

"Quilt as You Go"

This method is a fast way to put together a quilt in a short period of time!

Cut backing fabric and batting to desired size of finished quilt.

Decide whether you will sew strips straight or on the diagonal. Cut 2-1/2" strips (see calculation tips below) and sew strips together – either straight seams or diagonal seams.

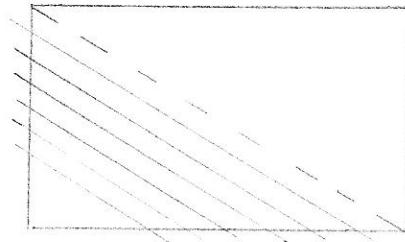
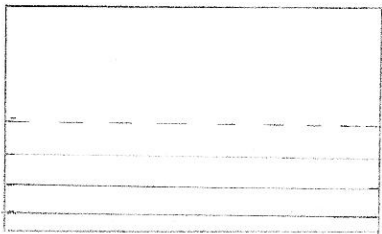


Draw line on batting down the center. Cut 2 strips the length of the quilt in the center. Place right sides together – line up against the drawn line – pin to secure. Sew 1/4" entire length of strip. (A walking foot and longer stitches help tremendously!) Iron seam – separate strips. Place next strip (right sides together) and pin – cut at end of quilt. Sew, iron, etc. Repeat until half of quilt is done. Flip around and sew the other half.

Trim quilt, add binding and voila – a finished quilt!

Options:

- Use larger strips – you will need to add more lines of stitching for quilting purposes. You can also use decorative stitches.
- Applique shapes on quilt to add decorative or personal touches.



Calculation Tips: (These calculations do not account for the method of piecing the strips together. If you sew strips with a diagonal seam – you will need more strips)

Length x width = total area

$2 \times 42" = 84"$ (area of each 2-1/2" strip)

Straight Strips

$L \times w$

$84 = \# \text{ of strips needed}$

Diagonal Strips

$(l+w) \times w$

$84 = \# \text{ of strips needed}$

Ex:

$20" \times 30"$

$84 = 7.14 \text{ or } 8 \text{ strips}$

$(20+4) \times 30$

$84 = 8.5 \text{ or } 9 \text{ strips}$