

Cheddar Bow-Ties!



Every year there is at least ONE quilt that we ALL fall in love with.

This year it was a bow-tie using a cheddar solid as a background. Do I have to remind you of how much I love solid cheddar? When I look at antique quilts, those with solid cheddar in them are the ones that jump out at me and straight into my heart.

We decided that this year we would use this quilt as a Leader/Ender project --- not to be completed by this time next year necessarily, but to at least show how far we could get in a year if we used these pieces strictly as leaders and enders in between the seams of other lines of chain piecing on current projects.



Here it is spread out a bit better....I love that there are no borders, it is just bound with a terrific old indigo blue!

Would you like to join us in the 2011 Bow Tie Challenge? There are no rules, no deadlines, no finished size, no muss no fuss. Basically, all you have to do is cut the pieces ahead of time, keep them by your machine, and when you are in the need of a leader/ender, you'll use the bow tie pieces and watch them grow in number until this time next year!

To get started:



Directions make 3" finished bow tie blocks!

From cheddar background cut: (2) 2" squares.

From bow tie fabric cut: (2) 2" squares and (2) 1-1/4" squares!

((I know 1-1/4" is a strange size, and not one that I keep on hand, so I am cutting all my "sets" for the bow ties from my drawer of 2" strips. I can get the pieces for one bow tie out of a 7" strip with 1/2" left over for squaring/trimming!))

Lay the (2) 1-1/4" squares on top of the (2) 2" cheddar background squares as shown....You are going to sew those on the diagonal as for snowball corners!



You don't have to trim the excess, but I do. These bow ties are going to finish at 3" square, and you don't want a lot of bulk where these seams are going to come together. I just aim for an approximate 1/4" with my scissors and snip!

The sew the connector units to the bow tie squares in four patch fashion! Press the seams toward the unpieced bow tie squares. Sew the two halves together, and you have ONE bow tie completed!

It takes FIVE seams to complete each bow tie block. So every time you need a leader/ender --- just know that you ARE building something and these bow-ties will add up in no time!

While Lori was working on her Triple Irish Chain quilt this weekend...she was able to complete THESE in no time at all:



Isn't this going to be fun! I can hardly wait to get home and into my 2" scrap bin to start kitting some of these up. I want to use up a lot of recycled plaids and stripes too.

Out comes the 5 yard piece of solid cheddar I've been hoarding!

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