

Pyramid Chicopee Quilt



We each cut 3/8 yard of all 26 prints, giving us 5 triangles from each print--enough to make a queen sized quilt top!

Jaime made a queen sized quilt, and tried her darnedest to be random with the patchwork. It turned out perfectly random and is beautiful!



Emily took a different approach for her queen sized pyramid quilt, and planned out a repeating pattern which created a soft rainbow effect in her patchwork. In order have the right number of certain colors she had to make some triangle trades with Jaime and I. I love the effect of the organized groups of colors!



I went a little smaller with my quilt, wanting a cozy couch quilt. It's 60" x 90", long enough to stretch out under for naps, or wide enough for a two person lap quilt.



Jaime's Rainbow Patchwork Back | Amber's Bright Floral Back | Emily's Patchworky Stripe Back

We each chose our own adventure for our quilt backs!

Jaime used her Chicopee scraps to make a stripey rainbow, which she then patchworked with some of her favorite tiny gothic Japanese florals.

I was inspired by antique crazy quilts I've seen from the early 1900s, many of which have big, wild florals backing them. I chose an acid yellow rose print from Bari J. and I love it!

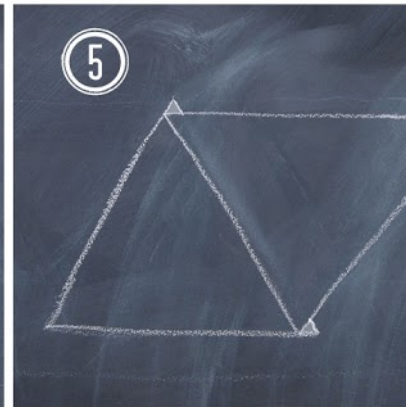
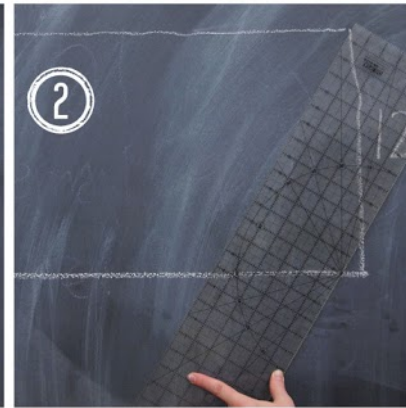
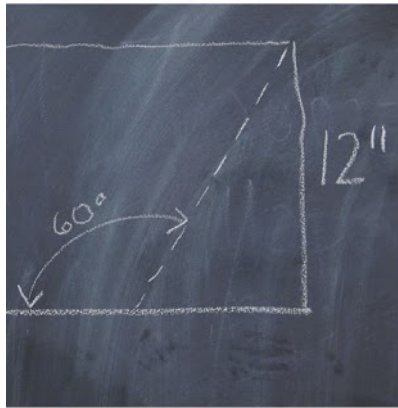
Emily chose a yarn-dyed Essex linen cotton for most of her quilt back, but inserted a colorful strip of patchwork down the center.

Basic Pyramid Patchwork Tutorial

To make a queen sized quilt top you will need:

- 3/8 yd each of 26 prints
- Cutting mat
- Rotary cutter

- clear ruler with 60° marking
- sewing machine and thread





1. With a rotary cutter and ruler, cut all your fabric pieces to 12" strips, selvedge to selvedge.
2. Take one strip and, using your ruler, cut the end of the strip off at 60°.
3. Rotate your ruler to the other side and finish cutting one triangle by cutting again at 60°. Save your half triangles from the ends. Repeat cutting for remaining triangles and remaining strips.
4. Place 2 triangles right sides together and seam along one edge at with 1/4" seam allowance.
5. Press open.
6. Place next triangle right sides together with last triangle, letting the point extend past the edge of the triangle below as much as the previous triangle point's seam allowance. Seam and press. Continue until you have 13 triangles sewn together. Seam one half-triangle to each end of your strip.

Repeat until you have 9 strips of triangles.

Lay your strips out to decide what order to piece them together in. Seam strips together.

Tada! You have a totally hot quilt top!