

Vanessa's I-spy Quilt Top instructions

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This was inspired by my 3yo who couldn't quit pointing out the matches as I sorted the I-SPy quilt swap this week. I thought, hey what if the matches were in the quilt?? Then I envisioned the brick pattern and went from there. Inside border is a multi-color stripe on white. Outside border is white polka dots on red. They didn't photograph that well, but I really like them IRL.



Step 1:

Gather your quilt squares. Be sure to double check the size (I had to trim some and switch a couple with some of my other sets from the swap.) I started with 30 6.5" squares. You can use any size you want as long as you make the changes to the math. Cut them all in half horizontally. They should now measure 6.5" by 3.25"



Step 2:

Lay them out to decide how you want them.

Step 3:

Sew them together into rows. It would probably be better to cut the half squares on the end before you sew in rows. (If you are using the same measurements as me, you will need to cut them to be 3.5" wide. If you cut them after you sew the rows as I did because I wasn't sure of my plan, you cut them to be 3.25" wide as .25" is already in the seam allowance.)

(Edited to clarify: The half squares are at alternating ends of each row. It's how you create the offset. The first one is at the top right hand, and it moves to the other side as you go down.)



Be sure to press seams carefully to the side as you sew. I pressed towards the darks as this quilt doesn't have nesting rows.

Then sew the rows together to make the center panel.



Step 4:

Add your borders. To figure out how long you should cut them, measure the center of your quilt. I forgot to write down my measurements, but really it's always better to measure yours anyways. My inside border was cut 2" wide (1.5 inch finished) and my outside border was cut 6" wide (5.5" finished).

Step 5:

Quilt as desired and bind.

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