

BUILDING BLOCKS By Missouri Star

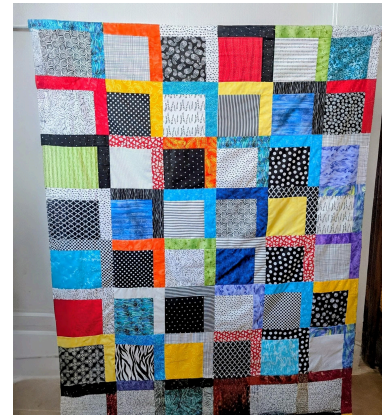
54" x 63"

THIS HAS BEEN DONE ALREADY:

Layer four 10" squares together.

Cut a 2.5" strip off one edge.

Turn the fabric 90 degrees and cut a 2.5" strip off. The square is now 7.5" x 7.5" and there are two 2.5" wide strips – one is 7.5" long and the other is 10" long. Cut 0.5" off the 10" strip so it is 9.5" long.



Supplies:

- 42 7.5" squares
- 42 2.5" x 7.5" strips
- 42 2.5" x 9.5" strips

Sew the entire quilt top with a 1/4" seam.

1. Choose one square and a pair of matching strips, one 7.5" and one 9.5" long, in a color that contrasts with the square.
2. Sew the 7.5" strip to the right edge of the square. Sew the 9.5" strip to the top edge of the square. Repeat for all 42 squares.
3. Press all the blocks, pressing the seams away from the square.
4. Separate the blocks into three piles, one with dark colored squares, one with medium colored squares and one with light colored squares.
5. Lay out the blocks 6 across by 7 down, using two darks, two mediums and two lights in each row, making sure the blocks are arranged so the strips are on the top and the right side of each block.
6. Sew the blocks into rows. Press the seams of rows 1, 3, 5, and 7 in one direction and rows 2, 4 and 6 in the other direction so they will nest nicely when you sew the rows together.
7. Sew the rows together, backstitching at the beginning and end of the seam.
8. Iron the top from the back making sure the seams are going in the right direction.
9. Iron the top from the front.
10. Using the strips provided, make the binding for the quilt. Miter the ends of the strips together. Put the binding in the sandwich bag and pin it to the quilt top when you turn it in.
10. Pat yourself on the back for making a beautiful quilt top with matching binding!