

The Shuffle Quilt
Quilt finishes at 64" x 64"



This quilt requires eight different fabrics. Batiks were used as they are easy to work with and the seams press nicely. Plus they don't have a right or wrong side. However, the instructions that follow will give directions in case you are using regular cotton fabric. You will sew eight different fabric strips together, cut the strip unit into two squares, then cut the square on both diagonals. By arranging the triangles, two different blocks will be created. You will have one extra block which you can make into a pillow.

Fabric requirements:

½ yard of eight fabrics

cut each fabric into five - 3" x 43" strips

5/8 yard border

cut seven - 3" x 42" strips

½ yard binding

cut seven - 2 ½" x 42"

4 yards backing

Stack eight fabrics in a pleasing manner taking into account that the top and bottom fabrics will be the small corner squares in Block 1 and will be the outer fabrics in Block 2. Look at the quilt on the first page. The bottom aqua fabric formed an outlined star. The block could be turned around and the orange fabric could be the outlined star.



After cutting the strips, stack a group of eight strips in the same order as above. The top fabric will be referred to as fabric 1.

With right sides together, place a fabric 2 strip on top of a fabric 1 strip. Sew lengthwise together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance (see pic 1 below). Press seam towards fabric 1.

Bring up bottom of 2nd strip and place face down on top of 3rd strip (pic 2). Sew. Press seam towards fabric 1.

Bring up bottom of 3rd strip, facing right side up, and place 4th strip on top, right side down (see pic 3). Sew. Press seam towards fabric 1. By bringing the bottom fabric up to the top, it will keep your strips from distorting.

Continue until all eight strips are sewn together. All seams are pressed towards fabric 1.



pic 1

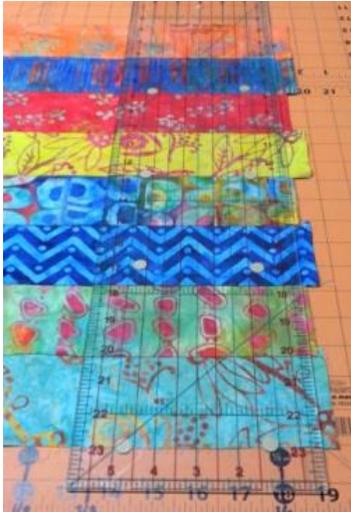


pic 2



pic 3

Create four more strip stacks and repeat the above steps. The height of the strip unit should be 20 ½". Place one strip unit on cutting board (see below). Trim one side even. From each strip set, cut two 20 ½" x 20 ½" squares. Repeat with remaining strip units for a total of 10 squares.



Trim



cut at 20 ½" twice



two - 20 ½" squares per unit

Tape a small acrylic ruler to a short end of a 6" x 24" ruler to extend it. Place a block on a cutting board with ruler on a diagonal (see below). Carefully cut diagonally from corner to corner. Repeat in the other direction creating four triangles.



Keeping the cut triangles in the shape of the square, move to a flat surface. Continue cutting the remaining strip units into blocks and cutting diagonally both ways. Stack on top of the first cut block making sure all the blocks look the same, not turned in different directions.

Block One

Set aside the top and bottom triangles (pic 1). From the remaining stack, take two triangles from the right and two triangles from the left and rearrange triangles to make a block as shown (pic 2). Notice the small colored squares formed in each corner.



pic 1



pic 2

With right sides together, flip right triangle over bottom triangle (pic 1). Pin. Seams will stack on top of each other (pic 2). Sew. Press seam towards right triangle (see arrow).



pic 1



pic 2



Flip top triangle over left triangle. Pin seam having seams stacked on top of each other. Sew. Press seam towards left triangle.



Sew triangle pairs together. Press seam to one side or open.



Repeat above steps with remaining triangles for Blocks One. Makes 5 finished blocks.

Block Two

Take top triangles and bottom triangles (pic 1) and rearrange to make a block as shown (pic 2). Sew triangles together in the same manner as Block 1 only this time the seams will snuggle together, not stack on each other.



pic 1



pic 2

Repeat with remaining top and bottom triangles. Makes 5 finished blocks.
Square blocks to 19 ½”.

There are a few different ways you can arrange the blocks depending on which block you put down first and by turning the blocks (see below). For this quilt, version 3 was chosen.



version 1



version 2



version 3



version 4

Arrange blocks. Sew together.

Border:

Miter border strips together. Measure quilt width. Cut two border strips the width of the quilt. Sew strips to top and bottom of quilt. Press seams towards border.

Measure length of quilt. Cut two strips the length of the quilt. Sew strips to sides of quilt.

Binding:

Miter binding strips together. Press in half lengthwise. Sew to raw edges of quilt mitering each corner.