

Ragtime Quilt

Learning the Basics

Purpose:

- Practice using basic sewing techniques to make a blanket
- Practice neatness and following directions
- Learn value (\$) of doing this yourself
- Demonstrate that sewing is fun
- Encourage creativity

Supplies:

Materials should make a 50"x 60" throw blanket

- 3 yards of flannel or broadcloth for the back of quilt AND 3 yards for the front of quilt
- Approximately 3 yards or 30- 10x10 squares of lightweight batting
- 1 spool matching or coordinating thread
- Yard Stick
- Marking Chalk
- Pins
- Scissors or Rotary Cutter and board
- Sewing machine
- Walking foot for sewing machine (optional)

Make pillowcases if time is short: use 2 rows of 3 squares for a rectangular pillow, or 4 squares for a square pillow

Material Purchase

Choose a flannel or broadcloth for your fabric. This quilt requires 30 12"x12" squares for both the front and back of your quilt (total 60). Choose two or more prints that will match or contrast in a pleasing pattern.

Activity:

1. Depending on the length of time available, participants may cut their own squares or they

can be pre-cut out of several fabric choices and participants can pick out the squares they want. Be sure to have some extras on hand so that everyone can complete a quilt with contrasting/coordinating material.

2. Using a yardstick and marking chalk draw diagonal lines from corner to corner on the 30 squares that will be the quilt top. They should make an "X".
3. Center a square of batting on one square of unmarked fabric (that will be the quilt back.) Top this with a square of marked fabric. Pin through all 3 layers across the marked lines of the X. Continue with the remaining sets. You should have 30 sets for each participant.
4. Using a matching or contrasting thread, sew along the lines of the X. Set the stitch length slightly longer than normal stitches. Stress importance of not stretching the fabric since this is on the bias.
5. Arrange the completed squares in a pleasing pattern and color, making six rows with five squares in each row. Pin the squares together for each of the rows, with backsides together.
6. Stitch two squares together with a 1" seam allowance. Stitch the 3rd, 4th, 5th, square in place. Repeat for each row of the quilt.
7. Next pin the first two rows of sewn squares together. Remember to put the backsides of the squares together, matching the seams and pinning the seam allowances open. Stitch rows together with 1" seam allowance. Do this for each of the rows of the quilt.
8. Wash and dry the completed quilt. The cut edges of the quilt top will ravel and fray.



Quilting activity for youth ages 10 - 15+. Allow 2 hours.

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