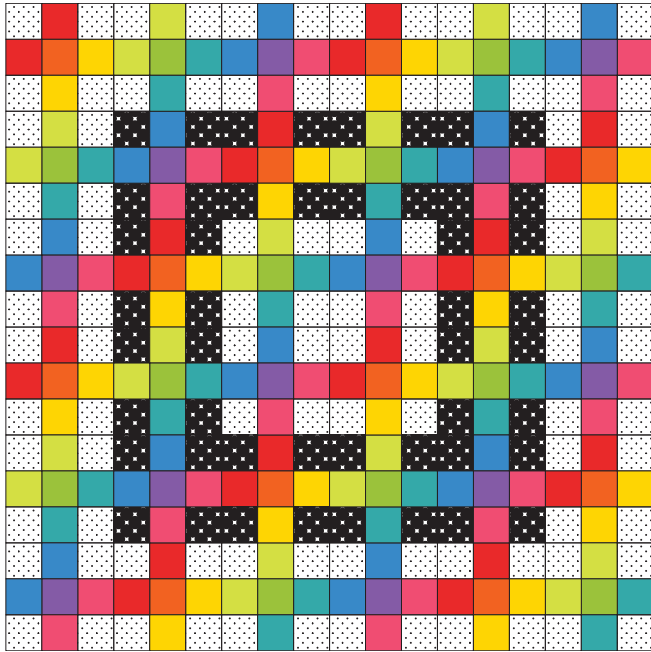


RAINBOW MATRIX PICNIC



FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

- 2/3 yd - Black background fabric
- 1 1/4 yds - White background fabric
- 2/3 yd - Red, Yellow, Lime, Aqua, Blue & Pink fabric *
- 3 1/2" WOF strip - Orange, Green & Purple fabric *
- 1/2 yd - binding fabric
- 60" - square wadding
- 1 1/2 yds - 60" backing fabric

- * **NOTE**- A fat quarter of each of the coloured fabrics will be enough, you will just need to cut
- (2x) 21" strips instead of the FQ
 - (2x) 14" strips instead of the 28" strips.

You will also need to trim your white fabric into 14" strips instead of 28" strips to match up.

QUILT DETAILS

- Finished size: 54" square
- Difficulty level: Beginner
- Machine Pieced
- Try waterproof backing

PATTERN NOTES

- WOF: Width of fabric (42")
- Seams are pressed open
- 1/4" seam allowance

Cutting Instructions - Below are the cutting instructions and directions to make the picnic quilt.

From the Red, Yellow, Lime, Aqua, Blue & Pink, cut:

- (x1) 3 1/2" WOF strip from each
- (x1) 3 1/2" x 28" strip from each
- (x2) 3 1/2" x 14" strip from each

From the Orange, Green & Purple, cut:

- (x1) 3 1/2" WOF strip from each

From the White fabric, cut the following;

- (x12) 3 1/2" x 28" strip from each

From the Black fabric, cut the following;

- (x12) 3 1/2" x 14" strip from each

PREPARING THE STRIPS

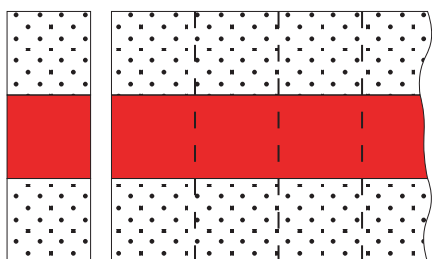


fig 1.

White Background strips:

STEP 1: Sew together two white 28" strips with a red 28" strip in the centre.

STEP 2 : Iron the seams open and then cut in to 3 ½" vertical strips. You need a total of 8. (fig 1)

STEP 3 : Repeat with the rest of the white strips with one of the 28" strips of yellow, lime, aqua, blue and pink in the centre.

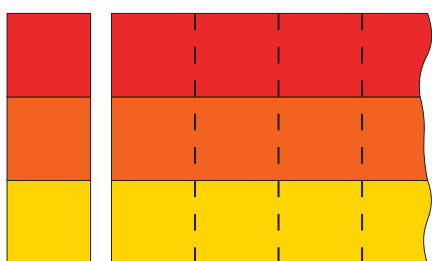


fig 2.

Colour strips:

STEP 4: using the full WOF strips sew together the following combinations:

- Red, orange & yellow (fig 2)
- Lime, green & aqua
- Blue, purple & pink

From each strip cut 12 vertical 3½" slices.

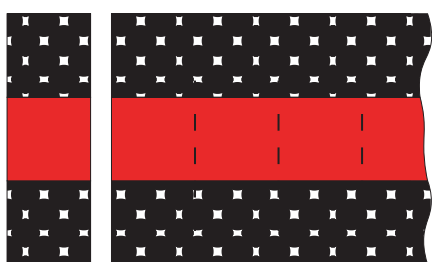


fig 3.

Note: If your fabric width is a bit less than 42" then you may need to make up an extra slice by using 3½" squares.

Black Background strips:

STEP 5: Sew together two black 14" strips with a red 14" strip in the middle. Cut into 4 vertical 3½" slices. (fig 3)

STEP 6: Repeat with the rest of the 14" black strips with one of the 14" strips of yellow, lime, aqua, blue and pink in the centre.

PREPARING THE BLOCKS

You now have all of the strips needed to complete the blocks, which go together very simply.

STEP 7: Sew together the corresponding 3½" strips to create the 8 of each of the white background blocks (fig 4)

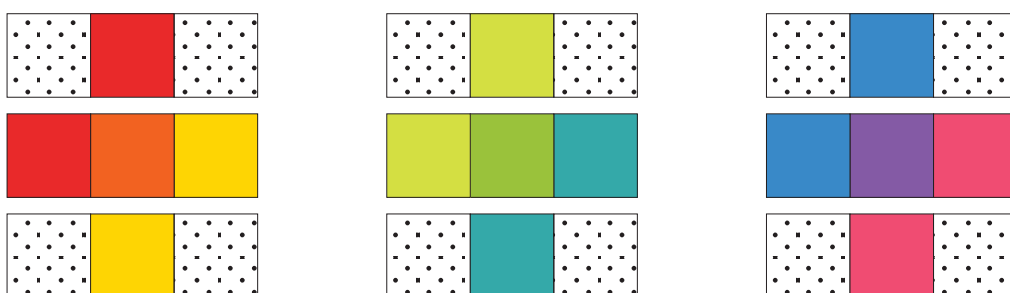


fig 4.

STEP 8: Sew together the corresponding 3½" strips to create the 4 of each of the black background blocks (fig 5)

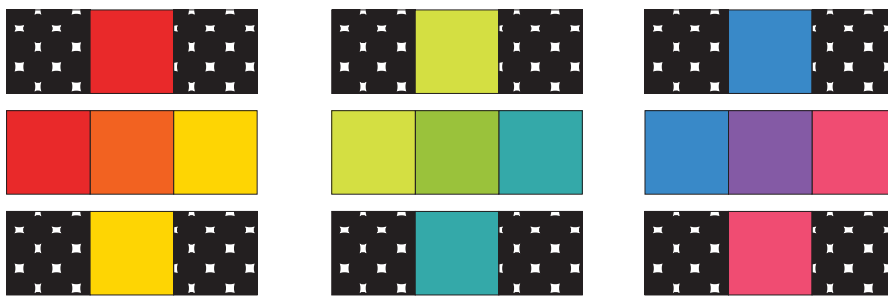
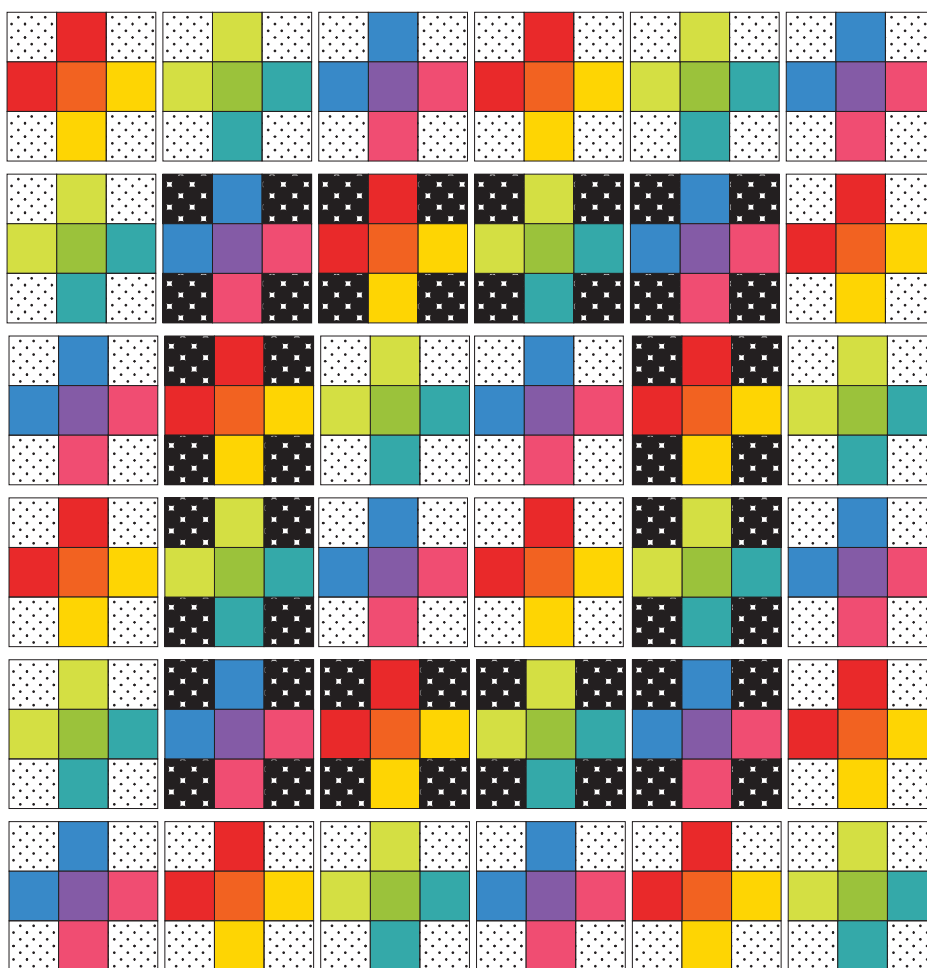


fig 5.

STEP 9: To finish sew the blocks together in rows, following the layout below. Once the rows are complete sew them together to create the quilt top. (See quilt layout below)



FINISHING THE QUILT

STEP 10. Using your preferred method baste the backing fabric, batting and quilt front together ensuring there are a few extra inches of batting and backing fabric each side.

STEP 11. Quilt as desired, I chose to keep this very simple as I was using waterproof fabric.

STEP 12. Once you have finished quilting the top square off the quilt, trimming away the excess backing and batting. Prepare the binding from the 2 ½" strips by joining them together at 45 degree angles. Fold and press the binding in half. Bind the quilt using your preferred method.