

Scrappy Quilt

Step 1:

Lay the centre strip diagonally along the ruler making sure it is slightly longer than the ruler. Then place 2 patterned strips either side of the centre strip, making sure they are either the same length as the centre strip, or long enough to extend beyond the edges of the ruler. Sew the strips either side of the centre strip and press the seams away from the centre.

Step 2:

Place the joined strips back onto ruler and lay the next 2 strips either side. Again, make sure the ends of the strips are reaching the edges of the ruler. Carefully flip the strips over, right sides together with the existing strips. Pin, sew & press as before.

Step 3:

Continue adding strips until the ruler is covered. (Note: When you reach the corners you may want to use a wider piece of fabric, rather than narrower strips.)

Step 5:

Aligning the ruler - this is important!

Place the pieced strips onto your cutting mat, with the centre strip laying vertically. Next put the square ruler on top, making sure the diagonal line on the ruler is centred evenly along the centre strip with the numbers on the diagonal line running from 1 at the top down to 12.5 at the bottom.

Make sure the top adjacent edges of the ruler are as far up as they can go without missing the edges of the fabrics. When you look at the bottom adjacent edges of the ruler, it appears that there isn't enough fabric, but remember we are trimming this block to 11.5" (not the 12.5" ruler size). If the bottom edges of the strips are within the 11.5" lines on the ruler, that's OK.

Step 6:

Trim away the excess from the top 2 edges only.

Step 7:

Turn the block 180 degrees and realign the ruler so the diagonal line is centred again down through the middle white strip, with the numbers running from 1 at the top to 12.5 at the bottom, as before.

Step 8:

Place the 11.5" lines of the ruler along the trimmed bottom edges of the block. This will reveal the excess fabric needing to be trimmed at the top of the block. Carefully trim these without letting the ruler slip!

That's the finished block, when you sew all the blocks together all you need to match up are your centre strips.