

CHOP & SEW

Approx quilt size: 57" x 72"
(if you cut your final blocks 15" x 15")

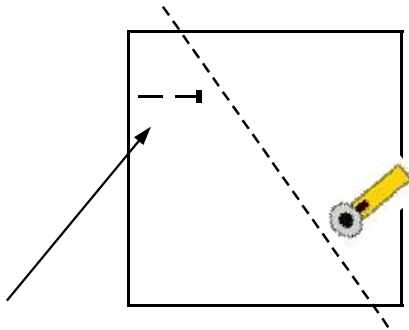
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What you need: 12 fat quarters of coordinating fabrics
1/2 yard for 1st border (cut 2 1/2") and binding
3/4 yard for 2nd border (cut 4 1/4")
3 1/2 yards of backing material
Batting

Note: It's always a good idea to read through the directions before starting.

1. Cut the 12 fat quarters into 18" squares.
2. Stack squares on top of each other, right sides facing up.
Take your rotary cutter and long ruler and cut through all 12 squares at a time diagonally from one side to the other. (Try not to make cuts too close to the corner. Also you will need a very sharp blade in your rotary cutter!)



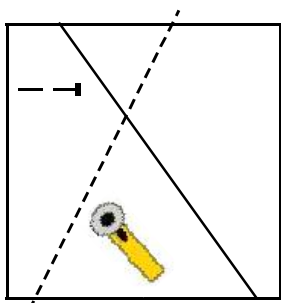
3. Put a pin in the upper left hand corner of the first layer to help you remember which one comes first in the stack. You will be keeping them all in the same order through out the process of cutting.
4. Take the first layer off the right hand stack and put it at the bottom of the stack. This will give you two different fabrics facing up.

5. Start sewing the two halves of each block together.
“Chain” them together by feeding them one right after the other into your sewing machine. This will help you keep them in the right order also.
(Also remember that these are bias edges at this point so you want to be careful not to stretch as you sew or your blocks will not lay flat.)

6. Cut the block chain apart and press seams in one direction.

KEEP THEM IN ORDER!

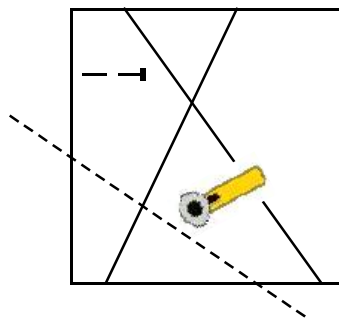
7. Stack them up again and make a 2nd cut from edge to edge in another place.



Take the first 2 right hand layers and transfer them to the bottom of the stack. Sew all the layers together again, “chaining” them again.

Cut apart, press and stack.

8. Cut all 12 layers a 3rd time in another place.



Transfer the first 3 layers to the bottom of the stack and sew together.
(Note: If when you put the layers on the bottom and the remaining halves don't look good together, just take another right hand piece and put it on the bottom until you like the result, then sew as before.)

9. Keep making cuts (usually 4-5) until you like the way your blocks look.

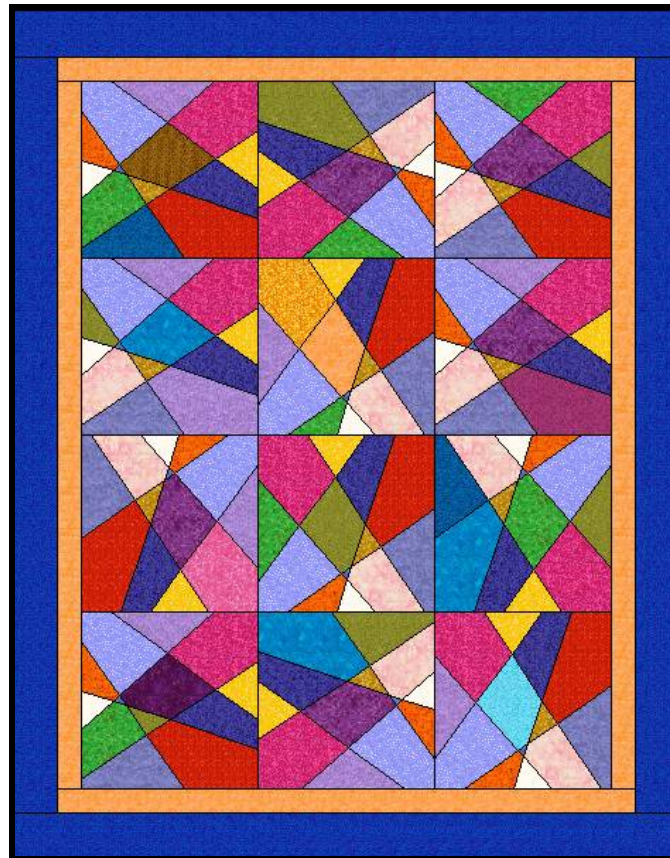
10. Square up the blocks to the largest size you can make all the blocks. The edges will be odd shapes so pick the smallest block to choose your measurement.



11. Sew all 12 finished blocks together in a 3 across, 4 down setting.

Put on 2" (cut 2 1/2") first border, then the 4" (cut 4 1/2") outside border. (You can alter the border sizes, but allow for extra fabric.)

Prepare the back.
Quilt as desired
and bind.



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