

FAST STRIP-PIECED QUILT

for Community Quilts, AQG

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With only 3 fabrics, this quick and easy pattern can be cut and pieced in less than 2 hours. It is ideal for children's fabrics, but can also be used with any fabric line that has a large main print with several coordinating smaller scaled prints. Pictorial or graphic patterns work well, as do florals. Use your imagination! Bright fabrics with high contrast work best with this pattern. And because it works up so quickly it is ideal for community quilting projects.

NOTES: Assumes yardage width of approx 44-45". All pieces use entire width of fabric so fat quarters will not work. Finished size will be somewhere around 42" x 55". This quilt is easy to resize: If you need it to be smaller, just subtract a few inches from the main prints. If you need a larger quilt just add a border (or two).

Fabric Requirements:

Uses one main fabric (A) and 2 coordinating fabrics (b & c)

Main large-scale print fabric (A): $\frac{3}{4}$ yd

Coordinating smaller-scale print fabrics (b & c): $\frac{1}{2}$ yd of each

Backing Fabric: $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 yds (or piece scraps to finished size of quilt plus 4" all around)

Cutting

From main large-scale print fabric (A) cut three $8\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips x width of fabric (wof)

From 1st small-scale print fabric (b) cut four $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips; and two $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch strips x (wof)

From 2nd small-scale print fabric (c) cut four $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips; and two $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch strips x (wof)

Piecing

Use picture for placement of units

Sew all seams right sides together, using $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowance

1. MAKE CENTER 3-STRIP UNITS (make 2): Place a $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch strip (b) in the middle and sew a $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip (c) to either side
2. SEW CENTER UNIT TOGETHER: Sew each 3-strip unit to a main fabric $8\frac{1}{2}$ " strip (A), one unit on either side.
3. MAKE TOP/BOTTOM 3-STRIP UNITS (make 2): Place a $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch strip (c) in the middle and sew a $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch fabric strip (b) to either side
4. SEW TOP & BOTTOM UNITS: Sew one 3-strip unit to TOP of one of the remaining $8\frac{1}{2}$ " strips (A); Sew the other 3-strip unit to BOTTOM of the last remaining $8\frac{1}{2}$ " strip (A)
5. SEW 3 UNITS TOGETHER: Complete the quilt top—placing center unit in the middle, sew top unit at top; bottom unit at the bottom.
6. Even up sides

Binding and Quilting

If you want to make it super fast, you can self-bind this quilt, or you can pillow-bind it. Quilt any way you would like. This is a great project to practice your machine quilting on. One quick way to finish is to just machine quilt some of the picture in the larger scale prints. Or just use some of those fancy machine stitches you've been dying to try. Have fun! ☺

←-----Width of Fabric-----→

2 1/2"	B	
4 1/4"	C	
2 1/2"	B	
8 1/2"	A	
2 1/2"	C	
4 1/4"	B	
2 1/2"	C	
8 1/2"	A	
2 1/2"	C	
4 1/4"	B	
2 1/2"	C	
8 1/2"	A	
2 1/2"	B	
4 1/4"	C	
2 1/2"	B	