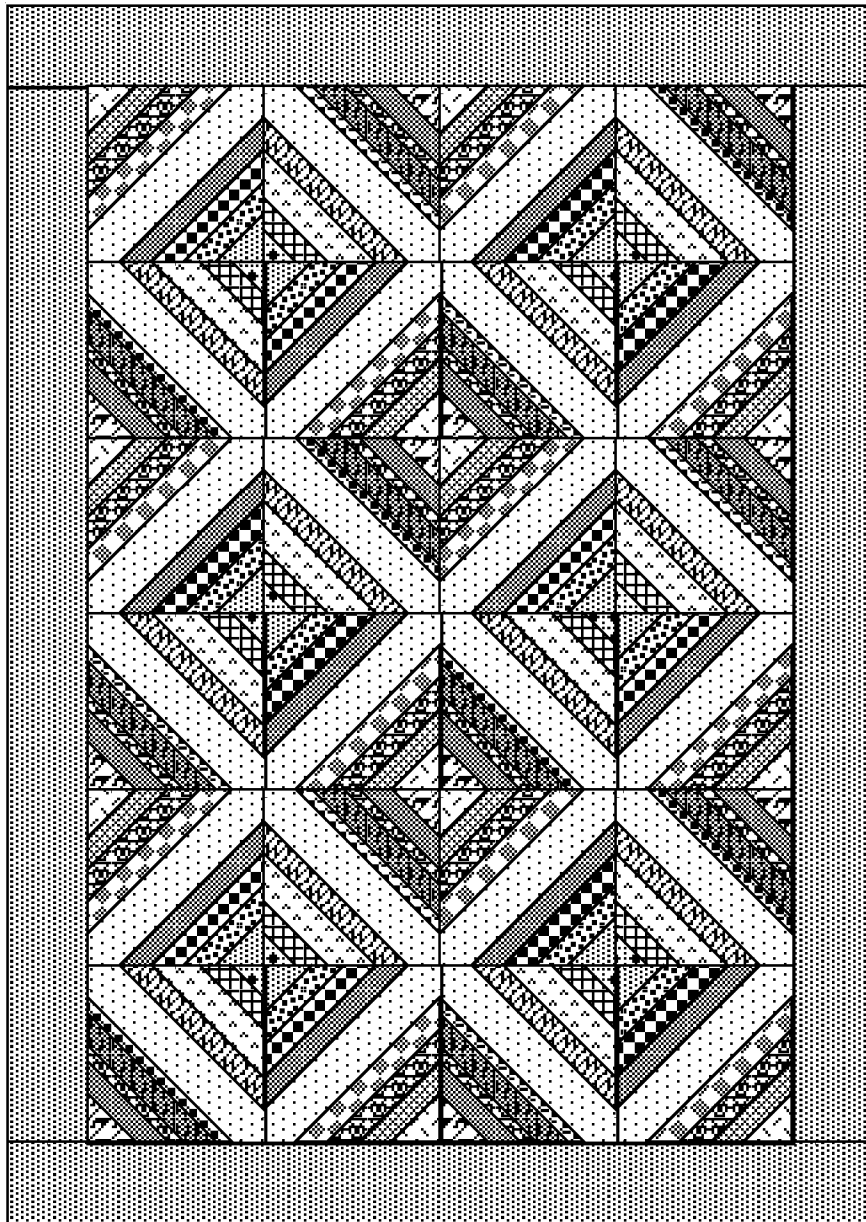


Quilt Outreach Scrap String Quilt Crib

24 Blocks
Finished quilt top size: 40" by 56"
Block layout: 4 by 6
Finished block size: 8"
Finished border: 4" on each side
Seam allowance: 1/4"
Stitch size: 12 stitches per inch

Figure 1



Kit Contents

Blocks:

- * 24 squares (9" by 9") of Fabric A, premarked with two diagonal lines
- * Lots of strips of assorted fabrics

Border:

5 strips (4-1/2" by 42") of second border fabric

Backing, if provided:

Muslin or coordinating material

Tips

- * Make 8 blocks at a time. This ensures that you do not run out of fabric strips or end up with many very short strips.
- * As you build your blocks, save your short strips for the outer rows of the block. Save the longer strips for the inner rows.

Assembly Instructions

1. Place the pile of strips to the right of the sewing machine. Place the Fabric A squares to the left of the machine (or, if more comfortable, place them in your lap).
2. Take a strip from the pile, and place the long edge along the diagonal of one of the Fabric A squares, right side towards the square. Line up the edge of the strip against the line on the pre-marked square so that the strip lays over the center of the square, as shown in Figure 2. *Make sure that the strip is long enough to cover the diagonal.*

Note: The quilt blocks look best when the two center strips are a strong contrast from the squares.

3. Sew the strip to the square, as shown in Figure 3. Fingerpress the strip open.
4. Take another strip from the pile, lining up the edge of the strip against the other line on the pre-marked square so that the strip lays over the center of the square.
5. Sew the strip to the square, and fingerpress the strip open. Use pins if the sewn strips do not lie flat.
6. At random, pick another strip from the pile. Try to pick a strip that is a different width and different fabric from the previous strip. Place the new strip right side down, lining up the long edge to the previous strip (right sides together).
7. Sew the strip to the square, and fingerpress the strip open.
8. Continue adding strips until the fabric square is covered, as shown in Figure 4.

Note: Only the center diagonal section of the Fabric A square is left showing. The sewn diagonal strips cover the rest of the square.

9. Trim your blocks to make them 8-1/2" square.
10. Repeat steps 2 through 9 until you have made all 24 squares.

Sewing the Quilt Top Together

1. Lay out the blocks to match Figure 1. The center diagonal (where Fabric A is visible) should form an X with every four blocks.
2. Sew the blocks together to form the quilt top.

Adding the Border

1. Trim the selvages off the border strips and sew the strips together, forming one long border strip.
2. Add the side borders by measuring the sides of the quilt top and cutting the border strips to size. Pin each border strip to the sides of the quilt top, starting at each end and center point, then in between, avoiding any puckering around the pins. Stitch the border. Press.
3. Repeat Step 2 for the top and bottom borders.

Finishing the Quilt

1. Lay out the batting. Spread the backing right side up on the batting. Spread the quilt top right side down on the backing.
2. Pin around all the sides, leaving a 12" opening in the middle of one long side.
3. Trim the backing and batting to match the quilt top.
4. Stitch the layers together using a 1/2" seam allowance.
5. Turn the quilt with right side out by rolling it up and pulling the right side through the opening.
6. Pin the opening closed and topstitch the edge twice—first 1/4" & then 3/4" from the outside edge.

Figure 2

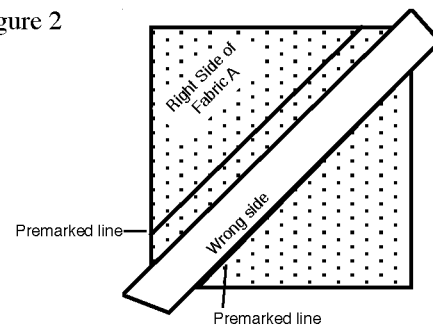


Figure 3

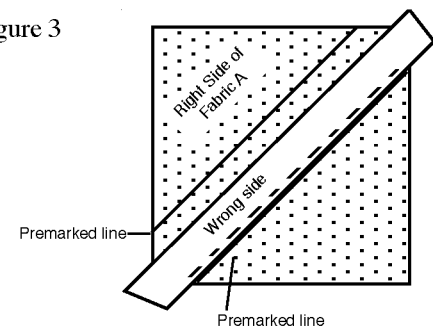


Figure 4

