

Trip in a Zip!

The history of our country is reflected in the patterns of our quilts. Postage stamp quilts such as Shipyard, Around the World and Trip Around the World are quilts with a pattern that has a center block with patches radiating from the center of the quilt to the edges.

Many assembly techniques have been used over the years. Yes, it's an oldie but goodie! This particular 54 by 60 inch lap robe pattern combines several approaches to make a quick and easy assembly. Hence, Trip in a Zip!

Fabric requirements:

1 yard fabric for outer border- I like to select this piece of fabric first. Coordinating colors can be pulled from this border.

1/2 yard fabric for inner border

1/2 yard fabric for binding ---- You might wish to use the same fabric for inner border and binding

8 fat quarters for the center (if purchasing straight yardage you'll need one third yard of each and there will be some waste)----- you can include a fat quarter of both your inner & outer border fabric in the center. (This fat quarter will be in addition to the yard and half yards- a total of 8 colors in the quilt)

There are really no set rules. The colors and combinations can be what ever you create in your imagination! Just ask yourself if the color palette is pleasing to YOUR eye.

You will need to do some cutting before coming to the class. Nothing needs to be done with the border pieces. We will be working with the eight fat quarters.

A fat quarter measures approximately 18 x 22 inches. Make your cuts starting at the salvage using the longest dimension of the fat quarter. Cut five 3 1/2" x 22" strips from each fat. Pay close attention to the direction of cutting. They must be 21-22 inches long. You may stack some of your fat quarters to cut if you like ---only as many as you are comfortable with and that won't slip while you're cutting.

Here are some examples.

Now start going through your stash. Or an even better idea - 💡 check out quilt shops for additional fabric!



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