

## Scrappy "I Spy" Quilt



### Things You Will Need:

- Assortment of scrap novelty prints and solid fabrics
- Cutting mat
- Rotary cutter
- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- Iron
- Straight pins
- Quilt batting
- Backing fabric (optional)-Pieced scraps can also be used.
- Basting spray

### What To Do:

**Step 1:** From your assortment of novelty print fabrics, cut (56) 4 1/2" squares. No repeats. Each square should have an image that can be "spied".

**Step 2:** From your assortment of solid fabrics, cut (56) 1 1/2" x 4 1/2" strips for the vertical posts between the squares.

**Step 3:** Lay out your squares in a 7 x 8 grid pattern. Re-position the squares until you are happy with the arrangement.

**Step 4:** Place a 1 1/2" vertical strip between each square. Re-position until no two of the same colors are near each other.

**Step 5:** Place one vertical strip at the beginning of each odd horizontal row and one vertical strip at the end of each even horizontal row.



**Step 6:** Sewing one horizontal row at a time, stitch each strip and square together using a 1/4" seam.

**Step 7:** Turn the rows over and press the seams toward the strips. Note: You are not opening the seams. Press both layers of each seam over the strip.

**Step 8:** Cut an assortment of 1 1/2" strips from solid fabric in various lengths. Stitch the ends together to make one long strip. You will want a strip slightly longer than the width of each stitched row. Make 9 strips. Press all of the connecting seams in the same direction.

**Step 9:** Starting at the top of the top, horizontal row, attach the strip using a 1/4" seam allowance. Trim the ends of the strip even with the ends of the row. Continue to add the remaining strips between each row and the bottom of the bottom, horizontal row.



**Step 10:** Turn the quilt top over. Press the seams over the strips.

**Step 11:** Repeat Step 8, making 2 strips slightly longer than the vertical sides of your quilt top. Attach the strips to each side of the quilt. Trim the ends and press the seams.



**Step 12:** Cut quilt batting slightly larger than the quilt top on all sides. Mist the batting with a thin layer of basting spray. Center the quilt top on the batting with the right side facing up. Smooth out wrinkles and press down with your hands to adhere the layers together.

**Step 13:** Cut your backing fabric 2" larger than the quilt top on all sides. Flip the layered quilt over with the batting facing up. Mist the batting with basting spray. Center the backing fabric on the batting with the right side facing up. Smooth out wrinkles and press down with your hands to adhere the layers together.

**Step 14:** Quilting (optional)-Quilt in the ditch (between seams) around each square and strip.



**Step 15:** Trim the batting even with the edge of the quilt top. Trim the backing fabric 1" from all sides of the quilt top.

**Step 16:** Bind the edges. Fold over one edge of the backing, meeting the edge of the quilt top. Press. Fold over again, overlapping the edge of the quilt top. Press and pin. Continue around the edges of the quilt. Miter-fold or straight-fold the corners as desired. Top stitch the binding to finish.

