

Easy Community Service Quilt Ideas:

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When you're at the end of your piece of fabric, and there isn't enough for the size needed, cut into $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2", $2\frac{1}{2}$ ", 3", $3\frac{1}{2}$ ", or 4" strips. Divide the leftovers into $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2" strips and place all others into containers you can store and use easily. $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square are the most used sizes in these quilts. I use soda can boxes. They're easy to stack and set beside your sewing machine.



Idea 1: to use $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips:

Yields: a 32" square
preemie quilt. Needs no
border.



Sew (4) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips together. Cut into $4\frac{1}{2}$ " segments. Sew them together to form an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Use an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square of fun fabric that blends with the colors in your $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips. Use in a 4 x 4 pattern. Makes a 32" square preemie quilt. Needs no border.

Batting: lightweight batting is terrific. You can join odd size pieces together with a wide zig-zag stitch.

Backing: Use a whole piece, or piece together $10\frac{1}{2}$ " squares when working on a project. Sew 16 squares together in a 4x4 pattern. This makes backing a good size for any of the "preemie quilts".

Quilting can be easy. Just sew corner to corner.

But if your creative bug just has to be released, quilt away in any desired pattern. Most of all, have fun — test drive your old (or new) quilting designs.

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