

Scrappy Braid

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Got scraps? Well here is the perfect solution to piles of beautiful leftover fabric—the more variety, the better for this project.

Project Specifications

Skill Level: Intermediate

Quilt Size: 62" x 77¾"

Materials

- 8 (4" x 11") scrap rectangles each in the following colors: white/red, dark red, light and dark green, light and dark blue, light and dark brown, light and dark orange, yellow, light and dark purple, light pink and raspberry
- 7/8 yard green tonal
- 2 yards black multicolored circle print
- Batting 70" x 86"
- Backing 70" x 86"
- Neutral-color all-purpose thread
- Quilting thread
- GO! Dies:
 - GO! Chisels (55039)
 - Optional: GO! Strip Cutter-1½" (1" Finished) (55024)
 - Optional: GO! Strip Cutter-2¼" (1¾" Finished) (55053)
 - Optional: GO! Strip Cutter-6½" (6" Finished) (55086)
- Basic quilting tools and supplies

Tip

If you would like the freedom to audition different fabrics, cut extra A and AR pieces from each color. It's so easy to cut the pieces with the AccuQuilt GO! Baby that you could cut enough for two quilts at one time.

Die-Cutting Instructions

1. Stack three or four layers of the 4" x 11" scrap rectangles right sides together to cut A and reverse A pieces (AR) at the same time. Die-cut a total of 16 each of each color to total 120 A pieces and 120 AR pieces using the Chisels die. Select one color and cut eight each extra A and AR pieces to fill in ends.

Additional Cutting Instructions

TIP: Use GO! Strip Cutter dies 1½", 2¼", 6½" to cut borders and binding.

1. Cut six 1½" by fabric width B/C strips green tonal.
2. Cut seven 2¼" by fabric width strips green tonal for binding.
3. Cut four 6½" x 72" D/E strips along the length of the black multicolored circles print.

Completing a Braid Row

1. Decide on the color order in which you want the rows to appear. In the sample quilt the order starts at the bottom with the white/red and moves to dark red, light green, dark green, light blue, dark blue, light brown, dark brown, light orange, dark orange, yellow, light purple, dark purple, light pink and raspberry.

2. Select and arrange the A and AR pieces for one row referring to Figure 1.

3. Select the first A and AR pieces at the bottom of the row and place piece 1 right sides together with piece 2 as shown in Figure 2; starting at the top edge, sew to within ¾" of the end of the seam, again referring to Figure 2. Open and press the seam toward piece 1.



Figure 1

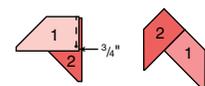


Figure 2



4. Add piece 3 to the pieced unit as shown in Figure 3; press seam toward piece A3.

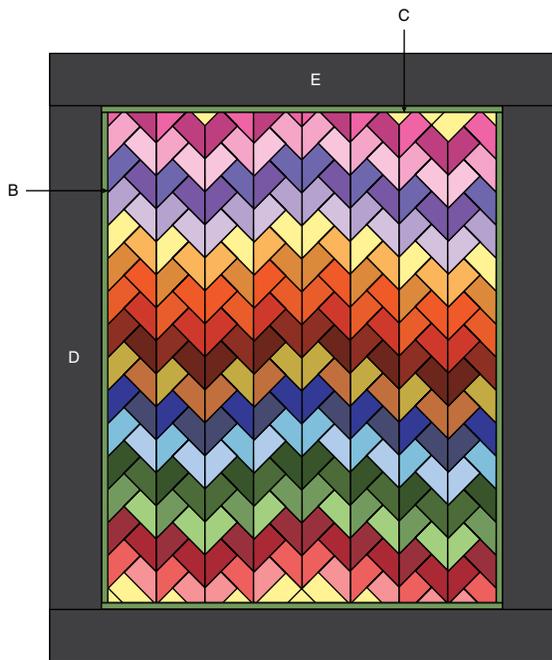


Figure 3

5. Continue adding pieces in the same manner until the row is complete as shown in Figure 4. **Note:** The sample has 15 pieces on the left edge of each row at this time; refer to the Placement Diagram.



Figure 4



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Placement Diagram 62" x 77³/₄"

6. Repeat Steps 1–5 to complete a total of eight braid rows. **Note:** The sample shown has three reversed rows, which makes the design zigzag in an interesting pattern across the quilt. If you want a symmetrical quilt, make four braid rows and four reversed braid rows referring to Figure 5.

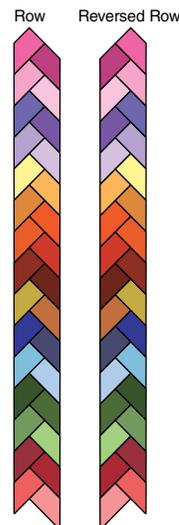


Figure 5

7. Arrange and join the rows, matching same-color fabric edges as shown in Figure 6; press seams in one direction. **Note:** If using an equal number of reversed strips, alternate strips to create a pattern.

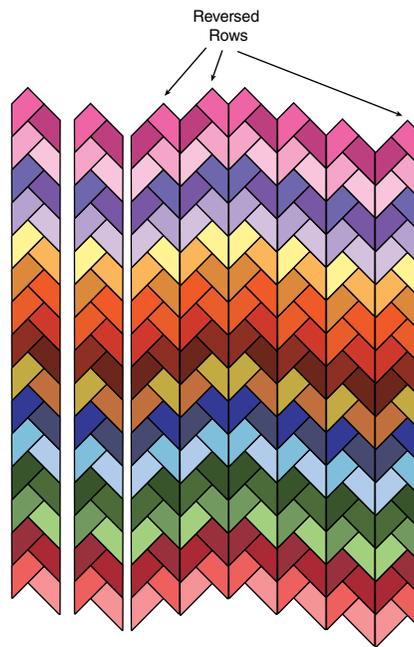


Figure 6

8. Decide where you want the top and bottom to be trimmed and select the fill-in A and AR pieces. Sew these pieces in place and complete the partial seams.

9. Select the lowest point on the top and bottom edges, and using a straight edge, trim even with this edge across the top as shown in Figure 7 to complete the pieced center.

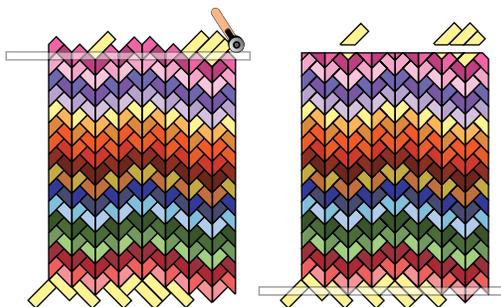


Figure 7

Completing the Quilt

1. Measure the quilt top through the center vertically and horizontally and record measurements. Repeat for outer side, top and bottom edges—the measurements should be the same as the center. If they are not, use the center measurements to cut border sizes. **Note:** *The measurements given here refer to the sample quilt as shown.*

2. Join the B/C strips on short ends to make one long strip; press seams open. Subcut strip into two 50½" C strips and two 64¼" B strips.

3. Sew B strips to opposite sides and C strips to the top and bottom of the pieced center; press seams toward B and C strips.

4. Subcut D/E strips into two 66¼" D strips and two 62½" E strips.

5. Sew D strips to opposite sides and E strips to the top and bottom of the pieced center; press seams toward B and C strips.

6. Layer, quilt and bind with 2¼" wide green tonal strips. ❖

