



Quick N Slick

The Ultimate, Easiest Quilt



Stashbuster #00

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Introduction

If you've never sewn before, this is the perfect pattern for you! Each step is designed to be beginner friendly. It's made only of squares and rectangles that are cut into simple sizes. When I call a quilt a stashbuster, it means you can use your stash or your scraps.

Fabric

- Fabrics for this quilt can be used from yardage, fat quarters, charm packs or scraps.
- For a baby quilt (36"x36"), you need
 - a total of 64 x 5" inch squares, which is
 - 2 - 5"x 5" charm packs or
 - 6 - 18"x 21" fat quarters or
 - 4 - 12" x Width of Fabric (1/3 yard cut)
- For a cuddle quilt (45"x 63"), you need
 - a total of 140 x 5" inch squares, which is:
 - 4 - 5"x5" charm packs or
 - 12 - 18"x21" fat quarters or
 - 9 - 12" x Width of Fabric (1/3 yard cuts)
- For other sizes, watch part 3 of the Quick and Slick series

****Note: You can combine blocks from different sources. For example

3 charm packs = 126

1 fat quarter = 12

2 scraps = 2

Total of 140 squares for cuddle quilt

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Cutting the Blocks

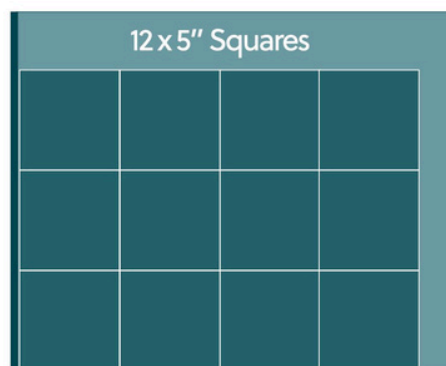
- If you are using charm packs, you can skip this step as they are already the correct size. Go to the assembly instructions.

Yardage and Fat Quarters

- Square up your fabric aligning the selvage(s) with a line on your mat.
- From a $\frac{1}{3}$ of a yard cut sixteen 5" squares.

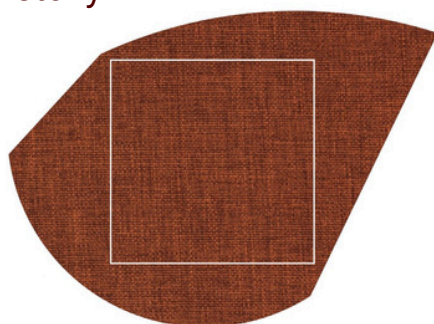


- From a fat quarter cut twelve 5" squares.



From Scraps

- For scraps it's important that you cut square to the weave of your fabric so the block is less stretchy.



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Layout

First, take masking tape and make an outline on your design wall the size of the quilt, 36" x 36" for baby and 45" x 63" for cuddle. If you do not have a wall, your bed or floor will do.

Scrappy Layout

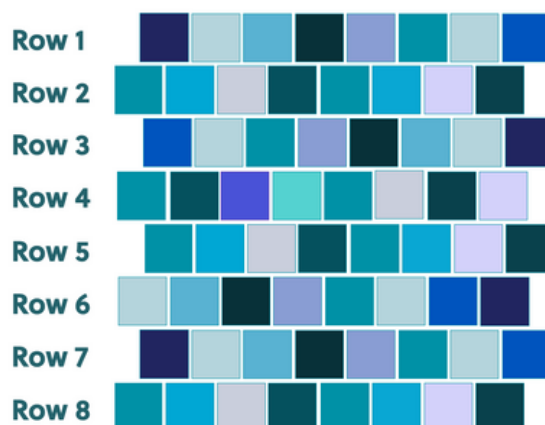
1. This layout is suitable when you have a large assortment of fabrics, prints and/or colour.
2. Starting at the top left corner, lay out a random selection of blocks across the top until you reach the right side of tape, overlapping the squares $\frac{1}{2}$ " (for seam allowance)
3. Then place the first block of the 2nd row half a block before the first block in the first row.



Stagger the 2nd row blocks half a block over

4. Continue to lay out rows of blocks in this pattern. All blocks in odd numbered rows follow row 1, and all blocks in even numbered rows follows row 2.

Baby Quilt layout



8 blocks by
8 rows
Total 64 blocks

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Layout cont.

5. Set your camera on its black and white setting. Take a photo. Do you have a good balance of lights and darks? Move blocks around as desired until you like the layout.

6. Take the first block of row 2 and cut it in half.

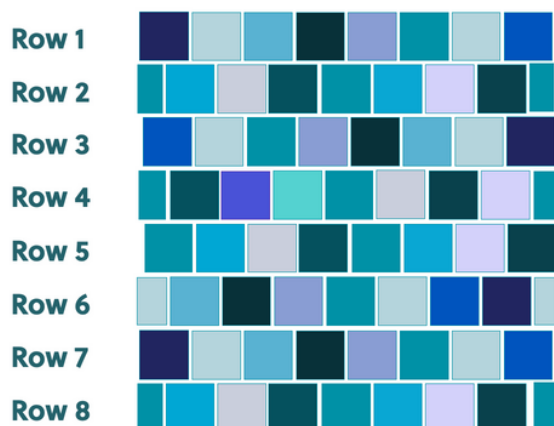


7. Place one half at the beginning and one at the end of the row.



8. Repeat with the remaining rows.

NOTE: you can switch up the half blocks between rows if desired. Alternatively, you may also use a totally different 2 1/2" x 5" piece from your stash.



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Layout

Group of 4 Layout

- This layout is suitable for charm squares packs, and yardage.
1. Divide your squares by value into four piles. Dark, Med Dark, Med Light and Light. Check your piles by taking a Black & White photo. Move squares between piles as needs be.
 2. Starting with a dark square at the top left corner, lay out in order of dark, med dark, medium light and light. And repeat until you reach the right side of tape, overlapping the squares $\frac{1}{2}$ " (for seam allowance).
 3. Then, place the med light square as the first block of the 2nd row half a block before the first block in the first row. Then the light block, dark and med dark. Continue in this pattern until the end of the row.

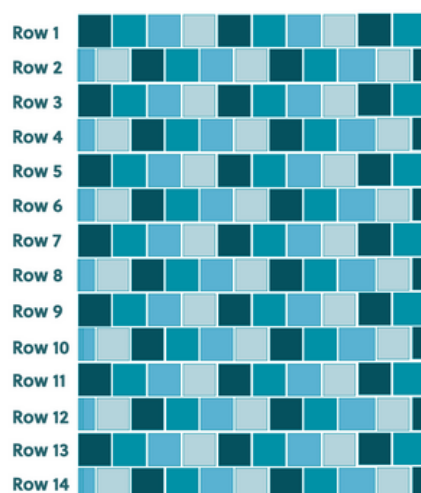


Stagger the 2nd row blocks half a block over

4. Continue to lay out blocks in this pattern. All blocks in odd numbered rows follow row 1, and all blocks in even numbered rows follows row 2

Follow steps 5-8 of the previous method

Cuddle Quilt layout



10 blocks by
14 rows
Total 140 blocks

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Layout

- Clean and oil your machine.
- Wind a bobbin using a 50 weight thread in cotton or polyester.
- If you can't remember the last time you changed a needle, do it now. The needle should be a quilting, universal or topstitch needle in 70, 75 or 80.
- Set the stitch length to 1.8mm-2.2mm.
- If you have a quilting foot, or 1/4" foot for your machine, use it.

TOP TIP for Sewing Straight

Make a ledge with 5 layers of painters or masking tape. Align this with the 1/4" mark on your sewing machine. Sew two practice pieces together aligning the edge along the tape. Measure your seam allowance. If it's not a 1/4", move your tape and try again until it is.

STEP 1

- Stack the blocks from row 1 in order and take them to your sewing machine.
- Place Blocks 1 and 2 right side together with block 2 on top.
- Sew along the right edge using a quarter-inch seam allowance.
- Continue with the next pair 3 & 4, put right sides together with #4 on top. Sew along the right edge.
- Repeat with the next pairs. You should have a chain of 4 (baby) or 5 (cuddle) pairs
- Lay them down in a row and open them up. Sew block 2 to 3 with the right sides together. Then block 6 to 7. Then sew block 4 to 5.
- For the cuddle quilt the order is basically the same, with an extra pair. In the last step you also sew 8 to 9.

STEP 2

- For row number 2 we have the two half blocks. Sew the row together the same way. Sew on the end half piece as the last step.
- Repeat with the rest of your rows.

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ASSEMBLY CONTINUED

STEP 3

- When your rows are done, press the seams towards one side. For this quilt it does not matter which direction. Try just press the seams, don't swish.
- Sew the rows together.
 - Take row 1 and row 2.
 - Fold block 2 in row 2 in half. Finger press with a sharp edge.
 - Align the crease with the seam in the block above it in row 1.
 - Pin in place. With right sides together and row 1 on top, align the edges of your blocks. It's your choice how many pins you want to use. I usually use three or four.
 - Note: that row 2 is shorter by a ¼" at both ends. Don't worry about trimming now. We will do that in a later step.
- Sew the long seam.
- Repeat with rows 3&4, 5&6 and so on until all rows are in a pair.
- On each pair of rows, press the long seams down towards the bottom of the quilt.

STEP 4

- Take pairs 1&2 and 3&4. Align the block with the crease with the seam in the row below it. With right sides together and rows 1&2 on top, sew along the long edge.
- Repeat with remaining pairs.
- Sew the row sets of 4 rows together using the same method.
- Press all seams towards the bottom of the quilt.
- To prevent fraying when finished, fold with the wrong sides together.

This is Part 1 of a three video and pattern series. In Part 2, we will be sandwiching, quilting, squaring up, labeling, and binding. Part 3 will include other versions of the quilt, plus fun ways to personalize it. This pattern will be updated when those videos go live.


**Watch the
video here**

