

Super Simple Summer Throw Quilt (50 x 58)

This is a basic quilt pattern that is ideal for highlighting a few favorite fabrics with large scale prints. Strip piecing and large blocks are used to make this quilt really quick to sew together. It would work with any color scheme, but we chose red, white, and blue for a patriotic summer feel.

Materials (45" wide fabric)

½ yard each of mainly white or cream print (W), and mainly navy blue print (B) fabric, ½ yard each of mainly red print (R) and striped print (S). Borders may be from the same fabric as blocks or different fabrics. ¼ yard for inner border, 1/3 yard for middle border, 1 yard for outer border and binding, 3 yards backing fabric, OR 2 yards backing fabric and use scraps or ½ yard of fabric to make an accent strip, 1 package Nature-Fil™ Bamboo Blend Batting 60" X 60".

Cut the following:

W – 8 squares 8 ½ x 8 ½"

B – 9 squares 8 ½ x 8 ½"

S – 4 strips width of fabric x 4 ½"

R – 4 strips width of fabric x 4 ½"

Inner border – Cut 5 width of fabric strips 1 ½" wide.

Middle border - Cut 5 width of fabric strips 2" wide.

Outer border and binding - Cut 12 width of fabric strips 3" wide.

Directions (¼" seam allowance)

1. Sew one striped strip to one red strip along long side. Repeat with all remain strips. If one of your fabrics has an "up and down" then you'll want to alternate which color strip is on top.
2. Iron seam open.
3. Trim selvages off. Cut into 8 ½ inch blocks.
4. Arrange blocks according to Figure 2.
5. Sew block together.
6. Add inner borders. Sew three border strips together end to end. Iron seams open. Sew onto sides of quilt first. Then sew single border piece to top and bottom.
7. Repeat for middle border.
8. For outer border, sew 6 of your 3-inch strips end to end. Iron seams open. Sew onto sides of quilt first. Then sew onto top and bottom of quilt.

To quilt on your home machine:

1. Use basting spray to temporarily adhere each of your quilt layers together. Follow manufacturer's instructions on the basting spray can or use an alternative method of basting such as safety pin, etc.
2. For best results use a walking foot or dual feed foot on your machine.
3. Example quilt shows quilting and X through each block and ¼ inch to the side of border seams.



Figure 1

R
S

Figure 2

R	W		S	B		R
S			R			S
B	S	R	W	R	S	B
S	B		R	W		S
R			S			R
W	R	S	B	S	R	W
R	W		S	B		R
S			R			S
B	S	R	W	R	S	B
S	B		R	W		S
R			S			R

To Finish

1. Trim batting and backing.
2. Sew your remaining 3-inch strips of your binding/outer border fabric and sew them end to end. Press the strips in half the long way.
3. Line both raw edges of the binding up with the raw edge of the quilt. Sew with a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam the binding to the top of the quilt, along the sides of your quilt, sewing through the binding and all three layers of the quilt and trim even with the top and bottom of your quilt. Fold binding around to the back. Pin. Stitch "in the ditch" from the top of the quilt through to catch the binding on the back.
4. Repeat step 3 to sew the binding on the top and bottom sides of the quilt, except cut the binding and extra $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long on both ends, so you can fold under the raw edges before stitching.
5. Wash to remove the basting spray.