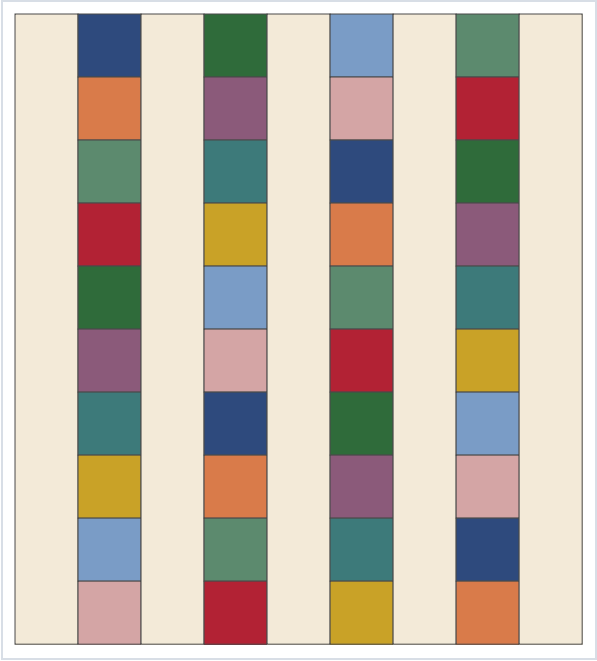
Strippy squares throw

Finished size: 54 x 60 in **Level:** Beginner **Seams to sew:** 44



Four columns of print squares between five plain columns. The plain columns are cut along the length of the fabric, so they have no joins.

What it teaches: Cutting along the length of fabric and sewing long seams without stretching them.

Fabric requirements

Fabric	Used for	Amount
Prints (scrappy)	squares	1 3/8 yd
Background and binding	columns, binding	2 1/4 yd
Backing	two panels, 62 in long	3 1/2 yd
Batting	at least 62 x 68 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 (scrappy)

- Cut 7 strips 6 1/2 in wide across the width. From them cut 40 squares, 6 1/2 x 6 1/2 in (6 per strip).

Background and binding

- Cut 5 columns 6 1/2 x 60 1/2 in along the length of the fabric, parallel to the selvage.
- Cut 7 strips 2 1/2 in wide across the width for the binding.

Sewing the top

1. Cut the background fabric in this order: first the 7 binding strips across the width, then the 5 columns from the piece that is left, cutting parallel to the selvage.
2. Sew the 40 squares into 4 columns of 10. Each column should measure 6 1/2 x 60 1/2 in.
3. Lay out the columns from left to right, alternating background and squares, with a background column at each side (5 background columns, 4 square columns).
4. Pin each square column to its background column at both ends and at every seam, then sew. Join all 9 columns.
5. The top should measure 54 1/2 x 60 1/2 in.

Finishing

1. Cut the backing into two pieces 62 in long (each the full width of the fabric). Sew them together along the 62 in sides with a 1/4 in seam. That makes a backing at least 62 x 68 in. With 108 in wide backing, 1 3/4 yd is enough, in one piece.
2. Cut the batting at least 62 x 68 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 7 binding strips with diagonal seams, press the binding in half lengthwise and sew it on. You need about 240 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