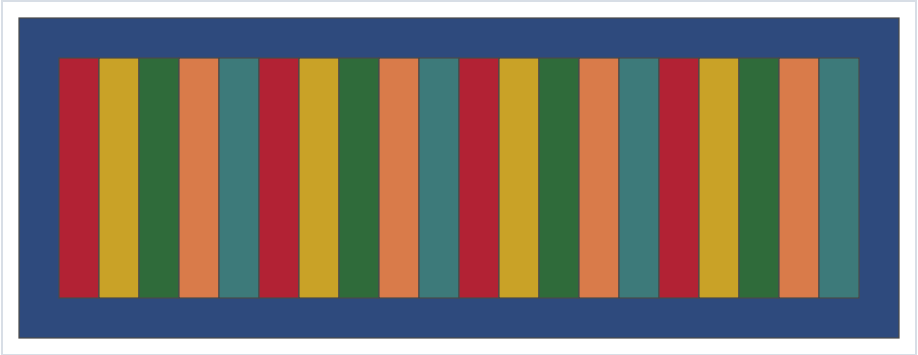
Scrappy strip table runner

Finished size: 16 x 44 in **Level:** Beginner, small project **Seams to sew:** 25



Twenty short bars in five prints inside a narrow border. It is a small first project for trying a border and binding before a full quilt.

What it teaches: Adding a border and binding on a project small enough to finish quickly.

Fabric requirements

Fabric	Used for	Amount
Print 1	bars	1/4 yd
Print 2	bars	1/4 yd
Print 3	bars	1/4 yd
Print 4	bars	1/4 yd
Print 5	bars	1/4 yd
Border and binding	border, binding	5/8 yd
Backing	two panels, 24 in long	1 3/8 yd
Batting	at least 24 x 52 in	one piece

> All cutting sizes include a 1/4 in seam allowance. Yardage assumes 40 in of usable fabric width and adds 2 in per fabric for straightening the first cut. Each amount is rounded up to the next 1/8 yd. Backing and batting are 4 in larger than the top on every side.

Cutting

Prints 1 to 5 (from each)

- Cut 2 strips 2 1/2 in wide across the width. From them cut 4 bars, 2 1/2 x 12 1/2 in (3 per strip).

Border and binding

- Cut 3 strips 2 1/2 in wide across the width for the border.

- Cut 4 strips 2 1/2 in wide across the width for the binding.

Sewing the top

1. Lay out the 20 bars in a row, repeating prints 1 to 5 four times.
2. Sew the bars together along their long edges with 1/4 in seams. Press the seams in one direction.
3. The center should measure 12 1/2 x 40 1/2 in.
4. Join the 3 border strips end to end with straight seams and press the seams open. Cut two pieces 40 1/2 in long and sew them to the long sides. Cut two pieces 16 1/2 in long and sew them to the ends.
5. The runner top should measure 16 1/2 x 44 1/2 in.

Finishing

1. Cut the backing into two pieces 24 in long (each the full width of the fabric). Sew them together along the 24 in sides with a 1/4 in seam. That makes a backing at least 24 x 52 in. With 108 in wide backing, 3/4 yd is enough, in one piece.
2. Cut the batting at least 24 x 52 in. Lay the backing right side down, then the batting, then the top. Baste and quilt.
3. Trim the batting and backing even with the top. Join the 4 binding strips with diagonal seams, press the binding in half lengthwise and sew it on. You need about 132 in of binding.

> We worked out these sizes from the cutting list and have not sewn this quilt. Make one row or block first and measure it against the size given in the steps before you cut everything. More free beginner patterns: wtcquilt.com/quilting/easy-quilt-patterns-for-beginners.html