

MAKING A SCRAPPY STRIP QUILT

This is a fast, fun quilt that you can make with little strips and pieces of fabric that, otherwise, you might be tempted to throw away. The blocks are made and sewn together without additional sashing making assembly even easier. Gather your scraps and start having fun!

You will need white fabric for the square base and any color scraps for the strips. The width of the strips can be any size from approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ " to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " "since using different widths add interest to the block. Strips can be sewn together to make them longer if necessary - it just adds to the "scrappy" look.

START with a cotton or muslin base square $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".

DRAW a 2" wide pencil line on the diagonal, one inch either side of the corner to corner diagonal.

1st SEWING LINE: With right sides together, place the edge of a strip of fabric (wrong side up) against drawn line of square. (Strip will cover the 2" center space.)

SEW strip to block using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

FOLD strip over seam and press, forming the first sewn strip. The ends will be trimmed later.

SECOND FABRIC STRIP: With right side of new strip on top of right side of first strip (raw edges together – wrong side of new strip facing up), sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Fold fabric down toward bottom of cotton square and press.

CONTINUE in this manner until all of the cotton square has been filled on one side.

COMPLETE other side of square in the same way.

SQUARE BLOCKS to 8".

SEW BLOCKS together to form quilt top, (see photo). Then border, quilt and bind as usual.

8" SQUARES FINISHED SIZES:

Crib quilt size – 5 blocks across, 6 blocks down, 2" borders = finished size 42" x 50".

Lap quilt size – 7 blocks across, 9 blocks down, 2" borders = finished size 58" x 74".

(Pattern courtesy of Barbara Maineri.)

