

“Bricks” quilt

Finished size approximately 41x 50”

Materials:

1 yard focus fabric (for borders and quilt center, and for binding if desired)

¼ yd each of 7 assorted fabrics (6 inch wide strips x WOF for quilt center, with extra 3” strips for cutting binding if desired)

1 ½ yds. backing fabric (1 ¾ yds if using backing fabric as one of the 7 assorted fabrics)

Cut one 6 inch by WOF strip from each of the 8 fabrics

Trim off selvage edges

Measure and cut 21 ¼ inch width of each 6 inch strip (8 strips of 6” x 21 ¼”)

Make 1st set of strips:

Sew 8 assorted strips of fabric together along 21 ¼” edges (21 ¼” x 46”)

Sew top strip to bottom strip along long edge to form a continuous circle of fabric strips.

Press seams in one direction.

Make 2nd strip set: (You may want to arrange this set in a different order)

Sew remaining 6 inch strips together in same manner.

Start all strips even at one end. Strips may be different lengths d/t different WOF measurements.

The uneven ends will be trimmed later.

Press seams in one direction.

Center of quilt:

Fold 1st strip set and cut through all layers to make 3 ½ “ wide strips. You will get 6 strips from the first strip set. (the extra ¼” is for measuring and cutting variation)

Cut 2nd strip set into 3 ½” strips in same manner. You will get 5 strips from the 2nd strip set. There will be an uneven strip left at the far end. This can go in your scrap box.

Assembling quilt top:

Take one strip and cut off seam allowance between two blocks. Lay flat.

For 2nd strip, divide strip in the middle of one of the blocks.

Lay flat next to previous strip. Blocks will alternate like “Bricks”. Repeat with remaining strips.

Every other row will have a full block at the top and bottom, and the alternate rows will have half blocks at the top and bottom. You will have eleven strips total.

Stitch strips together along long seams. Press seams in one direction.

Cut five 4 ½” wide strips x WOF of focus fabric for borders. Piece as necessary and stitch to edges of quilt center.

Quilt top should measure approximately 40-41 inches wide. The 1 ½ yds of backing should fit just right.

Quilt as desired and add binding to finish. You can use assorted strips of fabric from your ¼ yd pieces for binding.

Larger size “Bricks” quilt

Finished size 55 x 62

Materials:

1 ¼ yards focus fabric (for borders and quilt center)

3/8 yd each of 10 assorted fabrics (2 strips of 6 inch wide x WOF) for quilt center

3 ¼ yds. backing fabric (3 5/8 yds if using backing fabric as one of the 10 assorted fabrics)

**If you want to use fat quarters, you will need 10 fat quarters in addition to your focus fabric. Cut 3 strips 6” by the width of your fat quarter from each.

Making strip sets:

Cut two 6 inch by WOF strips from each of the 11 fabrics

Trim off selvage edges. Cut strips in half (6” x approx 20-21” each)

*You will have 4 pieces of each fabric, but will only need 3 of each to make strip sets.

Make 3 strip sets

Sew 11 assorted strips of fabric together along long edges

Sew top strip to bottom strip along long edge to form a continuous circle of fabric strips.

Press seams in one direction.

Center of quilt:

Fold each strip set and cut through all layers to make 3 ½ “ wide strips. You will get 5 strips from each strip set.

Assembling quilt top:

Take one strip and cut off seam allowance between two blocks. Lay flat.

For 2nd strip, divide strip in the middle of one of the blocks.

Lay flat next to previous strip. Blocks will alternate like “Bricks”. Repeat with remaining strips.

Every other row will have a full block at the top and bottom, and the alternate rows will have half blocks at the top and bottom. You will have fifteen strips total.

Stitch strips together along long seams. Press seams in one direction.

**If desired, cut five 2” wide strips of contrast fabric for narrow border. Piece as needed and sew to outside edges of quilt center.

Cut five 4 ½” wide strips x WOF of focus fabric for borders. Piece as necessary and stitch to edges of quilt.

Cut 2 pieces of backing fabric the width of the quilt plus 3-4 inches. Sew together along one long selvage edge, or piece as desired for back of quilt.

Quilt as desired and finish with binding. You can use assorted strips of fabric from your leftovers for binding if desired.

