THE EASIEST RAINBOW IN THE WORLD It's literally a bunch of strips.

Quilt Top Size: Throw-ish Skill Level: Way F*cking Easy Fabric: 10 Fat Quarters

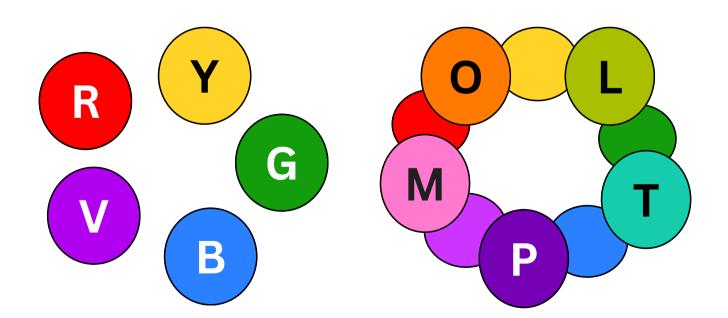
EASY PATTERNS FOR SLOPPY QUILTERS

A TIP FOR CHOOSING FABRICS

If you struggle choosing fabrics, it helps to pick 5 main fabrics first. Main fabric should be mostly 1 color – busy prints, solids, or a mix.

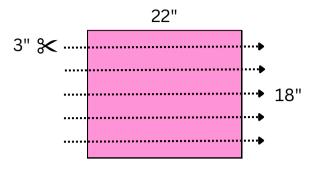
Next, choose 5 transition fabrics to fill in the gaps. For transition fabrics, you can choose patterns with the neighboring colors in them, or a separate color altogether. For example: you could choose a teal fabric or a fabric with interwoven greens and blues.

Main: Red, Yellow, Green, Blue, Violet **Transition:** Orange, Lime, Teal, Plumb, Magenta



PART I: MAKING THE RAINBOW

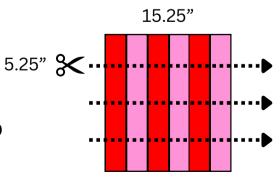
1. Start with 10 fat quarters (18" x 22") or create your own by sewing like colored scraps together. Cut six 3" x 22" strips of each fabric. Pile by color.

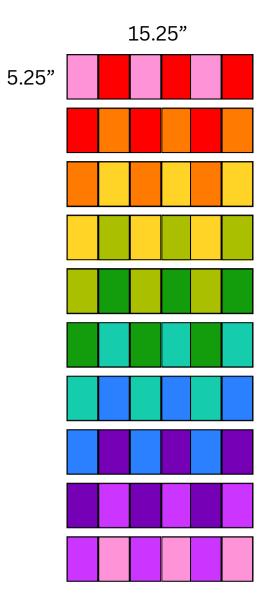


2. Referring to the color chart on page 1, pair three strips of each color with three strips of its neighboring colors. Arrange them in an alternating pattern as pictured.

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3. Sew each combo set into rectangles (see above). After ^{5.} trimming the edges straight, cut four 5.25" strips (see right). Keep in piles by color combination.



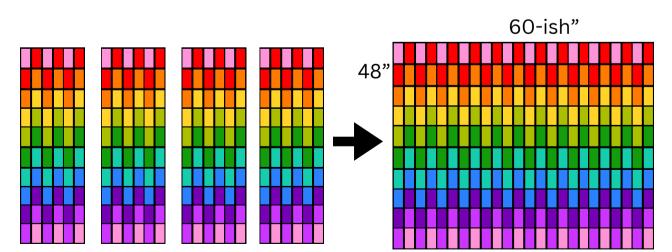


4. Take one checkered strip from each pile and sew them together in order (see left).

Repeat this 4 times. Square up these four large blocks.

5. Sew all four large blocks together to create a quilt top that's roughly 48" x 60".

6. For a larger quilt, move on to Part II. If not, quilt and bind with black and white striped fabric. Enjoy your quilt!



PART II: OPTIONAL BORDER

Start with 2 yards of fabric: 1 mostly black (ie: black sky with small white stars) and 1 mostly white (ie: small black music notes on a white background).

- Create 40 black and white HST that are 6" finished. If you're not sure how, make ten 12" squares of each color. Pair 1 black square with 1 white square and follow the instructions in this video: <u>4 at-a-time HSTs</u>
- Sew 2 rows of 20 HSTs together in the triangle pattern pictured below.
- To prevent the binding from dulling the triangle tips, sew a 2" strip of white across each top.



- Sew triangle strips to the 60" sides of the rainbow.
- Square up, quilt, bind with black and white striped fabric, enjoy!

