

GOD'S EYE QUILT SQUARES

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

old used mostly cotton woven fabrics for the base layer

good mostly cotton woven fabric scraps

Good fabric scissors

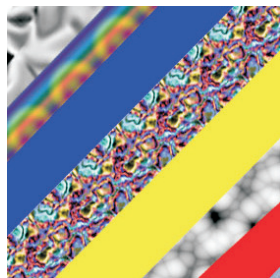
rulers and 6 ½ square

Pen/pencil

sewing machine

BACKING SQUARES

Cut 6 ½ " backing squares from old woven materials (washed and dried!).



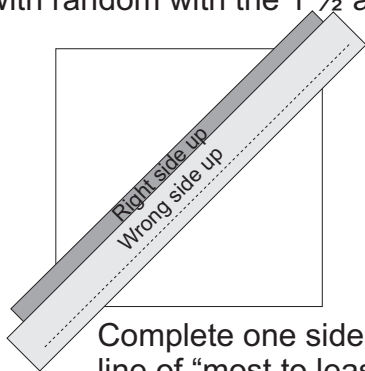
These squares give you a shape to sew on as well as provide bulk to your quilt. A thin quilt will not require additional batting. Note the number of squares needed:

TWIN - 140 SQUARES (10W X 14L) QUEEN - 168 SQUARES (12W X 14L) KING - 196 SQUARES (14W X 14L)

SORT AND CUT WOVEN FABRIC SCRAPS

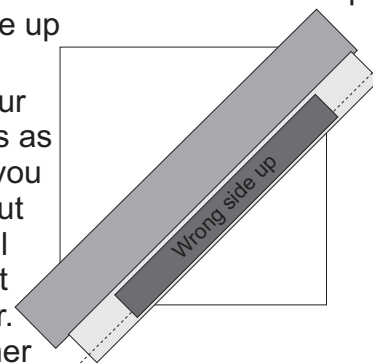
Be sure fabrics are washed and dried so they don't shrink AFTER you sew them. Sort fabrics into general colors. Then, for a "coordinated" scrap quilt, put your color sorted piles into a row of "most to least" piles.

Begin with your "most" pile, cutting these into strips that are approximately 2" and 1 ¾" wide. With your "next most" pile, cut strips that are approximately 1 ½" and 1 ¼" wide. Begin sewing the center strips on at this point. Vary the center strips (2" and 1 ¾"), topping them at with random with the 1 ½" and 1 ¼" inch strips from your 2nd most colored pile.



Place one of your center (biggest pile) strips right side up across a backing square. Place a strip from your next biggest pile wrong side up on it, lining up the edges. Start sewing ½" before the backing square and continue across until ½" beyond the backing square. (This gives you room for shrinkage and errors.) Trim to ½" past the edge of the backing. After the center strip and the one beside it are sewn and ironed open, all remaining strips get placed wrong side up before stitching and being ironed open.

Complete one side of the squares by continuing to go down your line of "most to least" fabrics. (Cut each of your remaining piles as you go into two sizes (1 ¼", 1 ½", 1 ¾" or anything in between!), If you run out of one pile, just continue to the next pile. However, DO NOT put more than one color (or fabric) on each square if you can help it. You'll find you want to use a 2-3" strip for the final corner pieces so you won't have too much bulk in your seams when you sew the squares together. After you have completed the one side of the square, complete the other side as well. Putting the strips on in general color/fabric order will give an unexpected unity to your quilt.



CUT AND PLACE YOUR QUILT BLOCKS

After completing all your blocks, carefully trim them to 6 ½". This trimming does not have to match the backing. I like to slightly angle each square as I cut it. This both gives it more of a "god's eye" effect as well as helps to hide any of the seams or fabric pieces that aren't quite parallel.

Place your quilt blocks and enjoy the patterns you can make. Until now, it didn't matter what size the seams were. Now it does, so be sure your seams are all the same as you sew your quilt blocks together. SEW YOUR LEFTOVERS INTO STRIPS TO EDGE YOUR QUILT, OR ONTO MORE BACKING BLOCKS TO USE FOR THE BACK OF YOUR QUILT.

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