

The 'Ugly' Quilt

Fabric Requirements

Lap Size

- 12 fabrics at least 14" square
- 5 x 2 ½" strips WOF for binding
- 1 ½ yards of fabric for back

Quilt finished 36" x 48"



Ugly Fabrics

This quilt is great for using up those fabrics in your stash that you'll never want to use. They might not be in your colour zone. They may not be your kind of pattern. Or you have simply matured as a quilter and realized that they no longer fit with the projects that you like to make.

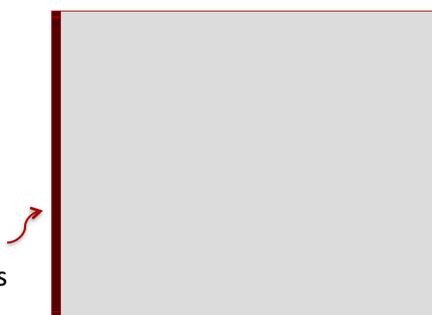
This is one quilt where you don't need to worry about matching patterns, colours or values. In my video about this quilt I did chose to alter light and dark fabric in my stacks but that was only a personal choice. The quilt in the above photo had no order at all.

Cutting

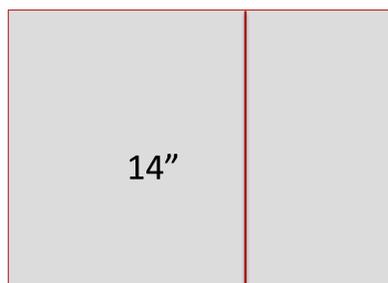
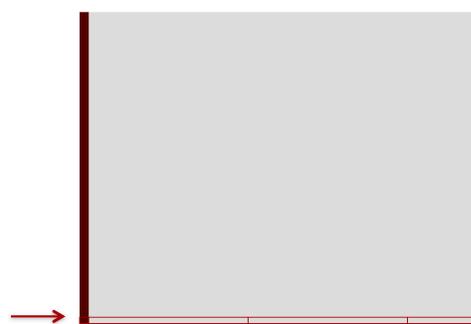
- Press all your fabrics
- Stack all your fabrics on top of each other aligning the sides along the selvage. You do not need fat quarters. Any pieces at least 14" square will do
- Square up the bottom and remove the selvages
- Cut the stack into a 14" square. Use a large, sharp rotary cutter.

Stack 12
Fabrics

Align selvages

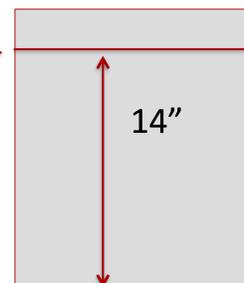


Square up along
the bottom



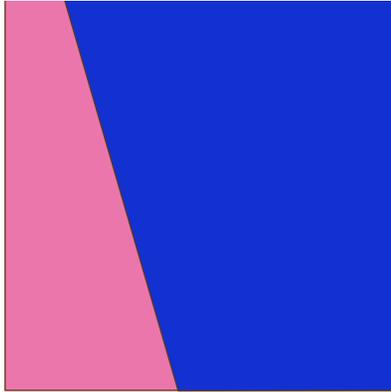
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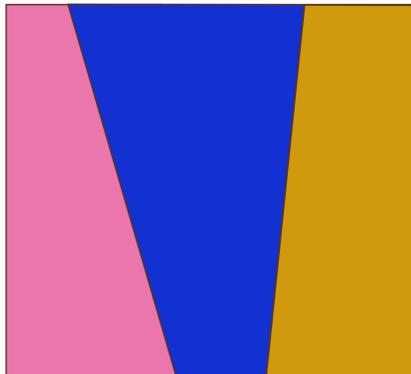


Making the Blocks

- On the left hand side of the block, cut the stack diagonally from bottom to top
- Take the fabric from the top of the right side and place it on the bottom
- Pair the sides together and sew. Be careful while sewing not to pull on the seam. This is a bias seam.
- Press and re-stack the blocks

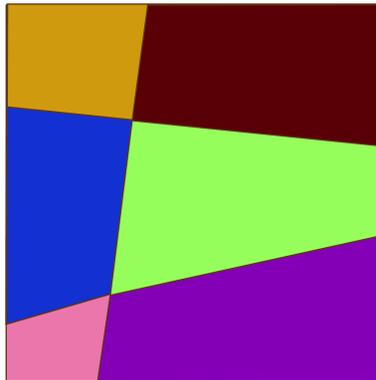


- Repeat on the right hand side of the block by cutting the stack diagonally from bottom to top
- Take the fabric from the top of the right side and place it on the bottom
- Pair the sides together and sew.
- Press and re-stack the blocks

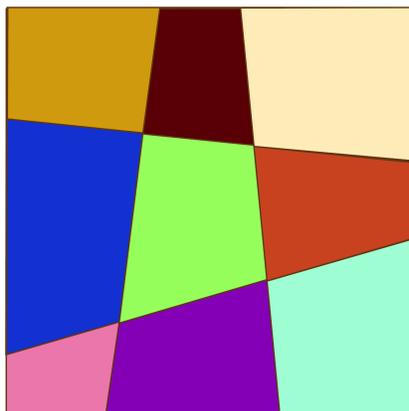


Making the Quilt Top.....Sewing the Strips Together

- Turn the stack 90 degrees (quarter turn)
- On the left hand side of the block, cut the stack diagonally from bottom to top
- Take the **top 3 fabrics** from the top of the right side and place it on the bottom
- Pair the sides together and sew.
- Press and re-stack the block



- On the right hand side of the block, cut the stack diagonally from bottom to top
- Take the **top 3 fabrics** from the top of the right side and place it on the bottom
- Pair the sides together and sew.

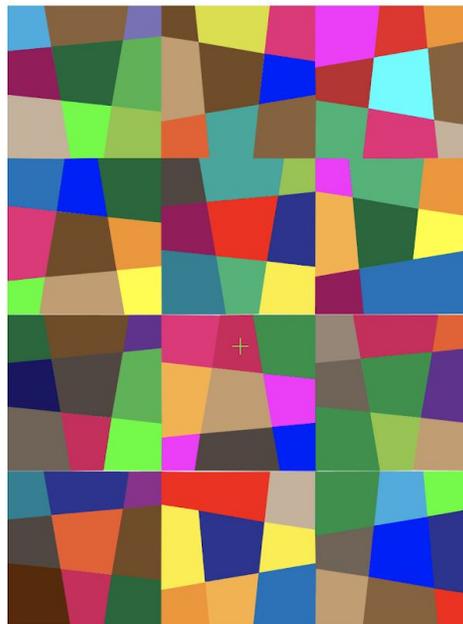


Making the Quilt Top

- Trim all blocks to 12.5" . You may also trim your blocks smaller if necessary as long as all blocks are the same size
 - Lay the blocks out in 4 rows by 3 columns.
 - Sort your blocks until you are pleased with the layout. **DON'T OVERTHINK THIS**
 - Sew Columns together
 - Sew rows together
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3 Columns

By 4 Rows

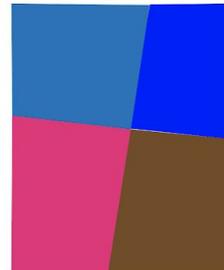
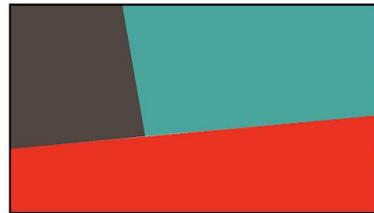
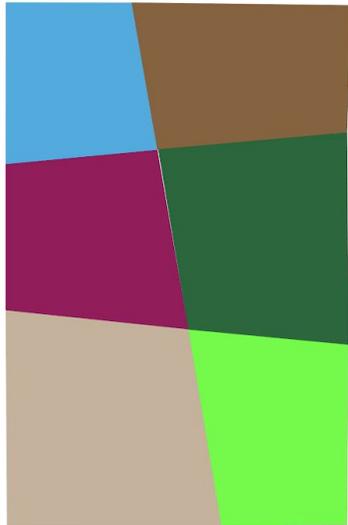


Finishing

- This quilts requires no fancy quilting. Basic swirls, stipling or wavy lines all work well
- Use your 'ugly' fabric to make your backing and binding too

Alternate Blocks

- This quilt block is so versatile. You can make blocks of virtually any size. Use layer cakes, old fat quarters or any large scraps too.
- Remember that your blocks will finish at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " smaller for every cut made. And allow another $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1" for trimming.



- Instead of cutting all your stack the same, you can divide your stacks into several smaller ones.
- You can make a larger quilt with 48" x 60" with same block by using 20 fabrics, 4 columns by 5 rows