

Forty Two Jen by Jen

Serger Instructions

Serge the entire quilt top using only a 42 pack of 10" squares!

Supplies

- 42 pack of 10" squares
- 4 cones serger thread
- batting, backing & binding fabric as desired*
- Serging and quilting supplies

Instructions

- Choose 6 squares for "spacer" rectangles. Cut each into 3 pieces, 3.25"x10", for a total of 18. (Fig. A)
- Separate the remaining 36 squares into a pile of 18 "light" squares and 18 "dark" squares to be used for half square triangle (HST) blocks. (Fig. B)
- Placing right sides together, create 18 pairs of squares containing one light and one dark square.
- Using a fabric marking pen or pencil, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. (Fig. C)
- Set your serger up for a 4 thread overlock with a cutting width of 1/4" and a stitch length of 2.75-3.
- Pin the square on both sides of the line (out of the path of your serger blades.) Leave your pins in as you serge.
- Use your serger to cut right on the line as you serge down one side of the line, creating one HST block.
- Pick up the piece you just cut off, flip it around and line up the cut edge with the blade. Without cutting anything off, serge this edge and create another HST block. (Fig. D)
- Open each piece and press the seam toward the darker fabric. You will have a total of 36 HST blocks. (Fig. E)
- Use the diagram as a guide. (Fig. F) Begin laying out your HST blocks in columns beginning in the upper left corner, alternating between placing the "dark" fabric down and up. Place 6 HST in each column, with 6 columns total. Once you are pleased with your arrangement of HST blocks, add 3 spacer rectangles per column, alternating placement as desired. Rectangles will need to be trimmed down to the size of your HST blocks.
- Using 1/4" seams, serge the blocks together in columns, pressing seams in alternating directions. Then serge the columns together.
- Add borders, batting, backing and binding as desired.

*1/2-2/3 yard of 45" wide fabric for binding (2.5" strips) for 55"x63" quilt

*Backing fabric 3 2/3 yard of 45" wide fabric for 55"x63" quilt

Quilt top finished size approx 55"x63" without borders.

Model quilt used the Riley Blake 10" Stacker, Azure Skies, by Simple Simon and Company.

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