

President's "Use Your Stash" Challenge

Overview:

This is a quilt pattern that has a LOT of options. Any of the options below can be made with yardage OR make it scrappy. The point is: USE YOUR STASH!

You can make a one color quilt... choose three lights and three darks, and a background and you are set. (Make fabrics A, C, & E be lights and B, D, and F fabrics be darks)

You can make a two color quilt... choose three fabrics of color 1 and three fabrics of color 2 and a background . (Make fabrics A, C & E be color 1 and B, D & F color 2)

You can make a three color quilt... choose a light and a dark of color 1, 2 and 3 and your background. (Make fabric A & B color 1, C & D color 2, and E & F color 3, with fabrics A, C & E the lights and fabrics B, D, & F the darker color)

You can make a 6 color quilt... choose 6 fabrics you love and a background.

You can make it completely scrappy... go wild!

Finished size: 72" x 96"

Fabric Requirements for making your quilt with yardage:

2 $\frac{3}{8}$ yard Background fabric, most commonly a solid, reads solid or small scale print but you do you.

$\frac{3}{4}$ yard	Fabric A
1 yard	Fabric B
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yard	Fabric C
1 yard	Fabric D
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yard	Fabric E
1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Fabric F

$\frac{3}{4}$ yard of any of the fabrics or a coordinating one for the binding

5 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards for the backing

78" x 102" batting of your choice

USE THIS SECTION TO PUT A 1" SWATCH OF YOUR FABRICS SO YOU CAN KEEP TRACK.

A

B

C

D

E

F

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Yardage Cutting Instructions for the quilt top: (WOF=width of fabric)

Fabric A

- **cut 10 strips WOF 2 ½ inches wide**
- **sub-cut each strip into 5 pieces 2 ½" by 8" for a total of 48 pieces**

Fabric B

- **cut 12 strips WOF 2 ½ inches wide**
- **sub-cut each strip into 4 pieces 2 ½" by 9 ½" for a total of 48 pieces**

Fabric C

- **cut 12 strips WOF 2 ½ inches wide**
- **sub-cut each strip into 4 pieces 2 ½" by 9 ½" for a total of 48 pieces**

Fabric D

- **cut 16 strips WOF 2 ½ inches wide**
- **sub-cut each strip into 3 pieces 2 ½" by 11" for a total of 48 pieces**

Fabric E

- **cut 16 strips WOF 2 ½ inches wide**
- **sub-cut each strip into 3 pieces 2 ½" by 11" for a total of 48 pieces**

Fabric F

- **cut 16 strips WOF 2 ½ inches wide**
- **sub-cut each strip into 3 pieces 2 ½" by 12 ½" for a total of 48 pieces**

Background Fabric

- **Cut 10 strips WOF 8 inches wide**

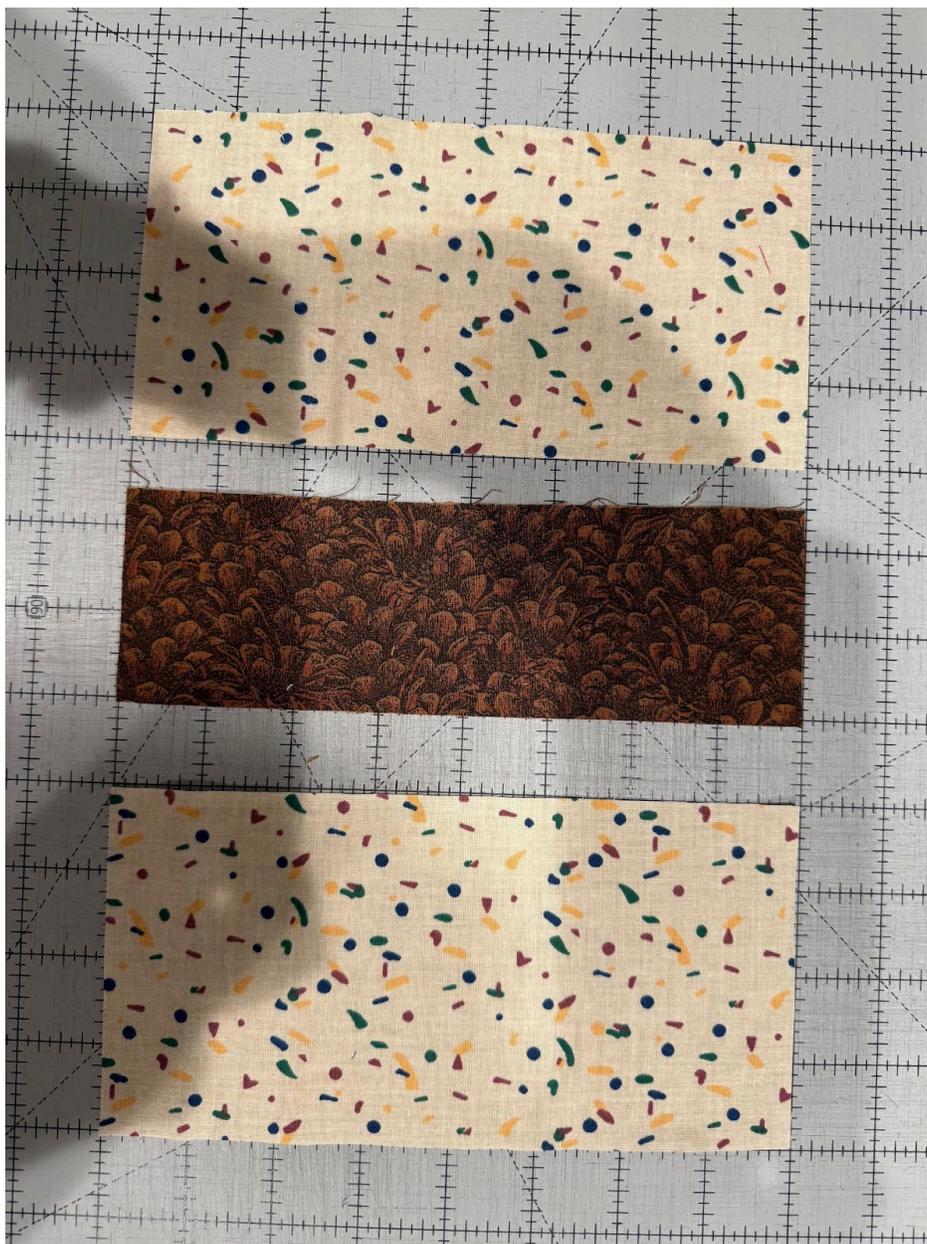
- sub-cut each 8” strip into 10 4” x 8” pieces for a total of 96 pieces (you will have a couple of extras)

If making scrappy, cut the appropriate number of each size of pieces from colors of your choice, plus 96 4” x 8” pieces of your chosen background fabrics.

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Note: Be careful to keep a consistent $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam and press between each step for accuracy’s sake. I choose to press seams open because the seams don’t nest.

STEP 1



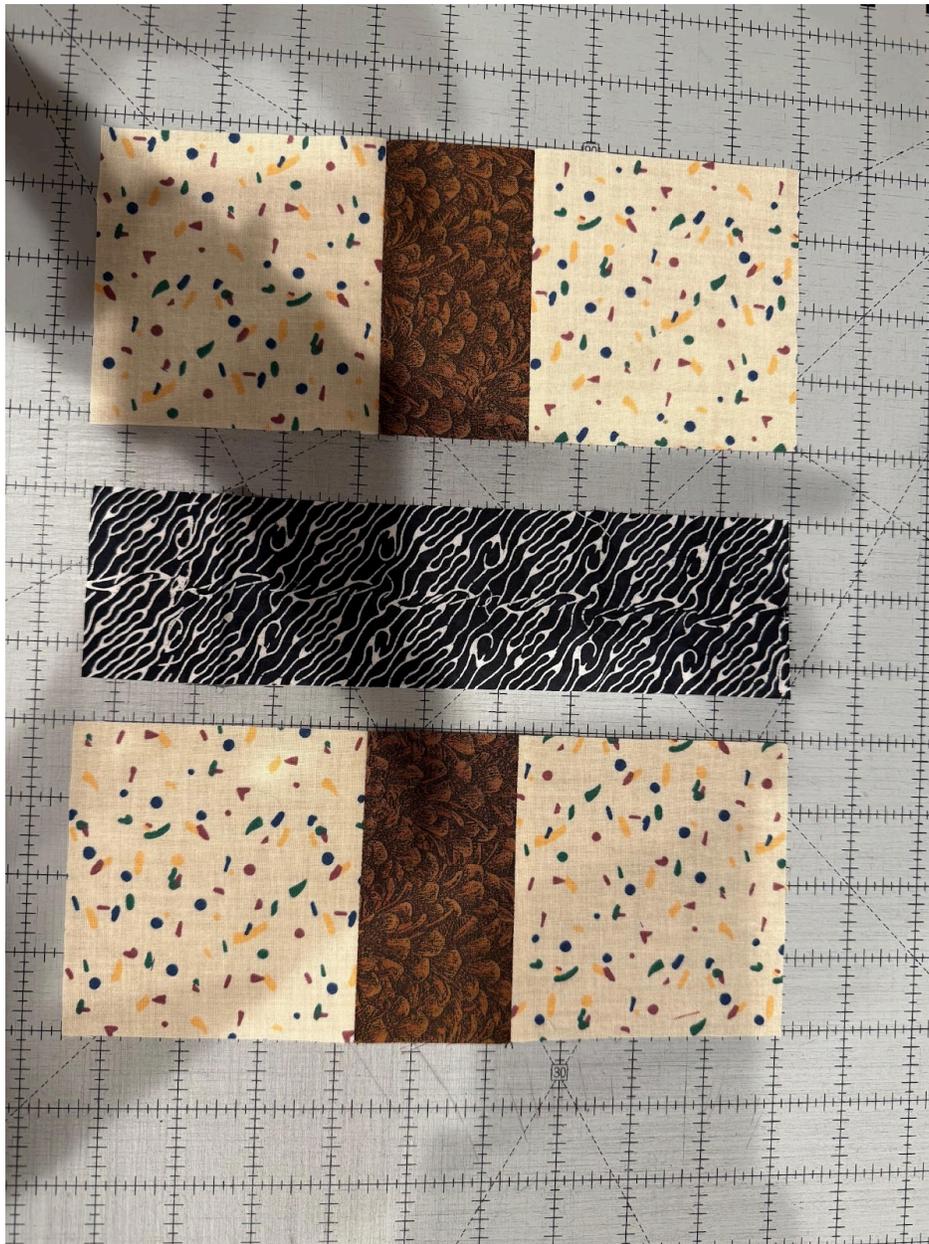
Choose one of your Fabric A pieces (8" x 2 1/2"). Lay 2 background pieces alongside each length of the piece so it looks like the illustration below. Sew them together with 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat with all 48 Fabric A and background pieces. Press seams open.

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November— Steps 2 and 3**

STEP 2

Lay your 'block' from Step 1 so the strip is horizontal. Cut the block in half vertically so you have two identical sections measuring 4" x 9 1/2".

STEP 3



Choose 1 strip of Fabric B (2 1/2" x 9 1/2") and place it between the two pieces from Step 2 like the photo below. Sew one of your pieces from Step 2 along

each long edge. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 with all 48 pieces of Fabric B. Press your seams open.

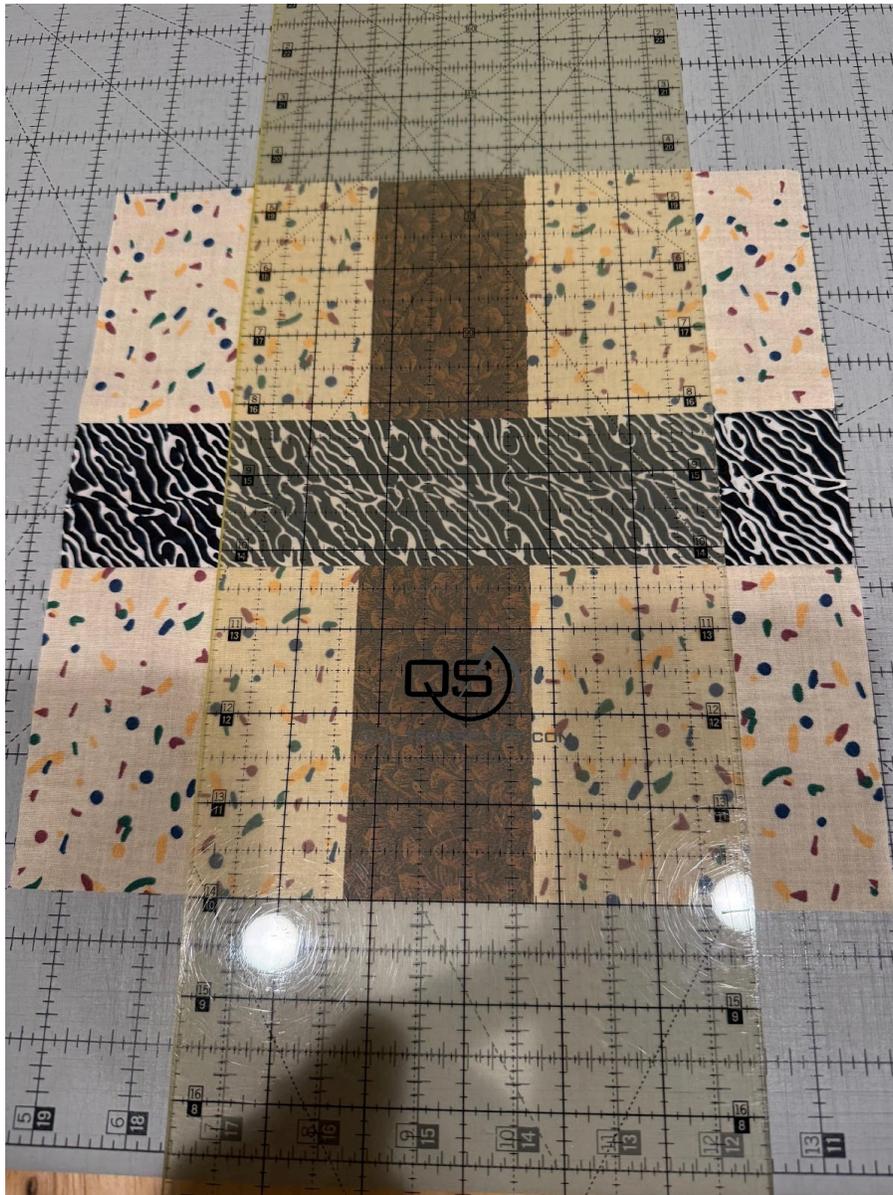
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STEP 4

Please Note: This photo is the correct orientation.

Lay your block so Fabric B is horizontal. Lay a ruler on your 'block' from Step 3 so the 2 ¼" mark is on the right-hand seam of Fabric A. See the photo below. Cut your block so you have a larger section measuring 8" x 9 ½" and a smaller section measuring 1 ½" x 9 ½".

NOTE: If you choose to, you can make mirror image blocks by starting on the left hand side of Fabric A for half of your blocks.



STEP 5

Please note: This photo is sideways. Please rotate it so it is visually correct.

Choose 1 strip of Fabric C (2 ½” x 9 ½”). Place it between the newly cut edge of your ‘block’ and the small piece. (see the photo below).

Sew one of your pieces from Step 4 along each long edge. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 with all 48 pieces of Fabric C. Press your seams open. You will end up with pieces that look like the photo below.



President's "Use Your Stash" Challenge January—Steps 6 and 7

STEP 6

Please note... the photo below is sideways. Please rotate your paper so it is visually correct. And frankly, the larger piece is laid incorrectly. See the caution below.

Lay your block so Fabric A is horizontal (and on the bottom). You will have one vertical strip and two horizontal. Lay a ruler on your 'block' from Step 5 so the 2¼" mark is on the right-hand (or left-hand, if you are making this a mirror block) seam of Fabric A. Cut so you will have one larger piece measuring 8" x 11" and one smaller piece measuring 1 ½" x 11".

STEP 7



newly constructed 'block'.

Choose 1 strip of Fabric D (2 ½" x 11"). Place it between the two pieces as before, and sew them together along the long sides of the strip. Press your seams open. Repeat with all 48 strips of Fabric D.

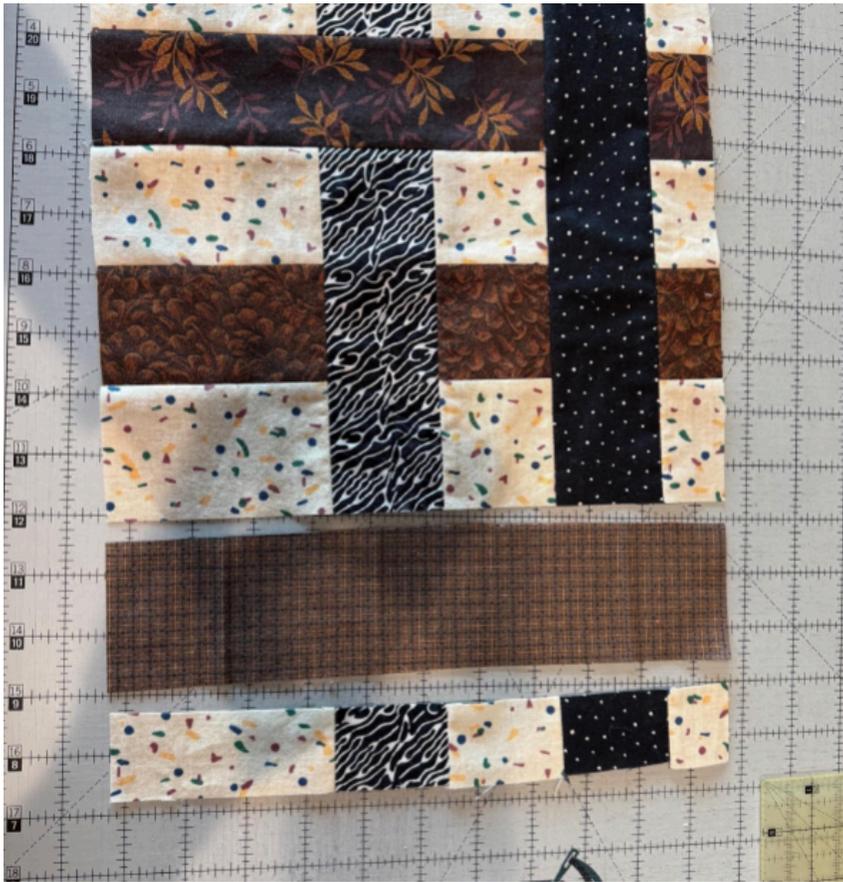
CAUTION: It is easy to mix up which side to sew along your strip if you have set it aside and are coming back to it... ask me how I know. Can you see what is wrong with the photo below? The 11" strip and the small piece are laid against the wrong 11" side of the 'block'. The new piece, Fabric D, should be on the side with the smaller background pieces. Please be careful so the strips of Fabrics A & C align up all the way across the

President's "Use Your Stash" Challenge February – Steps 8 and 9

STEP 8

NOTE: Please turn the paper sideways so the image is visually correct.

Position your 'block' from Step 7 so Fabric D is horizontal. Now set your ruler so the edge is 2 ¼" from the OTHER side of Fabric A. Cut so you have a larger



piece measuring 9 ½" x 11" and a smaller piece measuring 1 ½" x 11"..

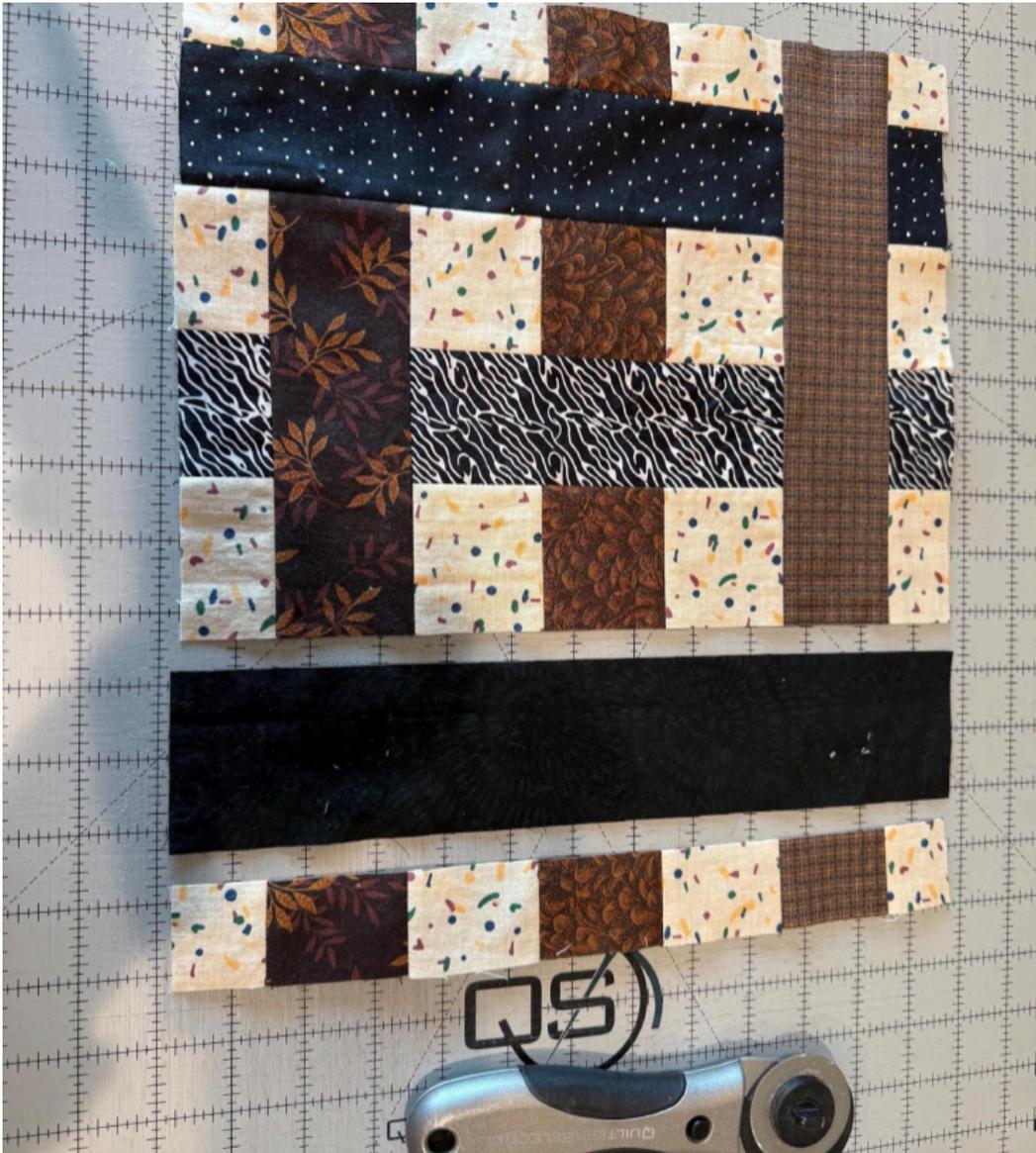
STEP 9

Choose one strip of Fabric E, (2 ½" x 11"). Place it between the two pieces as before, and sew them together along the long sides of the strip. Press your seams open. Repeat with all 48 strips of Fabric E.

Steps 10 and 11 and Assembly Instructions

STEP 10

Once again, this image is sideways.



Caption

Position your 'block' from Step 9 so Fabric E is horizontal. Now set your ruler so the edge is $2\frac{1}{4}$ " from the OTHER side of Fabric B. Cut so you have a larger piece measuring $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " and one smaller piece measuring $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

STEP 11

Choose one strip of Fabric F, (2 1/2" x 12 1/2"). Place it between the two pieces as before, and sew them together along the long sides of the strip. Press your seams open. Repeat with all 48 strips of Fabric F.

Your finished block should look something like this:

Final Assembly



Caption

Arrange your 48 blocks to suit you in a 6x8 grid. Play with rotating them to achieve a woven look. Sew them together, pat yourself on the back and quilt and bind as desired.

Bring your finished top to the next guild meeting and we'll show off a little.

The next part of this challenge is to have your quilt finished in time for a featured display at the July 4th Show this summer!!

Many thanks to Jessica Kelly and Moda Fabrics, for the free pattern Simply Woven, from which this challenge quilt was adapted. You can see the original pattern at <https://modafabrics.wordpress.com/2012/10/23/simply-woven-quilt/>