

Pretty Layer Cake Quilt

This quilt is quick and simple to make. It came about because I found a Layer Cake in my cupboard that I had been saving for something special. It coordinated perfectly with the colour scheme in my spare bedroom, however I had very limited fabric, so a simple design, with limited cutting, was required.

You will need to add a four extra 10" squares of coordinating fabrics to make it work, plus another fabric for the first and third borders and binding.

Strips are cut across the width of the fabric from selvedge to selvedge.

Finished size Approx 67" x 67" (1.7m).

1/4" seams used throughout.

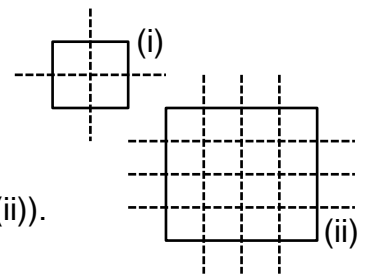
Requirements

- 1 Layer Cake (42 - 10" squares)
- 4 extra 10" squares
- 2/3yd (65cm) for first and third border
- 1/2yd (50cm) for binding
- 4 1/3yds (4m) backing fabric
- 78" (2m) square of quilt batting



Cutting

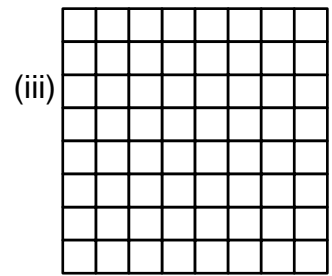
- * From Layer cake and extra 10" squares (46 total):
 - * Select 16 and cut into four 5" squares each (64 squares total (i)).
 - * Select 6 and cut into 16 - 2 1/2" squares each (96 squares total (ii)).
 - * Should have 24 - 10" squares remaining for final border.
- * From border fabric cut:
 - * 4 - 2 1/2" strips for first border
 - * 5 - 2 1/4" strips for third border
- * Binding cut 7 - 2 1/2" strips
- * Backing cut 2 lengths of 80"



Assembly

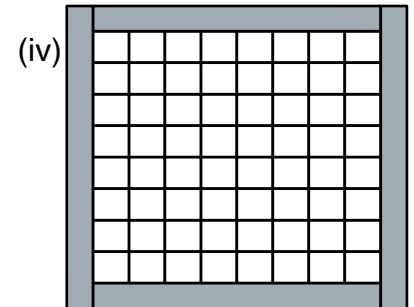
1. Arrange the 64 - 5" squares in 8 rows of 8 so the fabrics are arranged in a pleasing manner.

2. Sew the squares together to make rows and then sew the rows together to make the centre of the quilt. It should now measure 36 1/2" x 36 1/2" (iii).



3. Cut two - 2 1/2" wide border strips 36 1/2" long and sew them to opposite sides of the quilt centre.

4. Cut two - 2 1/2" border strips 40 1/2" long and sew them to the remaining two sides of the quilt centre (iv).



5. Join the 2 1/2" squares together in 2 lengths of 20 squares and 2 lengths of 22 squares.



6. Sew each length of 20 squares to opposite sides of the quilt centre. (v)

7. Sew each length of 22 squares to the remaining two sides of the quilt border.

8. Quilt should now measure 44 1/2" x 44 1/2" (v).

9. Join 5 - 2 1/4" border strips end to end.

10. Cut 2 lengths of border 44 1/2" and sew these to opposite sides of the quilt top.

11. Cut 2 lengths of border 48" and sew these to the remaining sides of the quilt top.

12. Quilt now measures 48" x 48" (vi).

13. Join together 2 sets of 5 - 10" squares and 2 sets of 7 - 10" squares. The set of 5 will measure 48" long and the set of 7 will measure 67" long.

14. Sew each set of 5 - 10" squares to opposite sides of the quilt top.

15. Sew each set of 7 - 10" squares to the remaining two sides of the quilt top (vii).

16. Press the quilt well and join the two backing pieces together along the selvedge sides.

17. Layer with backing and batting and quilt as desired. Trim off excess backing and batting.

18. Join binding strips with diagonal seams and bind the quilt.

