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Rag Quilt Block

Rag quilting blocks consist of three layers: a top and bottom layer of cotton fabric and a middle layer of wadding.

Before you get started, please carefully read through all the fabric requirements and method.

FABRIC TYPE

Please use only quilting-weight cotton fabric, i.e., no curtaining, stretch, suiting, or upholstery fabrics. We are also unable to use blocks that include licensed fabrics.

COLOUR CHOICE

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Ensure that the top fabric, bottom fabric and wadding have all been cut to the same size.

METHOD

1. Make a sandwich with your fabric by placing the fabric for the back of your quilt right side down, then add the wadding and place the fabric you have chosen for the top right side up.
2. Using a washable pen, draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner, then repeat on the other corners so you have an X on the top of the sandwich. Pin to secure.
3. Using a stitch length of 3. Machine stitch along the X. You may use a walking foot on your machine.
4. When all the blocks have been quilted, it is time to join them together, using a stitch length of 3. Place the block's wrong sides together and join with a half-inch seam. This will produce an exposed seam, which will fray, giving the rag quilt its unique look. If you use a walking foot on your machine, this will achieve a satisfactory result.
5. The stitched rows should then be assembled. Take the 1st row and put the wrong sides together with your second row. Finger press the seams open. Pin or use clips to secure the exposed seams together. Sew the rows together with 1/2" seam
6. Continue sewing the rows together until you have the correct size for your quilt.



7. Using a half-inch seam allowance machine, stitch around the entire quilt three times close together. This will act as a clipping guide for the outside edge.
8. Using scissors, snip all the exposed seams between the squares. These should be ¼” to ½” apart, taking care not to cut the stitch line.
9. Use the same method to cut slits around the outside edge of the quilt so they will fray too.
10. Machine wash and tumble dry as the quilt will not fray until it is washed.

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