

QUILT PROJECT

Materials needed:

Preferably 100% cotton fabrics

Finished size approximately 36x36, (can be bigger but adjust yardage)

- Yard plain light color (for signature/or embellishment blocks)
- Yard print in darker colors for alternating squares (scrap squares can be used.)
- Yard either plain or print for borders, ½ yd. if you plan to bind quilt

1 ½ yds. for backing, plain or print

1 ½ yds. batting

Basic sewing tools including needles and thread for sewing, perle cotton for tying or it can be machine quilted in the ditch, masking tape, chenille or large eye tapestry needles, 1 or 1 4 safety pins (if you plan to machine quilt this). A sewing machine is very helpful.

Cut 18, 6" squares from light fabric (cut borders later)

Cut 18, 6" squares from print fabrics

Sew squares together, alternating a plain square with a print square. 6 squares across, 6 squares down. Press lightly, measure, using that measurement, plus a few inches for good measure, cut border strips 3 inches wide, sew to top and bottom, then to sides of assembled squares.

Press lightly again. Measure. Lay backing right side facing table, wrong side looking at you, tape down carefully, lay batting over this fabric, smooth down, and then lay assembled top on to this, creating a sandwich.

If you plan to machine quilt this, pin in the center of each square, stitch in-the-ditch (on the seam lines) across and down. When tying or machine quilting is done, trim batting only to size of quilt top; if necessary, trim back evenly all the way around quilt, bring back over front, pin down neatly, machine or hand stitch in place.

Or bind the quilt. Trim all 3 layers of quilt evenly. Measure total inches needed for 4 sides of quilt plus a few inches that can be lopped off later, cut strips of fabric cross grain 2" wide, press in half, sew to front of quilt, raw edges together, turn to back, hand stitch in place.

For tying, thread large eye needles with perle cotton, tie, using double square knot, at the intersection of each block.