

Fun and Done! Quick Quilts for Charity

These quilts are designed to use fat quarters and wide strips to make quilts in multiple sizes. For the purpose of these quilt directions, we will be using the following approximate sizes.

Baby - 36" x 42" or 42" x 48" (no more than 42" wide or long)

- Sized so that it can be finished pillowcase style*, then tied with ribbon or floss Lap-
no larger than 52" x 52"
- Sized to fit half of a 108" wide backing. Twin -
4" - 60" wide, no more than 78" long
- Sized to fit a backing of (2) 42" wide fabrics sewn horizontally, with extra for quilting.
Queen - 90" to 95" long, no more than 78" wide
- Sized to fit a backing of (2) 42" wide fabrics sewn vertically, with extra for quilting King
- 100" x 100" no more than 102" wide so it will fit 108" wide backing.



These directions assume a 1/4" seam. Border lengths are by the width of the fabric. These directions assume you will press your seams to the darker side unless otherwise instructed. If you are more comfortable pressing them open, then do that! It's YOUR quilt. It's always a good idea to wash and press your fabric before using it. It's not always practical, though. If you expect your quilt to have heavy use, it's okay to wash and dry it after it is completed. Don't forget to add a label giving your name, city and state. If you don't have time for a label, handwrite information on the back using a fine permanent pen. This may be a quick quilt to you, but it may become a cherished heirloom to the recipient.



*To finish using the pillowcase method: place the quilt top right side up, place the backing on top of the quilt top with right sides together (the wrong side of the backing facing up); place the batting on top of the backing. Sew around all four sides, leaving an opening for turning. Turn the whole thing inside out, trapping the batting inside the quilt. Hand sew or machine sew the opening closed. Tie or machine quilt to secure all layers.

Super Simple Squares

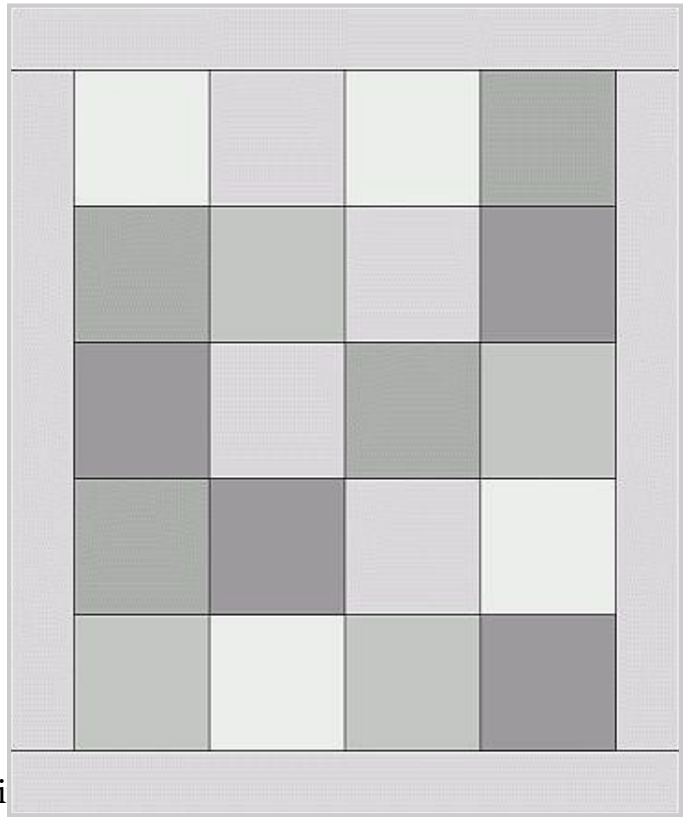
This quilt can be made from just five fat quarters, plus 3/4 yard for the border. It finishes approximately 42" x 50".

Cutting

9"	9"
9"	9"
3 1/2" x 18"	

Cut (5) different fat quarters into (20) 9" x 9" blocks. (See FQ cutting diagram to the left.) You will have a strip approximately 3-1/2" x 18" left over. Save that for a Rail Fence or the Broken Bricks quilt.

Cut 5 strips 4-1/2" wide from the border fabric. Set these aside for use i



Sewing

Randomly choosing your blocks, sew the 9" x 9" blocks in (5) rows of 4 blocks each. Press the seams of the odd numbered rows to the right and the even numbered rows to the left. That will help your seams lock together when you sew the rows into the top. Give your top a final pressing. Sew the rows into a top as shown in the picture.

Sew your border strips end to end, mitering the join if you prefer. From that strip, cut two border strips 43" long. Matching the center of the border strip with the center of the quilt top, sew these borders to both sides of your quilt top. Use pins and ease to fit if necessary. Forcing a quilt top to match two identically cut borders will force the quilt to lay flat.

Cut two more border strips 50-1/2" long and sew them to the top and bottom of the quilt top. You are done!

Increasing the Size

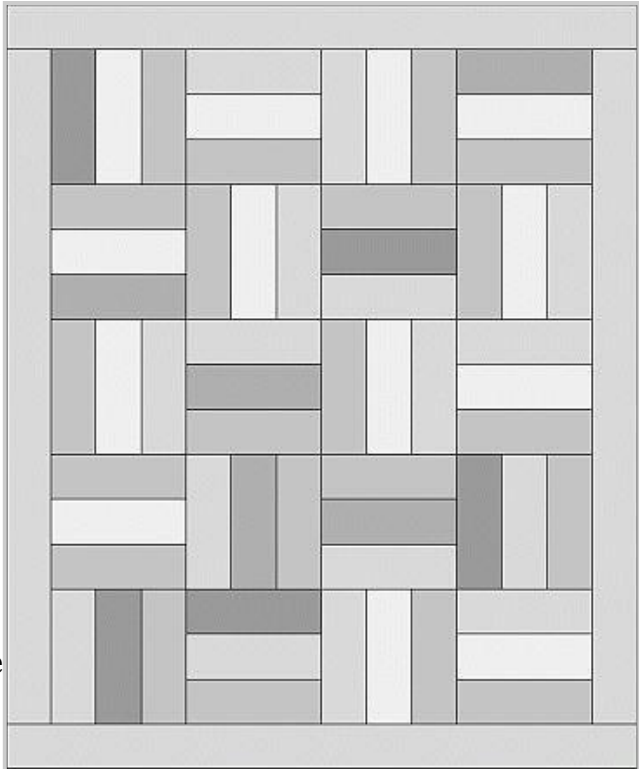
Lap 52" x 52"	6 .25 FQ's, cut into (25) 9" x 9" squares	3/4 yd border, cut into (5) strips 4-1/2" wide
Twin 59" x 76"	12 FQ's, cut into (48) 9" x 9" squares	1 yd border, cut into (7) strips 4-1/2" wide
Queen 76" x 93"	20 FQ's, cut into (80) 9" x 9" squares	1-1/4 yd border, cut into (9) strips 4-1/2" wide

Rail Fence Quilt

This quilt uses strips that are 3-1/2" wide x 18" long. Use your leftovers from the Super Square quilt or cut these strips from 5 fat quarters. You will also need 2/3 yd fabric for the border.

Cutting

Cut (5) different fat quarters into (30) strips 3-1/2" x 18" as shown in the diagram to the left. The darker color at the bottom of the cutting diagram is not used in this pattern. Cut the border fabric into 5 strips 3-1/2" wide. Set these aside for use in the border.



Sewing

Randomly choosing your strips, sew the 3-1/2" x 18" strips in rows of three. Press to the center strip. Make 10 sets. Cut each set into (2) 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" stripped blocks. Alternating the direction of the strips as shown in the picture, sew the stripped blocks in (5) rows of (4) blocks each. Press the seams of the odd numbered rows to the right and the even numbered rows to the left. That will help your seams lock together when you sew the rows into the top. Give your top a final pressing.

Sew your border strips end to end, mitering the join if you prefer. From that strip, cut two border strips 45-1/2" long. Matching the center of the border strip with the center of the quilt top, sew these borders to both sides of your quilt top. Use pins and ease to fit if necessary. Forcing a quilt top to match two identically cut borders will force the quilt to lay flat.

Cut two more border strips 51" long and sew them to the top and bottom of the quilt top. You are done!

Increasing the Size

Lap 51" x 51"	6 .25 FQ's, made into (25) 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" squares	2/3 yd border, cut into (5) strips 3-1/2" wide
Twin 60" x 78"	12 FQ's, made into (48) 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" squares	3/4 yd border, cut into (7) strips 3-1/2" wide
Queen 78" x 96"	20 FQ's, made into (80) 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" squares	1 yd border, cut into (9) strips 3-1/2" wide

Aurora Borealis

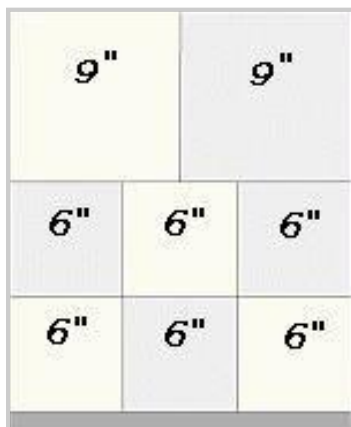
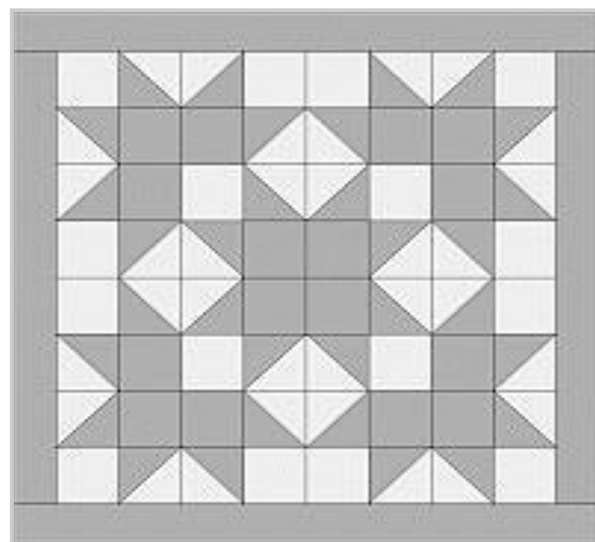
This is the ideal two-color quilt! The large blocks let you make it up quick and easily. This quilt finishes approximately 52" x 52".

Cutting:

For this pattern, you will need 4 FQ's of a light fabric and 4 FQ's of a dark.

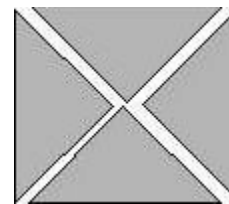
Cut your fat quarters as shown in the diagram to the left. You should be able to cut (2) 9" x 9" squares and (6) 6" x 6" squares from each fat quarter. The darker color at the bottom of the cutting diagram is not used in this pattern.

You will also need 3/4-yard border fabric, cut in (6) strips 4-1/2" wide. Set these aside for use in the border.



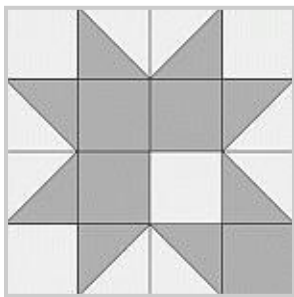
Sewing:

To make the half square triangle blocks (HST's) in this quilt, you will be starting with the 9" x 9" squares. Place a dark and a light square right sides together and sew all the way around the outside, like a pillow with no opening for turning. Cut this pillow on both diagonals. You should now have (4) HST blocks. Press to the dark and square these up to 6" x 6" if necessary. You will need 32 HST's for this design.



Use these HST's, and the 6" x 6" squares, to make (4) blocks like this one. Press the seams of the even rows to the right and the odd rows to the left. This will help your seams nestle at the intersections. This block will measure 22-1/2" square (unfinished.)

This is a four-block quilt. Place your blocks as shown in the diagram or turn them for your own design. Sew and give your top a final pressing.



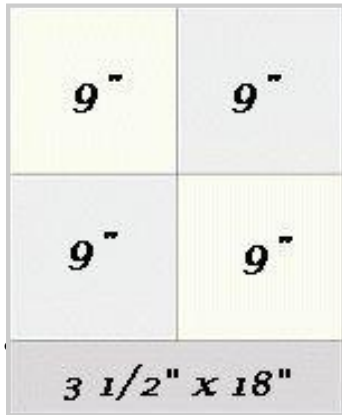
Sew your border strips end to end, mitering the join if you prefer. From that strip, cut two border strips 44-1/2" long. Matching the center of the border strip with the center of the quilt top, sew these borders to both sides of your quilt top. Use pins and ease to fit if necessary. Forcing a quilt top to match two identically cut borders will force the quilt to lay flat.

Cut two more border strips 52" long and sew them to the top and bottom of the quilt top. You are done! Your quilt is now ready to be pillow cased or quilted.

Woven Star

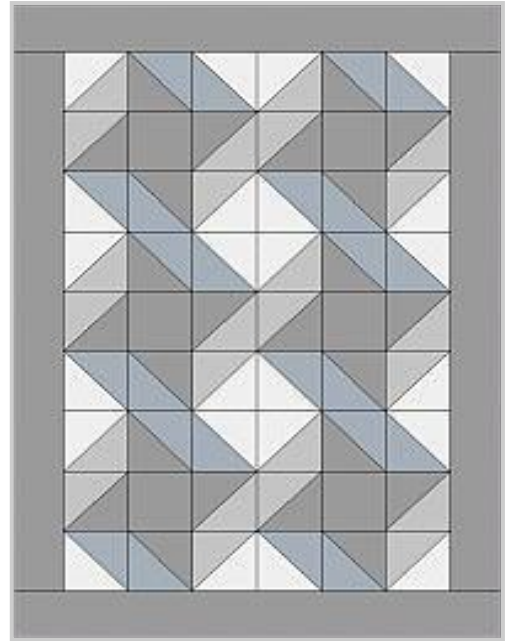
This quilt looks best as a 3 or 4 color quilt - which doesn't necessarily mean 3 or 4 fabrics! Feel free to use scraps to make this quilt by keeping the same color family in the same place in each block. This quilt finishes approximately 42" x 59".

Cutting:



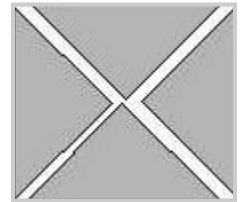
Cut your fat quarters as shown in the diagram to the left. Save the 3-1/2" x 18" strip for use in the Broken Bricks quilt - or piece it and use it in the border. You will need:

- 2 FQ's light
 - 2 FQ's Light Medium (Color One)
 - 2 FQ's Dark Medium (Color Two)
 - 3 FQ's Dark (the star) (don't cut one of the FQ's*)
- 4-yard border fabric. Cut these into (5) strips 5" wide and set them aside for use in

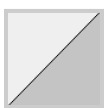


Sewing:

To make the half square triangles blocks (HST's) in this quilt, you will be starting with 9" x 9" squares. Place a dark and a light square right sides together and sew all the way around the outside, like a pillow with no opening for turning. Cut this pillow on both



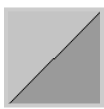
diagonals. You should now have (4) HST's. Press to the dark and square these up to 6" x 6" if necessary. For this design you will need to make these pillows:



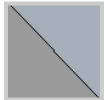
(3) Light and (3) Color One pillows will make (12) L/1 HST units. Label these with a sticker, or write in the seam allowance.



(3) Light and (3) Color Two pillows will make (12) L/2 HST units. Label these with a sticker, or write in the seam allowance.



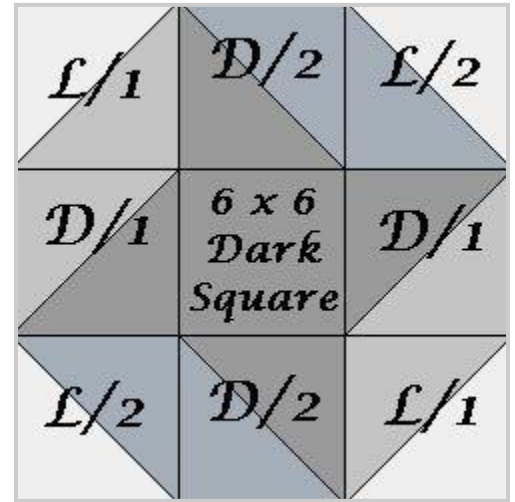
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(3) Dark and (3) Color Two pillows will make (12) D/2 HST units. Label these with a sticker, or write in the seam allowance.

*Cut the third Dark FQ into (6) 6" x 6" squares.

To make the blocks, place your units as shown in the diagram. Sew these units in rows of three. Press the seams of the odd rows to the right and the even rows to the left. This will help your seams lock together at the intersection. Press and square up to 17" x 17" if necessary.



Matching the layout of the quilt on the first page, sew your blocks into three rows of two blocks each. Give your top a final pressing.

Sew your border strips end to end, mitering the join if you prefer. From that strip, cut two border strips 50" long. Matching the center of the border strip with the center of the quilt top, sew these borders to both sides of your quilt top. Use pins and ease to fit if necessary. Forcing a quilt top to match two identically cut borders will force the quilt to lay flat.

Cut two more border strips 42-1/2" long and sew them to the top and bottom of the quilt top. You are done! Your quilt is now ready to be pillow cased. (Larger sizes should be quilted.)

Increasing the Size

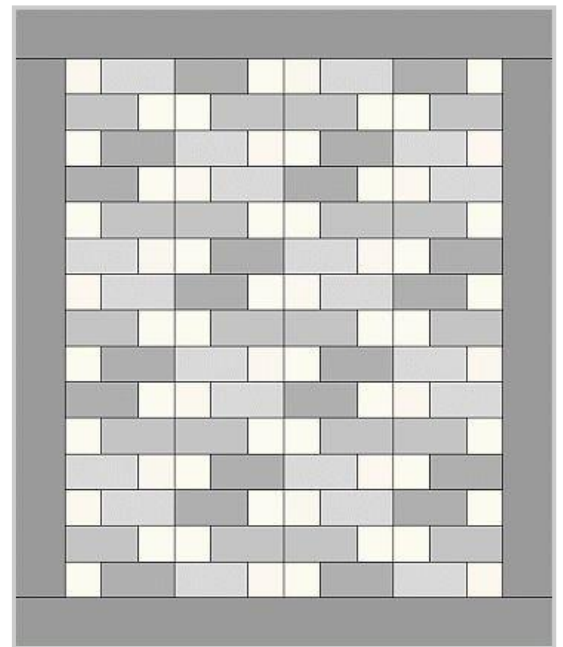
<p>Twin 60" x 76"</p>	<p>(12) blocks 4 Light FQ's 4 Light Medium (Color One) 4 Dark Medium (Color Two) 6 Dark FQ's (two will be cut into 6" x 6" squares)</p>	<p>1-yard border, cut into (7) strips 5" wide</p>
<p>Queen 78" x 95"</p>	<p>(20) blocks 6 Light FQ's 6 Light Medium (Color One) 6 Dark Medium (Color Two) 7 Dark FQ's (three will be cut into 6" x 6" squares)</p>	<p>1-2/3 yard border, cut into (9) strips 6-1/2" wide</p>

Broken Bricks

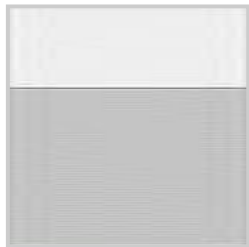
This quilt finishes approximately 42" x 51".

This quilt uses strips that are 3-1/2" wide x 18" long and strips that are 6-1/2" x 18". Use your leftovers from the other quilts or cut these strips from 6 fat quarters. Two of these fat quarters should have a light value and four should have a medium or dark value.

You will also need 2/3 yd fabric for the border. Cut this into (5) strips 3-1/2" wide for the border. Set these aside for use in the border.



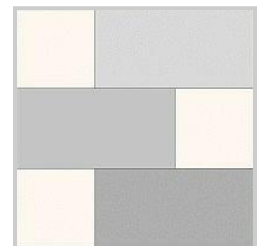
Cut each of your light fat quarters into (6) strips 3-1/2" wide by 18" long. (Cutting diagram to the right. The darker color on the bottom is not used in this pattern.) Cut each of your dark and medium fat quarters into (3) strips 6-1/2" wide by 18" long. (Cutting diagram to the left.)



Randomly choosing your strips, sew a light 3-1/2" x 18" strip to a dark or medium 6-1/2" x 18" strip. Make 12 two-part units. These will measure 9-1/2" x 18". Press to the darker strip.



Cut these two-part units every 3-1/2" for a total of 60 two-part strips, as shown to the left. Sew these strips in groups of three, alternating the direction of the smaller square, as shown to the right. Your block will measure 9-1/2" x 9-1/2". Make 20 blocks like these.

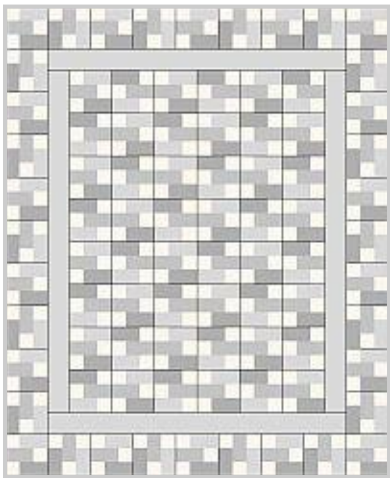


Alternating the direction of the strips as shown in the picture, sew the blocks in (5) rows of (4) blocks each. Press the seams of the odd numbered rows to the right and the even numbered rows to the left. That will help your seams lock together when you sew the rows into the top. Give your top a final pressing before adding the borders.

Sew your border strips end to end, mitering the join if you prefer. From that strip, cut two border strips 45 -1/2" long. Matching the center of the border strip with the center of the quilt top, sew these borders to both sides of your quilt top. Use pins and ease to fit if necessary. Forcing a quilt top to match two identically cut borders will force the quilt to lay flat.

Cut two more border strips 51" long and sew them to the top and bottom of the quilt top. You are done! Your quilt is now ready to be pillow cased. (Larger sizes should be quilted.)

Increasing the Size

<p>Lap 53" x 53" (5 rows of 5 blocks across)</p>	<p>3 light FQ's 6 dark or medium FQ Will have FQ fabric left over</p>	<p>3/4 yd border, cut into (6) strips 4" wide.</p>
<p>Twin 60" x 78" (8 rows of 6 blocks across)</p>	<p>5 light FQ's 10 dark or medium FQ Will have FQ fabric left over</p>	<p>1 yd border, cut into (7) strips 3 -1/2" wide</p>
<p>King 81" x 99"</p> 	<p>The king version is actually the twin version, with the blocks turned in another direction. The outer border has become the inner border. It has also been made slightly wider. You will need 9 full blocks for the top and bottom borders, and 9 full blocks for each side.</p> <p>12 light FQ's 36 dark FQ's</p>	<p>1 yd inner border, cut into (7) strips 5" wide</p>

Please Note:

These blocks can be turned any number of ways to create different designs. If you have a design wall, a large table or a clean floor, play with those designs. You might find one you like better:-))