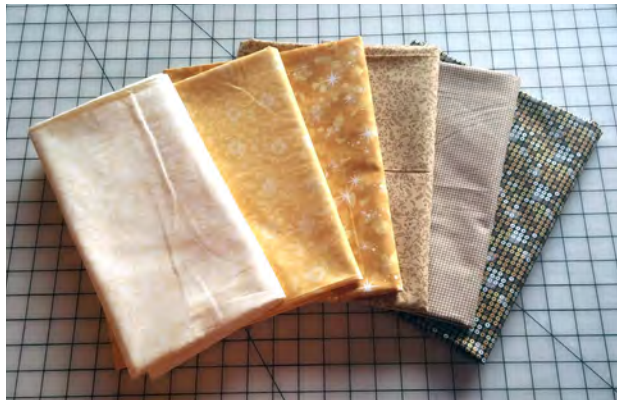


BIG BLOCKS QUILT + BONUS LAP ROBE



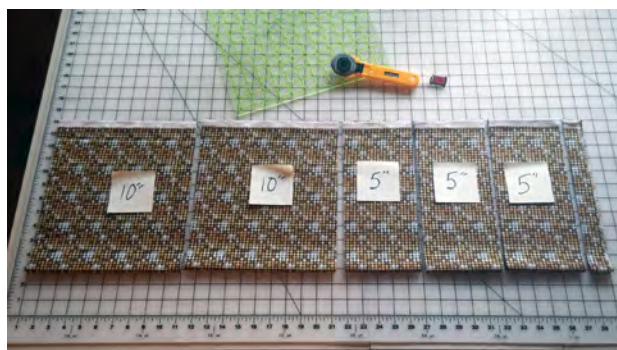
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Select 6 – 1 yard pieces of quilt fabric for your quilt top.

We love prints that can be given to any person like geometrics, batiks, plaids, dots & solids. There is always a need for “guy themed” quilts (masculine colors, hobbies, animals, sports, etc.) And of course children’s prints in cheerful colors bring so much joy. Think about what would be a nice gift to give or receive and make it.

- Please remember no images of pigs, human faces, military/patriotic/camouflage, Halloween, or religious words & images.

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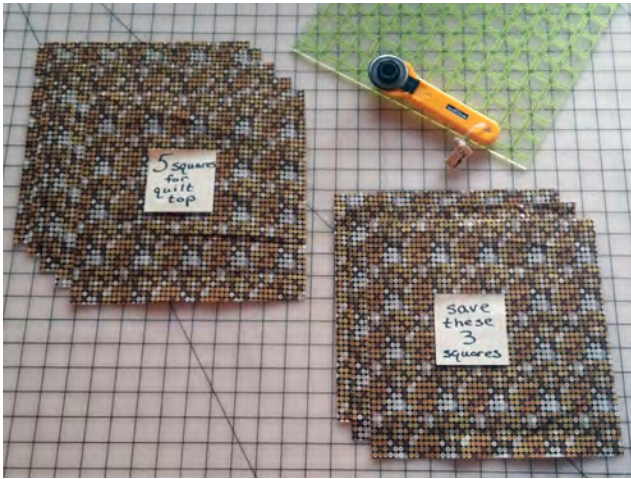


From each 1 yard piece, cut:

2 strips 10” wide

3 strips 5” wide

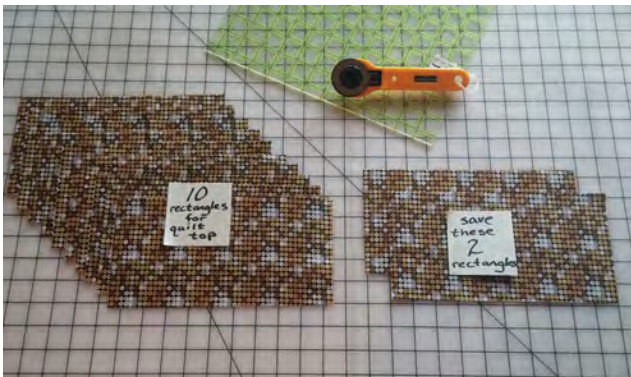
Remember – Measure twice, cut once. You will only have about an inch of fabric leftover.



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From fabric #1, cut each 10" strip into 4 - 10" squares. You'll have a total of 8 squares.

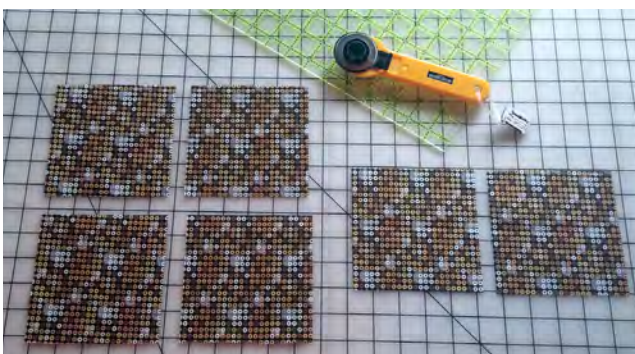
Set aside 5 squares for your quilt top. Save the remaining squares for later.



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From fabric #1, cut each 5" strip into 4 - 5"x10" rectangles. You'll have a total of 12 rectangles.

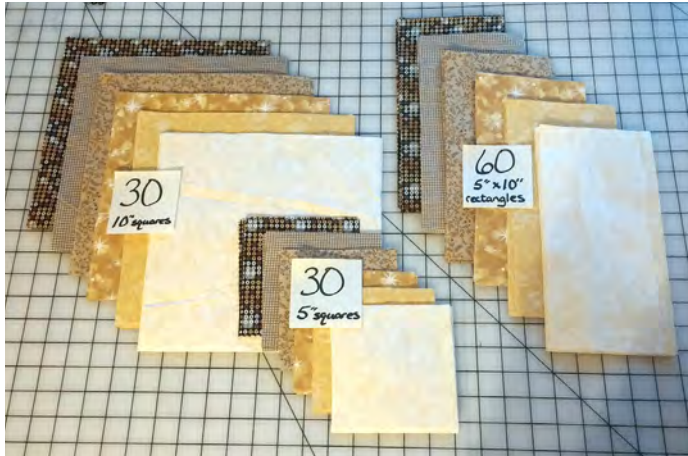
Set aside 10 rectangles for your quilt top. Save the remaining 2 rectangles for later.



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From fabric #1, cut one of the leftover 10" squares into 4 - 5" squares. Then cut one of the leftover rectangles into 2 - 5" squares.

Set aside 5 squares for your quilt top, and save the other one for later.



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Repeat the cutting instructions with your remaining 5 fabrics.

You now have: 30 - 10" squares

30 - 5" squares

60 - 5"x10" rectangles

These are the pieces that will become your quilt top.



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Lay out your blocks in a design that pleases you. You can make several blocks alike or make each one different.

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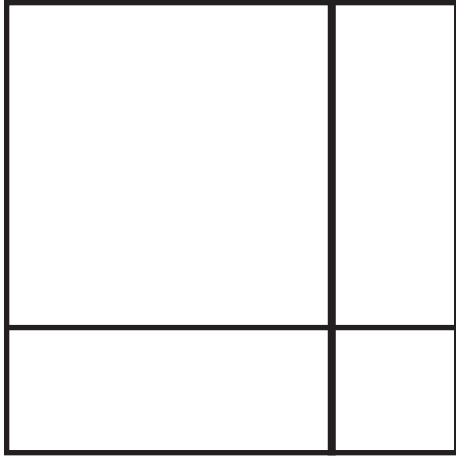


Sew a rectangle to one side of each 10" square (total of 30 - unit A). Press seams toward the rectangle. Remember, pressing quilt squares is not like ironing clothing. Use cotton setting and press seams gently (not a back & forth sawing motion). This will keep the edges from stretching and making your blocks "wonky".

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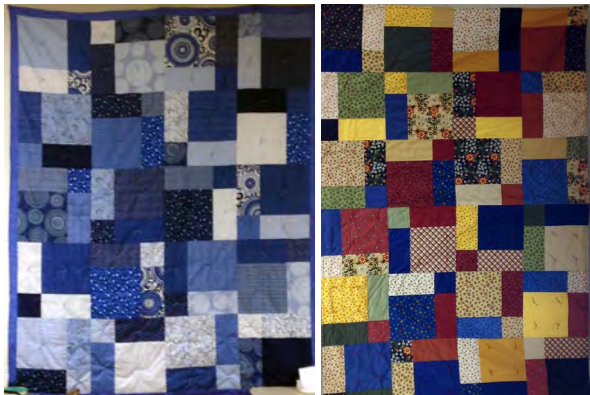
Next, sew a 5" square to one end of the remaining 30 rectangles. (unit B) Press seams toward the rectangle.



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Join one unit A to one unit B to form a square. Press seams toward unit B.

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After completing all 30 blocks, arrange in 5 rows across and 6 rows down. Feel free to rotate the blocks for a more pleasing or interesting pattern. Sew each row together, and then press all seams to one side before adding the next row. Rows will fit together more easily if you press one row to the left and the next row to the right. You can finish your quilt by layering & tying, or whatever your favorite method is.

Or you can send your quilt top to us and we'll finish it:

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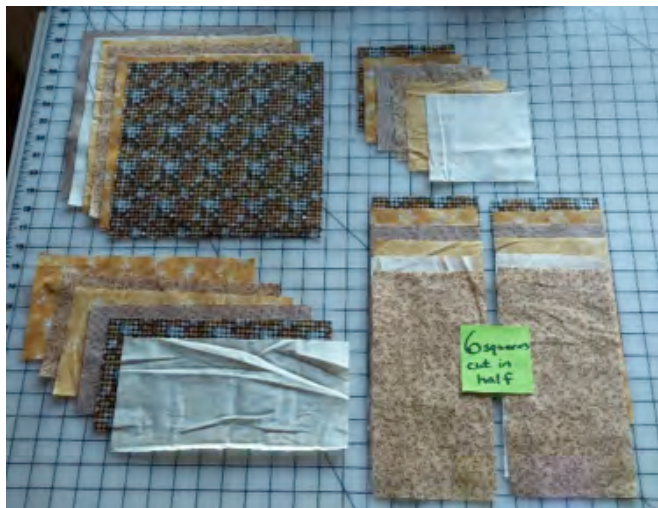


There are so many options for this quilt. If you want to take the super easy route, buy precut 10" squares (you will need 60 squares total) and a 5" charm pack (you need 30 squares). Just cut 30 of the 10" squares in half to make your 60 rectangles, then start putting blocks together. Another option is to cut 10" squares, 5" squares, and 5"x10" rectangles from scraps you have in your stash. Remember to have some calmer, plainer pieces to let your eyes rest. Have fun with this simple pattern and contact us with any questions.



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If you followed the tutorial with the six 1 yard pieces, read on:



Now for the BONUS lap robe!

Get out the 12 – 10” squares, 6 - 5”x10” rectangles, and 6 – 5” squares you had set aside. Take six of the 5”x10” rectangles* and cut in half lengthwise to make twelve 2 ½”x10” strips. These will be your top and bottom borders. Set them aside till the end.

Take 6 of the 10” squares and cut them in half (making 12 – 5”x10” rectangles.) Using the six 10” squares, six 5” squares, and twelve 5”x10” rectangles, make 6 blocks like you did for the Big Blocks quilt.

*These 6 rectangles are to be cut in half for your borders.



Sew the blocks together 3 rows across and 2 rows down.

Sew 5 of the small rectangles together end to end. Repeat with 5 more rectangles.

(You will have two – 2 ½”x10” strips left over)

Sew one strip of 5 to the top and one strip of 5 to the bottom of the 6 blocks, offsetting the strips and then trimming so both sides are even.

You can finish your quilt by layering & tying, or whatever your favorite method is. Or you can send your quilt top to GAIN for finishing. This is the perfect size for someone in a wheelchair to lay over their lap.

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