yardage below is "over estimated".

1 1/2 yards for Backing (various colors)

Crib size Batting

4 yards of Quilt as you go strips (various colors)

1 1/4 yards for Sashing

1/2 yard for Binding

Cutting:

Backing:

30 – 9 1/2" squares of backing.

These can be any color fabric... the back of the quilt will become a patchwork of color. It's best to cut the squares from yardage. (Note: You can only get 2 squares from a fat quarter so you would need 15 fat quarters... and you'd have a lot of scraps left over).

Batting:

30 – 9 1/2" squares of batting.

Quilt as you go strips:

30 - 2" strips

46 - 2 1/2" strips

This is a scrappy quilt so use as many different colors as you like. The number of strips is approximate... and I over estimated the number you actually need. Just cut a few strips from several fabrics and start sewing... you can always go back and cut more from your stash.

Sashing:

13 - 1 1/4" strips of sashing to join the back

13 – 2 1/4" strips of sashing to join the front

Once the blocks are made you will need to sash it. These sashing strips should be all the same color fabric.

Binding: 6 - 2 1/4" strips OR 2 1/2" strips... whatever you prefer. I used the same fabric as the sashing.

Directions:

Blocks:

1. Place backing square right side down. Place batting square on top of backing square.
2. Place a 'quilt as you go' strip (right side up) diagonally on the center of the batting, make sure all of the batting is covered.
3. Place another 'quilt as you go' strip (right side down) on top of the first strip and sew a 1/4" seam down one side.
4. Fold the strip over and finger press. Cut any excess off from the back side making sure all of the batting is covered.
5. Place another 'quilt as you go' strip (right side down) on top of the former strip and continue until one side of the batting is covered. At this point you have just over 1/2 of the block covered with fabric.
6. Rotate the block and continue until all of the batting is covered.
7. Press the block and square it up with an 8 1/2" square ruler.

Joining the blocks:

Once all 30 blocks are made... decide how you want to layout the blocks to form 6 rows of 5 blocks. Then zigzag the blocks together.

Sashing the back of the quilt:

1. Make 1/2" bias tape using the 1 1/4" strips to form finishing sash.
2. Place the sashing over the zigzag stitching on the back of the quilt and sew down each edge of the sashing to cover the zigzag stitch. (Note: Stitch close to the edge of the sashing. Stitch sashing on all the rows)
3. Next, stitch sashing on all the columns. (Note: The columns are 51 inches long., you will have to join your strips together with a diagonal seam to eliminate bulk)

Sashing the front of the quilt:

Make 1" bias tape using the 2 1/4" strips to form finishing sash. Sew them on the front in the same manner as the back.

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