

Quick Off Set Block Quilt (and backing)



The quilt top.



The quilt backing.

Fabric requirements: -

- ½ Yd / 50cm of hand-dyed cotton in mottled dark burgundy/blue (fabric a), dark mottled green (fabric b) and mottled purple/blue (fabric c)
- 10" / 25cm of hand-dyed mottled light green (fabric d)
- 15" / 40cm of hand dyed light turquoise (fabric e)
- 1 fat quarter in light grey (fabric f)
- 2 x 9" square of hand dyed mottled blue/ grey (fabric g)
- 34" square of batting
- Thread

From fabric a, cut 2 x 10" squares (top) and 4 x 9" squares (backing)

From fabric b cut, 2 x 10" squares and 1 x 8.5" square (top) and 1 x 9" square (backing)

From fabric c, cut 2 x 10" squares (top) and 4 x 9" squares (backing)

From fabric d, cut 2 x 10" squares (top) and 1 x 9" square (backing)

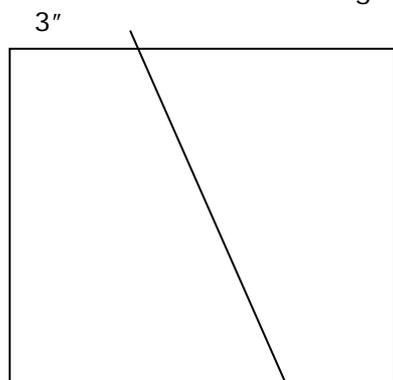
From fabric e cut 4 x 1" strips across width of fabric (top blocks) and 4 x 2.5" strips across width of fabric (top border)

From fabric f cut 1 x 17" square (backing)

Fabric g leave as 2 9" squares (backing)

Constructing the Top

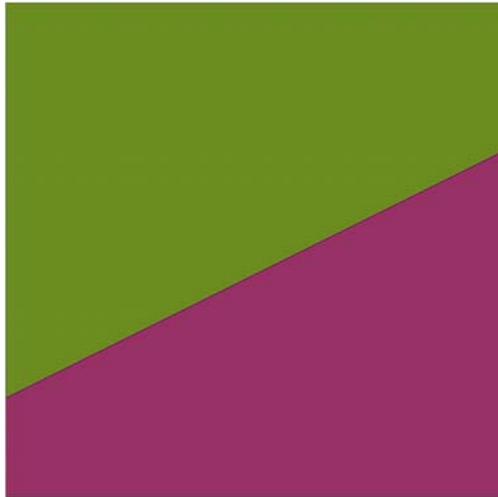
In the following order, a,b,c,d, lay one of each of the four fabric 10" squares on top of each other right side of the fabric up, place the rotary cutting ruler across the fabric top to bottom at 2" from the right bottom corner to "from top left corner, cut along this line through all 4 fabrics. You will have 2 stacks of fabric, from the top of one of these stacks move the top fabric to the bottom of the same stack, so no two colours will be re stitched together.



Stitch the pairs of fabric together along this cut edge. Press.

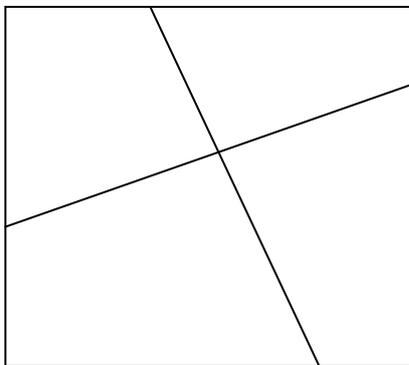
Place in a stack once more making sure that each block is in the same orientation.

Turn the stack 90 degrees.



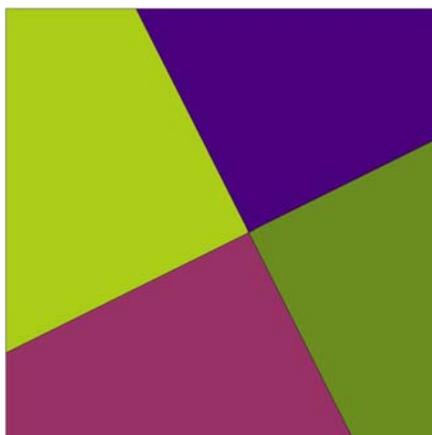
Cut again using the same measurements: -

3"

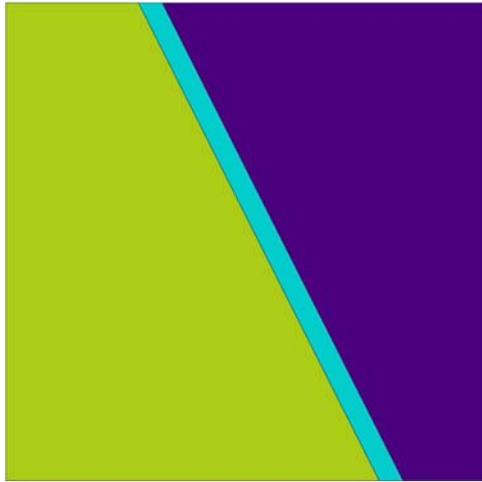


Remove one of the layers from one of the stacks and place it at the bottom of the same stack.

Stitch the halves back together to create the block. Press. Square up each block to 8.5".

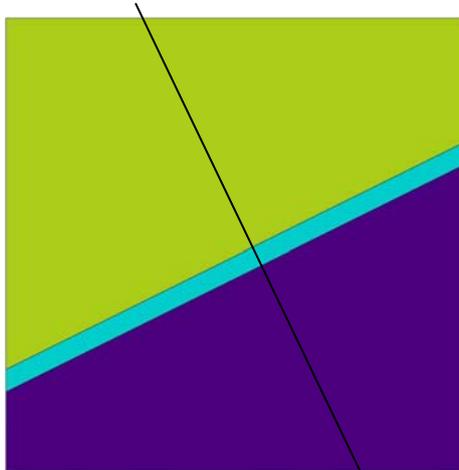


In the same manner layer up the remaining 10" squares in the same order as before, making the same cut as before, remove top fabric from one of the stacks, place at the bottom of the same stack. Stitch one side of the stack to a 1" strip of fabric e, do this for all four layers, press to the strip. Cut apart the strips. Stitch the other side of the block to the strip.



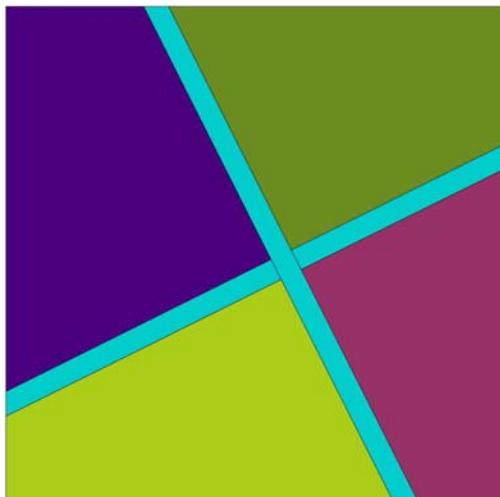
Press to the strip. Layer up the four blocks, again making sure they are all in the same orientation, turn 90 degrees.

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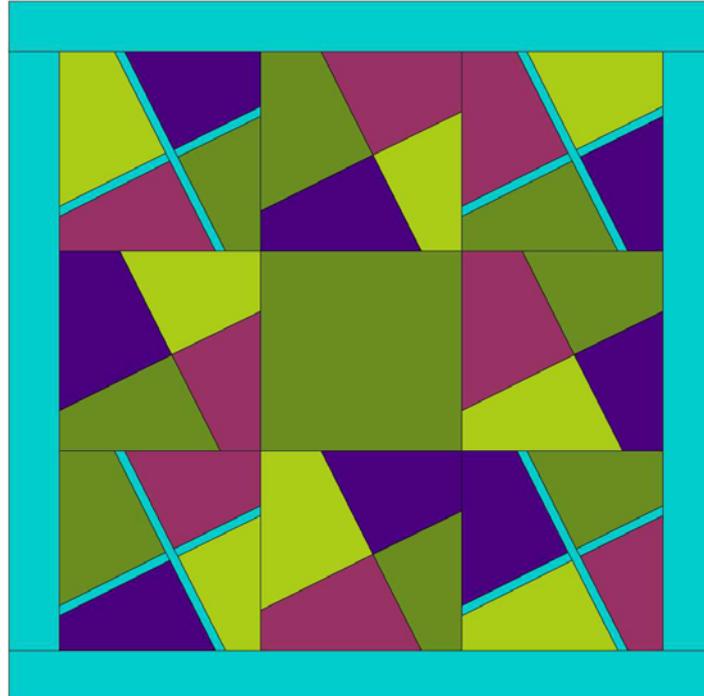


2"

Cut through all four layers, remove the top layer from one stack and place at the bottom of the same stack. Stitch one stack to the remaining 1" strips of fabric e, cut apart, press toward the strip. Stitch the remaining stack to the opposite side of the strip. Cut apart, Press to the strip.



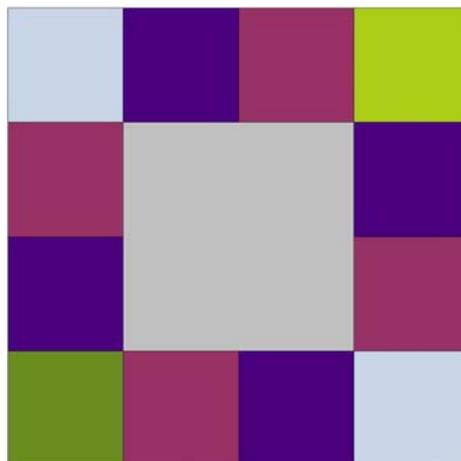
Quilt Layout.



Lay the blocks out as above the 8.5" square of fabric b is to be used in the centre of the middle row, trying to avoid too many colour matches between blocks. Stitch rows together, pressing as you go. Add the remaining 2.5" strips of fabric e to each of the edges. Press.

Quilt backing.

Using the remaining fabrics arrange as per the backing layout. Stitch the top and bottom rows together. Stitch the 2 smaller squares together before stitching to the sides of the larger square, sew the rows together. Press, thoroughly.



Lay the backing on to a flat surface, right-side down, lay batting of choice on top, smoothing any wrinkles out as you go, finally centre the quilt top, right-side up on the sandwich. Baste in method of your choice. Quilt as desired. Add binding and a label. Enjoy.