

STRIPPY SCRAP QUILT

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1. Start with an assortment of strips, 3-4" wide. If necessary, cut them into various lengths, from 8" to 42".
2. Chain-sew all the strips together, end to end, with ¼" seams. Do not cut the thread chains apart.
3. Bring together the end of the *last* strip and the leading end of the *first* strip. With right sides together, sew the long sides. As you approach a thread chain, snip it and finger press the seam open. Keep sewing... Repeat this sequence all the way down the strips.
4. When you get near the folded middle of all your strips, slice the fold open and finish sewing to the end. No need to be neat about cutting the fold-- the edges of the quilt top will be trimmed later.
5. Press the long seam to one side.
6. Fold this piece in half lengthwise, right sides together. Sew the long edges together, cutting along the fold. Press seam to one side.
7. Continue folding, sewing, and pressing until the quilt top is the desired size. Finish as you wish.

You can make a quilt of any size with this technique. To make a crib quilt (36"x 45") from 3" wide strips, you will need enough strips to make 20 yards when sewn together. Although that sounds like a lot, it is only 17 WOF strips. Remember that strips for this quilt can be cut from scraps of any length. The more variety, the better the effect.

VARIATIONS AND IDEAS:

- ★ Use a theme or monochromatic color scheme.
- ★ Add a plain border to frame the strippy center.

Slice the pieced fabric crosswise to create:

- ★ Pieced borders
- ★ Chinese coins (use 1½-2" wide strips)
- ★ Pieced binding (optional: make diagonal seams)
- ★ Patchwork squares (ex. 16-patch blocks)