

If you'd like to see pictures of ragged quilts, here are a few links:

[Sharon's Hide Away - Quilts](#)

[Ragged Homespun Quilt](#)

The directions I've always used are here: [Rag Quilt Instructions](#) but there are lots of them online. This makes a quilt that is a big lap-size, but not bed-size. It's finished size is 48" x 60". The ones I've made usually wind up as "cuddle on the couch" type size - great for reading on a cold winter's evening.

Suggested Fabrics: Flannel, denim, homespun, woven - anything that will fray!

Supplies:

* 8 1/2 yards fabric

If you want the back to have a similar pattern as the front, get the same amount of each color/pattern. (i.e. If you want to use two fabrics, get 4 1/4 yards of two kinds; three fabrics, get about 3 yards of each color; etc.)

* 1 yard batting

Warm & Natural is easy to use for this project. Some people also use flannel for batting. If you're working with thick fabrics, like denim, you don't even need batting.

Measurements For All Sizes:

Lap Size (48" x 60")

Fabric: 8 Yards

Batting: 1 Yard

Twin Size (68" x 86")

Fabric: 15 Yards

Batting: 2 Yards

Full Size (76" x 86")

Fabric: 16.5 Yards

Batting: 2 Yards

Queen Size (86" x 92")

Fabric: 19.5 Yards

Batting: 2.25 Yards

King Size (110" x 96")

Fabric: 28 Yards

Batting: 3.25 Yards

Note: Batting measurements are based on 90" wide batting. If you get 44" batting, remember to get twice as much.

Here are the number of quilt squares you'll need for each quilt size (all squares are 9"):

Lap Size: 126

Twin: 240

Full: 264

Queen: 312

King: 448

Crib 1 (42 x 56): 96

Crib 2 (42 x 63): 108

Here are the number of batting squares you'll need (all batting squares are 6.75"):

Lap Size: 63

Twin: 120

Full: 132

Queen: 156

King: 224

Crib 1 (42 x 56): 48

Crib 2 (42 x 63): 54

Assemble your squares in the pattern you'll want them to appear in the quilt. Assemble each square in this order:

- Bottom square, right side down
- Batting square
- Top square, right side up

I usually assemble all the pieces, lay them out to see what they'll look like, and then stack them by row. So, for my quilt, which is 9 rows long, I have 9 stacks.

Quilt each square by sewing a big "X" across each square, corner to corner:

When you sew the "X", do it all the way across the square, not just to the edge of the batting. Another important tip: no need to backstitch to "knot" your seam, since it'll have another seam over it when you sew the rows together, it doesn't need to be "knotted" off. This saves a lot of time! The "X" keeps the batting in place while you're assembling the rows.

After you have all the squares quilted, you can start assembling them:

Do each row individually and then you'll quilt all the rows together last.

To sew the rows: take the first to squares and place the two backs (the backside of your quilt) together. Sew with a 1" seam. Continue this for each square in the row, adding the new square to the one you just sewed, putting backsides together each time.

After you have the rows sewn together, sew each row to another row using the same method (backs together with 1" seams):

Be sure to press the seam allowances open with your free hand as you go.

When all of the rows are sewn together, sew around the entire perimeter of the quilt with a 1" seam.

Using sharp scissors, snip each of the seams that are now showing on the top of the quilt into 1/4" sections. Be sure you only cut down to the seam, and not past it, or your quilt will come apart ;) This is the part that will fray when you wash it and give it the "raggy" effect.

Wash and dry one or two times and you're finished!