

Step 1

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Make a pieced, crib-size quilt, 48" x 60" including borders.

All quick cut; uses 15 different fabrics.

Total yardage required: 3-3/4 yards plus borders, backing and binding.

Eight steps.

This project is geared toward quilters who are comfortable with basic rotary cutting and machine piecing techniques.

Fabric

The fabric requirements are generous, to allow for uneven cuts, shrinkage and mistakes—and because most quilters would rather have a bit too much fabric than not enough!

Use 42"-wide fabric (at least 40 usable inches after preshrinking).

You'll need:

1/4 yard each of 5 different LIGHT prints

1/4 yard each of 5 different MEDIUM prints

1/4 yard each of 5 different DARK prints

Note: The cutting instructions are written for "long" quarters (9" x about 44"), not "fat" quarters—but you can use fat quarters if you wish, adjusting the cutting instructions as noted.

This quilt is great in all color combinations--blue/beige/brown, red/black/tan, green/blue/purple, etc. The fabrics in each value group can be all the same color (for instance, 5 different beige prints for the LIGHT, 5 different brown prints for the MEDIUM and 5 different dark blue prints for the DARK)--OR, all the same value, but different colors--OR, a mix (for instance, 5 different ivory or beige prints for the LIGHT; an assortment of tan and gray prints for the MEDIUM; and a red, a navy blue, a dark green, a brown and a black for the DARK. Consider including a few plaids or stripes to add visual interest.

The scrappier your fabric assortment is, the more important it is to maintain distinct value contrast.

Border and binding fabric can be selected later.

The shaded boxes below are keyed to the drawings that will appear in the sewing steps. Cut a snip from each of your fabrics and tape or glue the snip near the appropriate shaded box. You'll find this reference guide helpful as you proceed through the step-by-step instructions for the quilt.



Light




Medium



Dark

Cutting

Read through all of the instructions before you begin. All cutting dimensions include 1/4" seams.

Cutting half-square triangles from squares: 

From EACH of the 5 LIGHT prints:

- Cut 2 strips, 2" x about 42".
Cut the strips in half to make 4 strips that measure 2" x about 21".
When you have cut all 5 fabrics, you will have a total of 20 light strips, 2" x about 21".
(If you use fat quarters, just cut 4 strips, 2" x about 21", from each fabric.)
- Cut 1 strip, 3-7/8" x about 42".
Cut the strip in half to make 2 strips that measure 3-7/8" x about 21".
When you have cut all 5 fabrics, you will have a total of 10 light strips, 3-7/8" x about 21".
(If you use fat quarters, just cut 2 strips, 3-7/8" x about 21", from each fabric.)

From EACH of the 5 MEDIUM prints:

- Cut 1 strip, 2" x about 42".
Cut the strip in half to make 2 strips that measure 2" x about 21".
When you have cut all 5 fabrics, you will have a total of 10 medium strips, 2" x about 21".
(If you use fat quarters, just cut 2 strips, 2" x about 21", from each fabric.)
- Cut 1 strip, 3-7/8" x about **21"**.
When you have cut all 5 fabrics, you will have a total of 5 medium strips, 3-7/8" x about 21".

From EACH of the 5 DARK prints:

- Cut 1 strip, 2" x about 42".
Cut the strip in half to make 2 strips that measure 2" x about 21".
When you have cut all 5 fabrics, you will have a total of 10 dark strips, 2" x about 21".
(If you use fat quarters, just cut 2 strips, 2" x about 21", from each fabric.)
- Cut 1 strip, 3-7/8" x about **21"**.
When you have cut all 5 fabrics, you will have a total of 5 dark strips, 3-7/8" x about 21".

TEST YOUR 1/4" SEAM ALLOWANCE BEFORE YOU START CONSTRUCTING YOUR QUILT!

1. From scraps, cut three strips, EXACTLY 2" wide and about 6" long. Join the strips as shown, and press seams to one side.



2. Measure the center strip. It should measure EXACTLY 1-1/2" wide. If it does not, adjust your needle position or seam guide and try again.