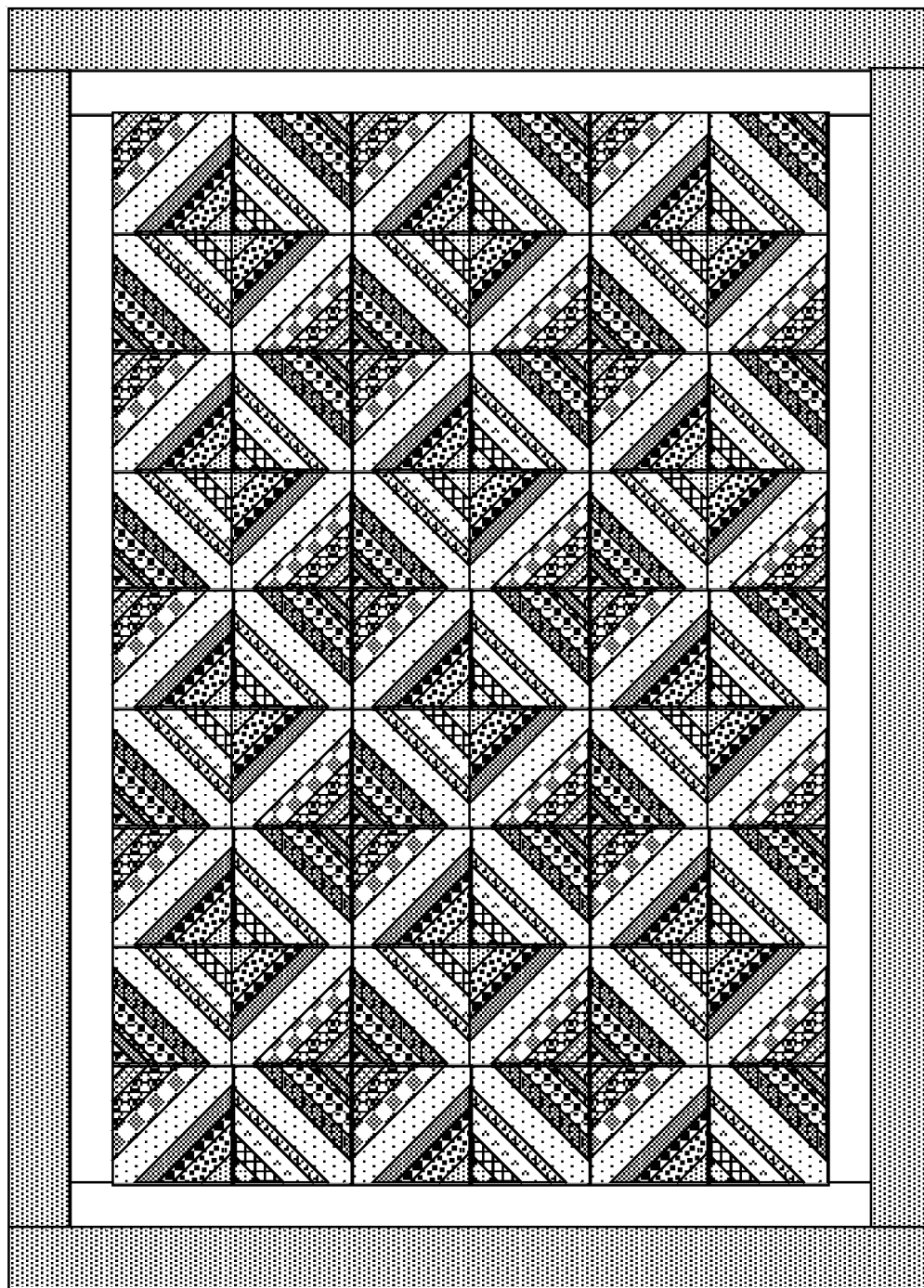


Quilt Outreach Scrap String Quilt Twin

54 Blocks
Finished quilt top size: 62" by 86"
Block layout: 6 by 9
Finished block size: 8"
Finished border: 3" and 4" on each side
Seam allowance: 1/4"
Stitch size: 12 stitches per inch

Figure 1



Kit Contents

Blocks:

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

Border:

- 7 strips (3-1/2" by 42") of first border fabric
- 7 strips (4-1/2" by 42") of second border fabric

Backing, if provided:

- 5 yards of muslin or coordinating material

Tips

- * Make 9 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 premarked 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 premarked 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 54 squares.

Figure 2

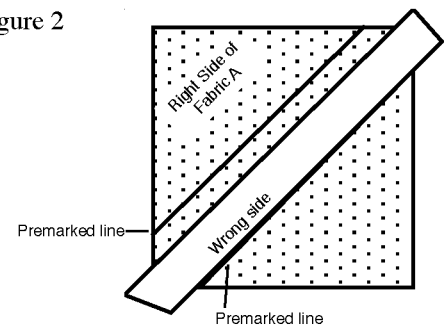


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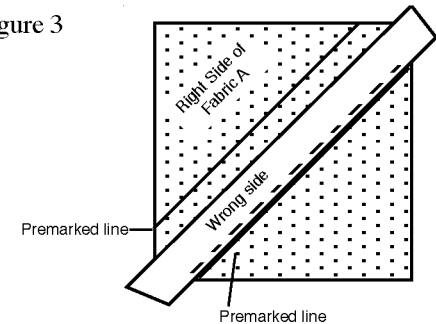
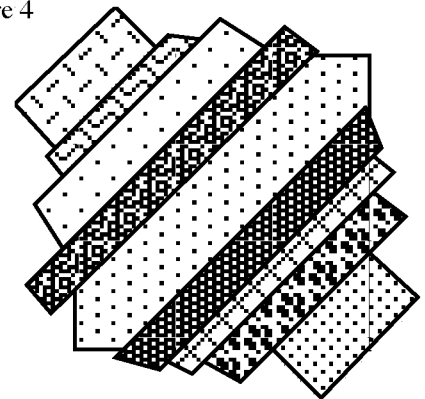


Figure 4



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 end of each border strip.
2. Sew two strips together, forming one long strip. Match the center point of the border strip to the center point of one long side of the quilt top. Pin right sides together, starting at the center and pinning out to the ends. If there is puckering, adjust your pinning.
3. Sew the border to the quilt top. Press and trim.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for the other long side of the quilt top.
5. Cut one of the remaining strips in half, forming two strips that measure 21" by 3-1/2".
6. Sew one full strip and one of the half strips together, forming one long strip. Match the center point of the border strip to the center point of one short side of the quilt top. Pin right sides together, starting at the center and pinning out to the ends. If there is puckering, adjust your pinning.
7. Sew the border to the quilt top. Press and trim.
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 for the other short side of the quilt top.
9. Add the 4-1/2" border using the same method.

Sandwiching the Layers

1. Lay out the batting. Spread the backing right side up onto the batting. Spread the quilt top right side down on the backing.
2. Pin around all the sides (about 1-1/2" in from the edge). Leave a 24" opening in the middle of one long side.
3. Trim the excess backing and batting to match the quilt top.
4. Sew a 1/2" seam around the outside edge, leaving the 24" opening.
5. Turn the quilt right side out by rolling it up and pulling the right side through the opening. Smooth out the quilt.
6. Pin the opening closed and topstitch the edge twice—first 1/4" and then 3/4" from the outside edge.
7. Machine quilt the border, if desired (this makes a sturdier quilt). Then tie the quilt.

Remember to return the extra fabric strips from your kit when you return the quilt. These extra strips will be put together with others to make more kits... and more quilts!