

Simple Bargello Quilt Size – 45” x 54”

Fabric Requirements

12 fabrics that “play nice” together, at least 11” long and 26” wide.



Instructions

1. Cut two strips 5” wide from each fabric. You will have 24 strips, 5” x 26”
2. Arrange the 12 different fabric strips in a pleasing array. This might be light to dark, alternating light & dark, by major colors, etc. Your choice.
3. Number the strips 1 – 12. You might want to tape a small piece of each fabric to a piece of paper with their number next to it to refer to.
4. Divide the strips into two sets, 1 – 6 (set A) and 7 – 12 (set B). This will make the following steps easier to handle.
5. Sew the strips in each set together along the long edge, sewing 1 to 2 to 3 etc. so that you end up with a piece with strips 1 – 6 in order and 7 – 12 in order.
6. Repeat for the 2nd set of 12 strips. Giving you four pieces, two of each number range. Each piece will be approximately 27.5” x 26”.
7. Press seams to one side.
8. Cut 5” strips across each piece so that you have strips of color squares. You should have 5 strips that are 5” wide by 27.5” long from each piece, 10 of each of two runs of color (set A and set B).
9. Sew the bottom square of strip set A (color 6) to the top square or strip set B (color 7) giving a strip with all 12 colors, 1-12. Repeat with the rest of the strips. You will have 10 strips of 12 squares each.
10. This next step sets up the strips to make the bargello run. Lay out the 10 strips on a table or counter with square 1 at the top of each strip. You will pin or tape a number to the top of a different square for each strip.
 - a. Put the number 1 on the top of the first (color 1) square of the first strip.
 - b. Put the number 2 on the top of the 2nd (color 2) square of the second strip.
 - c. Put the number 3 on the top of the 3rd (color 3) square of the third strip.
 - d. Continue until you have a number on all 10 strips, running down the strips from 1 – 10.
11. Put strip 1 aside. Sew the top square (color 1) of each strip to the bottom square (color 12) of each strip, making a circle of square. Repeat this step for all 11 strips.
12. Now comes the step that makes the design! Take strip 1 and put it on a table or counter.
 - a. Take the strip with number 2 and remove the stitching at the top of the square with the number 2 on it. Place it next to strip 1. All the color squares should be shifted by one square. Color number 1 is at the top of the first strip, color number 2 is at the top of the second strip.
 - b. Repeat for the rest of the strips. You will have 10 strips with colors 1 – 10 as the top strip in order.
13. Press seams strips 1,3, 5, 7 and 9 in one direction. Press seams 2,4,6,8, and 10 in the other direction.
14. Sew strips together in order 1 – 10. Your quilt top is done!

Please contact me if you have any questions or corrections! Cindy Reinke