

Bargello Baby Quilt

Finished size: 35" x 55"

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Here is an easy baby quilt that also makes very efficient use of all fabrics.

Fabric requirements

A usable fabric width of at least 42 inches is assumed.

If purchasing, buy ½ yard (or 0.4 m) or each of four fabrics and 2/3 yd (or .6 m) of the fifth fabric which will also be used for binding. For the backing, purchase 1.5 m or 1 2/3 yards. Choose fabrics ranging from medium dark to light with one or two that stand out fairly well.

Cutting:

From each of 5 fabrics cut two strips full width (at least 42 inches) by 6 inches. For binding, cut 5 2 inch strips of the fifth fabric.

Sewing

Sew the ten strips into one large strip set, using ¼ inch seam allowances. The resulting strip set will measure 55.5 inches "around" by 42+ inches wide.

Notes:

- Keep all selvages aligned at one edge.
- Sew the seams in alternate directions to keep the strip set from "bowing."
- Press the seams to one side.

Taking care to keep the cuts at right angles to the seams, cut the strip set into 14 strips each 3 inches wide. (If desired, one or two strips may be cut slightly narrower or slightly wider to make maximum use of all fabric.)

Lay out the strips in a pleasing bargello pattern. An example is shown in the diagram. For ease of sewing, align the strips so that you will not have to match any seams.

Draw a horizontal line along which you will cut through the patches or release the seams. After cutting or releasing the seams, join the pink and green patches so the layout is a rectangle. Then join the strips vertically. Press all seams in the same direction.

Layer, quilt, and bind with one of the fabrics used in the quilt.



Flat Strip Set



Sew top to bottom to make a tube.

