

String X Quilt!



Here is one that Leena made!



And another set in blue!

One of my favorite causes is making quilts for children.

Do you feel a need to serve someone in your life but don't feel you can reach very far from within your own walls? THINK AGAIN! You can brighten up the world of a child far away!



And one I made to gift-away.

Finished block size: Approximately 14" Finished Quilt size: 50" X 64"

Cutting: From foundation fabric or paper cut (48) 4 1/2" X 10 1/2" rectangles. Old phone books or doodle pads work great, and the paper tears off easily!

From the scraps: Cut larger scraps into random width strips from approx. 1" to 2" wide.

From background fabric: Cut (48) 4 7/8" squares. Cut these diagonally from corner to corner for a total of (96) 1/2 square triangles.

Construction for each block:

Place one piece of scrap fabric on top of the foundation somewhere near the center with right side up. Place another strip on top of the first one, so that right sides are together. (wrong side up). Stitch along the edge of these strips with 1/4" seam and trim excess.

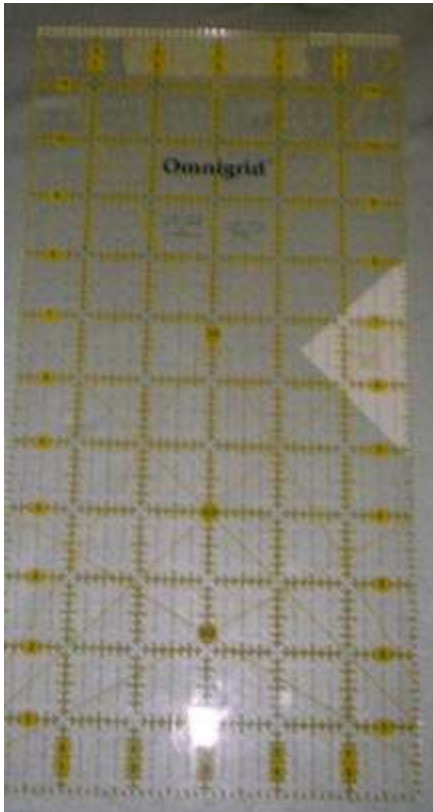
Fold top strip out and press.



From a plain piece of scrap paper, cut a 2-1/4" square. Cut this on the diagonal from corner to corner giving you two triangles. Tape one of these triangles to the underneath side of your ruler as shown. This is your corner trimming guide!



Continue to add strips in this manner until the foundation is completely covered. After all foundations are completely covered, trim them all to foundation size (4-1/2 "X 10-1/2"), using your rotary cutter and ruler.



Line up your ruler as shown above...matching the corner of your paper triangle on your ruler to the corner of your strip pieced rectangles. Trim all 4 corners off of your rectangles using this guide. Carefully remove papers.



Sew a background triangle to each side of your strip pieced unit to create one quarter- block!

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Sew the quarter blocks into X blocks by arranging them as shown. This lap quilt is made with 12 String-X blocks set 3 across by 4 down.

Add borders! I cut my borders 4" wide. The quilt will finish about 50" X 64" Perfect size for a child to love and to hold. Of course, you can make the quilt any size you want by simply making more blocks! Watch those scraps disappear and turn into something beautiful before your eyes!

Quilt or tie and bind as desired.

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