

Quick Strip Rug

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Finished Size: 24" x 43"

Materials:

- 40 – 2 ½" wide strips in a variety of prints
- 40 – 2 ½" wide strips 100% cotton batting (Quilters Dream Cotton twin size recommended)
- 1 large spool 50w Aurifil thread (approx. 1400y)
- Denim/Sharp needle



Cutting Instructions:

From batting, cut 40 strips - 2 ½" wide by 44" long (same as fabric strips)

Sewing Instructions:

Open your strip roll and remove two matching strips, set aside for binding.

With one fabric strip, right side of fabric facing down, place your batting strip on top and fold your strips together in quarters with the raw edges toward the middle. Your batting will be packaged inside, and the right side of your fabric is visible. This step is exactly like making binding, but with two stacked layers. As you fold use plastic clips or pins to hold in place. You will need a to secure your folded strip about every four inches.

Sew a straight stitch lengthwise down the open edge of your strip, as close to edge as possible. If you have a walking foot, it will help to ease the extra bulk and keep your seam straight.

Repeat the last two steps for remaining 37 strips.

Press all your strips flat and arrange them in the order you'd like for your rug.

Place the first two strips side by side lengthwise, with seam edges facing the same direction. You want one seam side and one thick side in each join. Using a zig zag stitch on its widest setting, stitch strips together.

Continue sewing strips together until you have a group of four strips, press flat. Your strips should be straight and lay flat. If they curve or buckle, now is the time to correct it.

Sew remaining strips together in groups of four and press. Sew groups of strips together in desired order and press. Trim ends even.

Using the two strips you set aside earlier, bind cut edges. You can machine or hand bind. I used a straight 1/4" seam to attach my binding then used a zigzag stitch to close the binding to match the rest of the stitching.