

SCRAPPY QUARTER SQUARE TRIANGLE QUILT

Courtesy of the Norman General Store

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This quilt was inspired by a Halloween block exchange. Even though those blocks did not end up in this quilt, they did motivate me to dig into my stash of Halloween fabric and start having fun with some wonderful prints. I hope you enjoy creating with some Happy Scrappy Fun as much as I did!

Fabrics and Supplies

- Assorted Light, Medium and Dark Prints for QST BLOCKS. Go completely scrappy with random prints or select a color/theme. Remember to have fun!
- ½ yard INNER BORDER PRINT*
- 1 yard OUTER BORDER PRINT*
- 5/8 yard binding fabric*
- 2 yards 108" backing fabric (or 4 ¼ yards 42" quilt fabric)
- 68 x 88 QUILT BATTING

*Decide on the border prints and binding after the center is completed. There should be a good contrast between the scrappy blocks and the inner border, to provide a rest from the busy center.



60-½ x 80-½ FINISHED SIZE



QST BLOCK

Quarter Square Triangle (QST) Blocks

Sorting Your Fabric Scraps -

Sort the scraps into Light, Medium and Dark piles. Set aside the Light and Dark piles.

Now, separate the Mediums into Lights and Darks. You will end up with four piles of scraps: Light, Medium Light, Medium Dark and Dark.

When matching fabrics for the blocks, you want to have contrast. Use the Light with Medium Dark or Dark. Use the Dark with Medium Light or Light. Try to avoid pairing the medium lights and medium darks. If you like a fabric, it is okay to use it more than once.

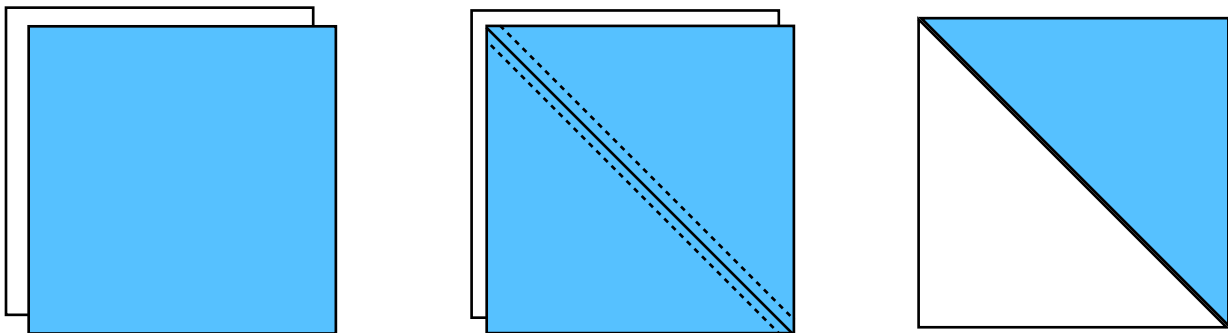
Cutting -

From the Scraps:

- Cut 70 Light and 70 Dark $6\frac{1}{4}$ " squares, for a total of 140. *(Remember, this is a relax and work when you want to project. You don't have to cut all the scraps at once. Cut less to make a smaller quilt or table runner.)* Feel free to fancy cut some squares from the scraps; you can insert these whole squares into the quilt for added interest. If you want to use larger or small squares, see ** on next page.

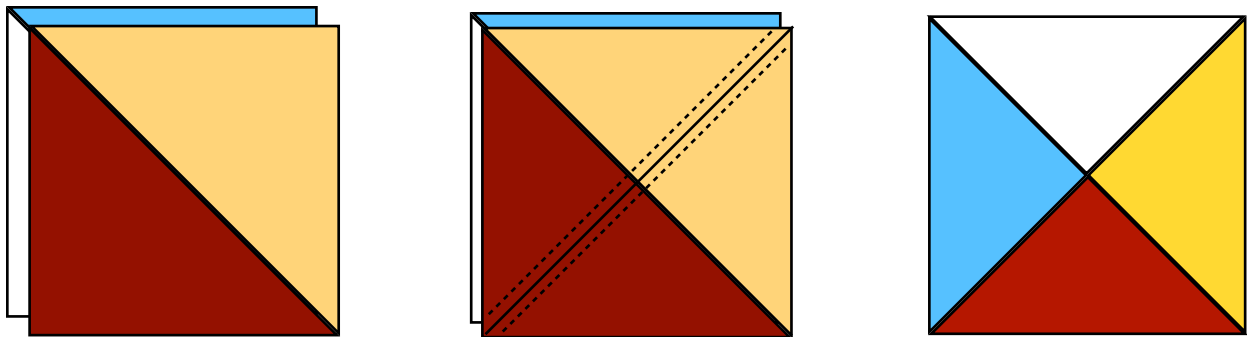
Piecing -

Begin with making Half Square Triangle (HST) Blocks. Place two contrasting fabric squares right sides together. On the wrong side of the top fabric, mark a diagonal center line. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on either side of the line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press open to the dark fabric. Each block will have one darker and one lighter triangle. You will have two blocks that should measure $5\frac{7}{8}$ ".



To make the Quarter Square Triangle (QST) blocks, place two HST blocks right sides together. Be sure the seams are butted nicely against each other with the darker and lighter triangles contrasting.

Draw a center line on the opposite diagonal to the sewn seams. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on either side of the line. Cut apart on the drawn line. Press open by hand. You will have four blocks with four triangles of various colors and/or prints. The block size should be $5\frac{1}{2}$ ". (Wait to press seams open until you lay out the rows, then press every other row in the opposite direction.)



**If you want to make your blocks larger or smaller, add $1\frac{1}{4}$ " to your *finished* block size to determine the cut size of the starting squares.

EXAMPLE: The Scrappy Quarter Square Triangle Quilt has 5" *finished* blocks. Adding $1\frac{1}{4}$ " to this gives us the starting squares cut at $6\frac{1}{4}$ ".**

Assembly -

Lay out 10 blocks in horizontal rows, for a total of 14 rows. Rotate the blocks as needed for the best contrast, trying to avoid placing the same fabrics together.

(This is the Happy Scrappy Fun part of the process. It is impossible to perfectly contrast all four sides of one block with the connecting four blocks. Try contrasting colors or prints. Do not get stressed. Mix them up and have fun!)

Sew the blocks together to make the rows. Press seam allowances in opposite directions for each row.

Sew the rows together. Press seam allowances in one direction.

Inner quilt should measure $50\frac{1}{2}$ " x $70\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Borders

Cutting -

From the **Inner Border Fabric:**

- Cut (7) 2" x WOF strips.

From the **Outer Border Fabric:**

- Cut (7) 4" x WOF strips

Assemble and Attach Borders -

Inner Borders - Piece together on short edges. Sew border to each side of the quilt center. Press towards the border. Next, sew on the top and bottom inner borders, then press towards the border.

Outer Borders - Piece together on short edges. Sew an outer border to each side of the quilt top. Press towards the outer border. Then, sew on the top and bottom borders, pressing towards the outer border.

Assembling the Quilt

- Layer and baste together the backing, batting and quilt top, using your preferred basting method. Quilt as desired.
- Trim and square up the quilt.

Binding

Cutting and Assembly -

From the **Binding Fabric:**

- Cut (8) 2-½" strips x WOF.

Piece together the binding on the short edges. Fold strip in half lengthwise. Press. Sew binding to quilt using ¼" seam allowance.

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