

The Attic Scrap Quilt



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We have made this quilt many times it is a good size to give as a gift. It suits modern décor when strong colours are used and looks great in soft ‘shabby chic’ colours as well. The finished quilt measures 68 inches x 55 inches.

There is little to say about the construction of this project. We found the layout with measurements the best guide for assembly.

All the measurements given are in inches and each strip piece will need the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance added to each side before cutting. We suggest photocopying the quilt map to colour fill with pencils etc. This is really helpful if a particular look is desired or if a scrap bag collection is to be utilised. The fabric requirements will vary depending upon the number of colours chosen and on how they are placed.

Our quilt has only a few stronger/dominant accents. In a dark palette these few accents could be the light contrasts or the brightest ‘zinger’ notes which work as key design elements.

The back of this quilt is also scrap pieced using larger blocks of fabric and the $\frac{1}{2}$ inch double fold binding was pieced with straight seams from the fabrics in the quilt top.

To prepare for tying the backing was constructed 4 inches longer and 4 inches wider than the quilt top. After pressing well it was tensioned and taped securely (wrong side up) to a flat surface. The batting was also cut larger and laid over the backing. This may need smoothing though it is important not to stretch. The pressed quilt top was centred in position and the 3 layers tacked with safety pins. Start from the centre, in each direction, pinning at 3 inch to 4 inch intervals.

Note: it is important to place a row of safety pins around the entire edge of the quilt top to keep it secure. Tie with your choice of cotton embroidery thread, crochet yarn etc.

