

Christmas Trip Around the World From My Carolina Home

Pull out all those Christmas prints, and make this quilt fast! The final quilt size made with this size strips and the given borders is 63 x 71 inches. The strip assembly method goes really quick, but you can also make it with scraps squares from your scrap bins.



Fabric Requirements

You will need 1/2 yard each of 8 different fabrics.

If you have a box of scraps, you'll need 36 each of 8 different prints.

Additional fabric for borders.



Cutting and Assembly

Cut each fabric into four strips 3-1/2-inches wide by the width of the fabric. To begin, make notes as to the order of the prints (numbering them one to eight). We will be strip piecing. Sew your strips together in order lengthwise. Make four sets. Press toward the even numbered strips. This will make nesting seams easier. Then sew the long ends together to form a tube. Do this with all four strip sets. They won't all be the same length, but that will not matter.

Cross cut the tubes into 3-1/2-inch wide square-strip sets.

Take out the seam between print 1 and print 8 to start the pattern. Then on another strip, take out the seam between print #1 and print #2. Sew those together lengthwise.



Unpick the next strip set one square over so you have the prints running in diagonal lines.



Continuing on, constructing the upper left area first with 10 rows of squares.





On the lower half, the squares go the other direction, so flip the strip set the opposite way. Then, unpick one row at a time to be sure it is correct. Do nine rows, then sew this section to the 10-row section.

The right side of the pattern uses only seven of the eight squares, and the strips are flipped around to create the diagonal lines running in the opposite direction. Note that the upper left and bottom right go the same way, while the upper right and bottom left go the opposite way.

Press the left side seams between the rows towards the top. Press the right side seams toward the bottom, so they nest with the other side.



Add borders as desired. On this quilt there are three borders, a red print cut 2 inches wide, a cream print cut 3 inches wide, and then the deep green cut 5 inches wide. The length is measured as per the standard way, and applied. In total there are 15 squares side to side, and 19 top to bottom.

Quilt and bind as usual.

Enjoy for Christmas seasons for years to come!



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