

Rag Quilt

Appx 68" x 85"

A sew easy community quilt.

Instructions:

- Step 1: Cut (80) 9" squares for the top & (80) 9" squares for the back.
- Step 2: Cut (80) 8 ½" squares of batting (you can use scraps).
- Step 4: Lay a fabric square with wrong side up. Center a batting square on the fabric and top with a top piece-right side up. You now have the wrong sides of the fabric together with the batting inside. It's mini-quilt sandwich! Pin together with at least two pins. Stack them up.
- Step 5: Sew an "X" across each square. You can mark with a ruler and disappearing fabric marker to keep things straight if you like...
- This is your "quilting" so you could get fancy at this point and quilt some other design on the blocks.
- Step 6: Arrange your blocks eight (8) across x ten (10) down.
- Step 7: Stitch blocks in rows with *backing sides* together using a 5/8 inch seam. Yes, you will have the unfinished edges on the front of the quilt. Adjust your seam allowance a little if necessary but you don't want to catch the batting in the seam allowance.
- Step 8: Stitch the rows together and then stitch all the way around the quilt 5/8 inch from the edges.
- Step 9: Now sit down in a comfy chair and get ready to do some clipping! Using spring-release clippers make clipping the seams much easier on your hands. Clip all seams and outside edge, evenly at about 3/8 inch intervals, taking care not to clip the stitching of the seam.
- Step 10: Washing a rag quilt is really important to get the exposed edges fuzzy and make it all soft and cuddly. **CAUTION!** The lint created in your washer and dryer can be significant so make sure you clean out the lint trap.

