

Fabric Scrap Quilt

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We all have them: those growing mounds of fabric scraps. You love that fabric, and it hurts to throw it away, but how can we ever find something to do with all those bits and pieces? BurdaStyle to the rescue! Make a crazy quilt for yourself, and, surely you have enough fabric scraps for more, you can make quilts for all your nearest and dearest, too. So, here's our lovely fabric scrap quilt. Do you recognize any of these fabrics?

Materials

fabric scraps, large piece of fabric for backing

Step 1



Gather all of your scraps together and lay them out in front of you. Create a color scheme or pattern that you would like to repeat.

Step 2



Start by scrunching the different fabrics together and placing them on top of each other.

Step 3



Begin to fold and pin the fabrics so the layers lay flat across the table. It's best to work in three or four sections, which will make it easier to sew when you've moved to your machine.

Step 4



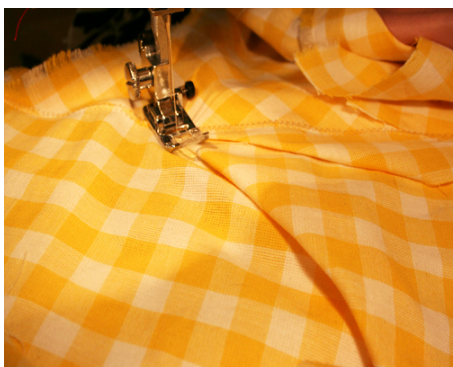
Add repeating folds, flip the fabric over and over, or even create a bow by scrunching the fabric at the center; this is done by tying it with a scrap piece of fabric and letting the excess flare out. Have fun! Be inspired! This is the part where you let the fabric do the talking and your hands do the walking!

Step 5



Make sure every fold, flip, and piece of fabric is pinned to its neighbor and firmly in place. It is important to prevent the fabric scraps from moving and shifting because if they move it could change the entire look of the quilt.

Step 6



You will now move to the sewing machine and change your setting to a tight zigzag stitch.

Step 7



Zigzag over folds, raw edges and any two pieces of fabric that need to be connected. You can even create designs by sewing over the edges and continuing on to the fabric. We played around with a circle motif and added curved lines throughout.

Step 8



After you have sewn each of the sections, try to fit your pieces together into a square or rectangular shape. The edges don't need to be straight just yet. Pin and sew, making one large piece.

Step 9



Lay your quilt flat across the table, take a ruler and straight edge and draw a square or a rectangle. Make sure each corner has a 90-degree angle. Once you have cut off the edges, lay the quilt on top of another piece of fabric. Cut out the bottom piece using the quilt as a guide, and then baste them together.

Step 10



Now that you have finished the quilt you are going to add a border with a mitered corner, similar to the mitered hem, check out this how to for help, [Make a Mitered Hem](#) .

Choose a contrasting color and cut four strips of fabric 5" in width. Measure the length and width and add 10" to the fabric. After you have cut them to their specific length, take each strip and measure down 5" and make a mark on both sides. Pinning two sides

at a time, take the stripes and place the 5â' mark at the edge of the quilt.

Step 11



Start sewing $\frac{1}{2}$ ' after the edge of the quilt at both corners. Repeat with the other sides. Try to make sure that all of the corners come to a point between each of the strips. Press the seams open.

Step 12



Next, take the finished quilt with the added mitered corners and place it on top of yet another piece of fabric. Choose a different fabric of equal or heavier weight and cut it to the shape of the quilt.

Step 13



Pin right sides together and sew the entire perimeter of the quilt leaving a small opening at one

side.

Step 14



Clip the inside corners before flipping right side out.

Step 15



Flip the quilt right side out and press all of your edges.

Step 16



You will now hand stitch the small opening with a slipstitch (see related technique).

Step 17



Now, finish your quilt with a zigzag topstitch along your seam lines and also the mitered corners. This will also connect the back fabric to the front giving the quilt extra strength.

Step 18



Press the whole quilt. You will now have the decorative zigzag top stitch on both the top and the underside.

Step 19



Your fabric scrap quilt is done.

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