

Scrappy Bear Paw Baby Quilt Tutorial

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This quilt comes together quickly, and takes advantage of scraps for the background. I'm also including yardage/cutting if you'd like to use a single fabric for the background. I used scraps from my [all blue woven quilt](#), plus a few red fat quarters. I happened to have a

great backing/binding combo to match which is always nice!



To gift this baby quilt, I also stitched up a [Lined Drawstring Bag](#). For baby quilts the Artist size is perfect. When I gift a throw size or larger I make the Laundry size.

How to Make a Scrappy Bear Paw Baby Quilt



Sewing Level: Confident Beginner

Finished size: 39"x39"

Materials:

- 2 fat quarters of print fabric (red)
- 1 fat quarter of print fabric (white)

- 1 1/4 yards of background fabric (navy)
- 2 5/8 yards of backing fabric*
- 47"x47" piece of batting
- 1/3 yard of binding fabric
- Coordinating thread

*Optional pieced backing: 1 3/8 yards main + 3/8 yard accent

Notes:

Width of Fabric (WOF) = 42" assumed

Fat Quarter = 18"x21"

If cutting from yardage:

From each red fat quarter:

- Cut (1) 9.5"x21" strip
- Subcut each strip into (2) 9.5" squares

From white fabric:

- Cut (3) 4"x21" strips
- Subcut two strips into (5) 4" squares each
- Subcut remaining strip into (2) 4" squares and (1) 3.5" square

From background fabric:

- Cut (3) 4"xWOF strips
- Subcut one strip into (4) 4" squares
- Subcut remaining strips into (8) 4" squares and (4) 12.5"x3.5" rectangles
- Cut (4) 6.5"xWOF strips
- Trim two strips down to 27" in length
- Trim remaining two strips to 39" in length

If cutting from scraps:

From red fabrics:

- Cut (4) 9.5" squares

From white fabrics:

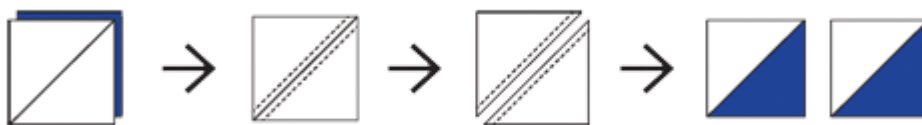
- Cut (12) 4" squares
- Cut (1) 3.5" square

From background fabrics:

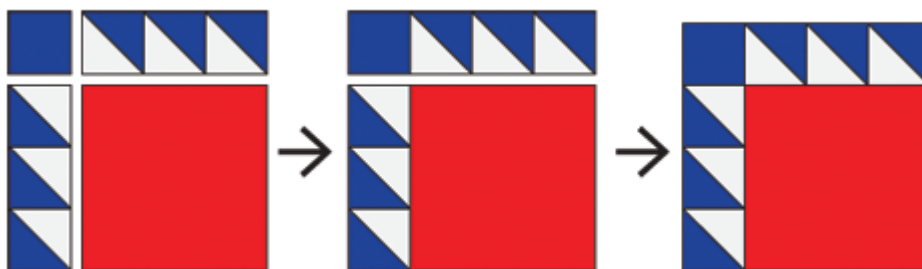
- Cut (4) 12.5"x3.5" rectangles
- Cut (12) 4" squares
- Cut 6.5" wide strips in a variety of lengths, approximately 150" worth. Sew 6.5" strips together along the 6.5" sides. Sew together enough strips to be able to cut (2) 6.5"x27" pieces and (2) 6.5"x39" pieces from it.

Instructions:

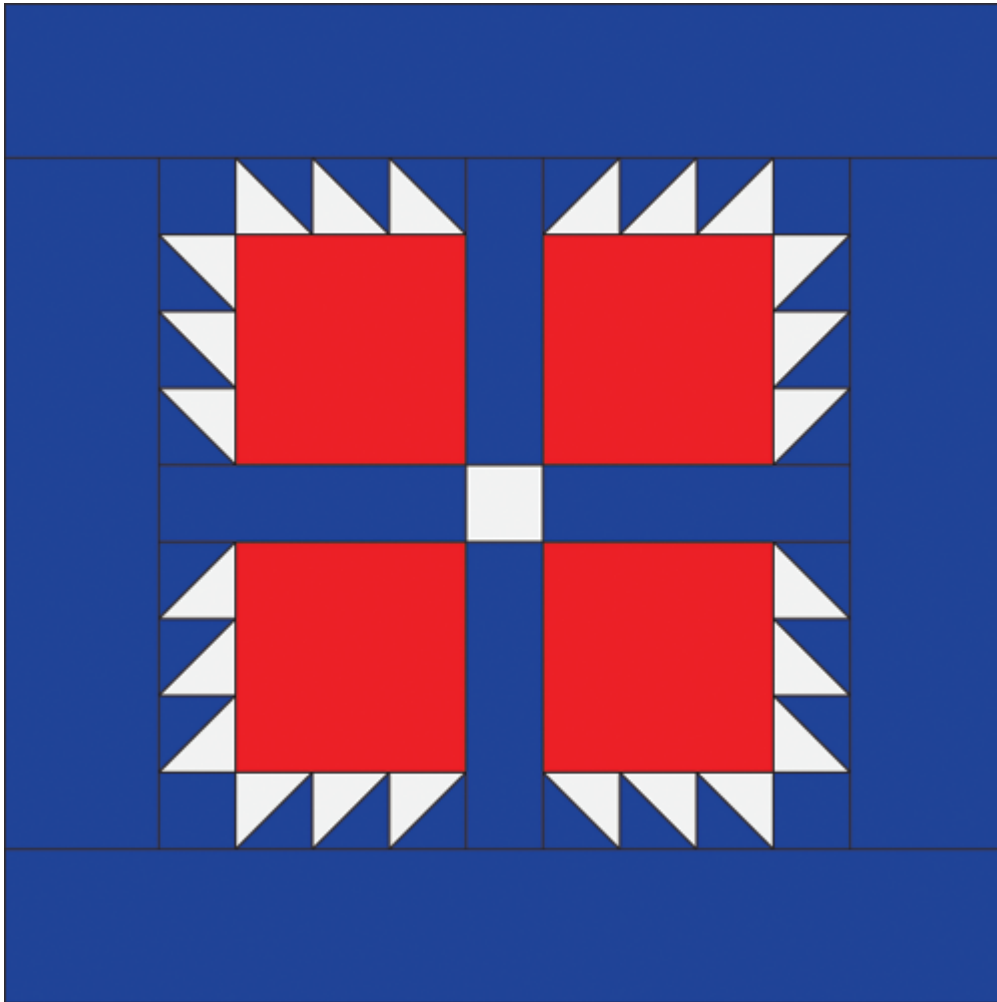
Use a 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise noted.



1. Using a marking pen, draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of the 4" white squares. Place one 4" white square and one 4" background square right sides together. Stitch 1/4" on both sides of the marked line. Press and cut apart on the marked line to create two half-square triangles. Press seams open. Repeat with remaining 4" squares. Trim half-square triangles to 3.5" square.



2. Arrange six half-square triangles created in step one, plus a 9.5" square and one 3.5" background square as shown in the block diagram above. Sew elements together in each row, press seams open. Sew two rows together to complete block. Press seams open.



3. Arrange blocks, 12.5"x3.5" background strips and 3.5" white square as shown in the above diagram. Sew elements together in each row, press seams open. Sew two rows together to complete block. Press seams open.

4. Sew a 6.5"x27" piece to each side of the bear paw block. Press seams open.

5. Sew a 6.5"x39" piece to the top and bottom of the bear paw block to finish the quilt top. Press seams open.

6. Prepare Backing: It's good practice to cut your backing and batting at least 4" larger than your top on all four sides. I've included this overage in the backing yardage requirements. Cut your backing yardage in half. Press. Trim off the selvages and sew your pieces together lengthwise. Press seam open.

Optional pieced backing

This is an easy pieced backing that doesn't require lots of yardage.

Cutting:

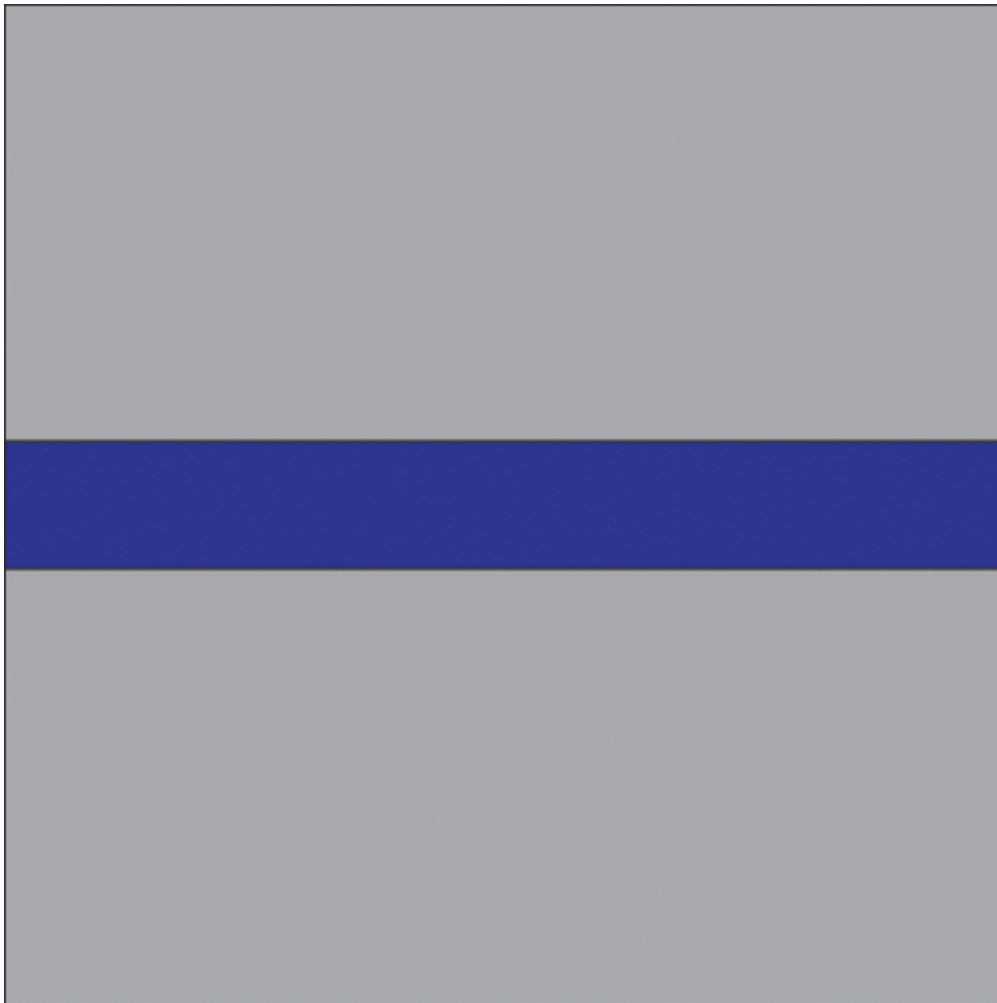
From accent fabric:

- Cut (2) 6.5"xWOF strips

From main fabric:

- Cut (2) 47"x21" rectangles

Instructions:



Use a 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise noted.

1. Sew two 6.6" strips together, press seam open. Trim strip to 47" long.
2. Sew a main rectangle to the top and bottom of the pieced unit from step 1. Press seams open.

7. Basting: Using masking or painter's tape, tape the backing to a clean, hard surface, right side down. Spread out your batting on top of the backing. Smooth out any wrinkles. Carefully spread out your quilt top on top of the batting, right side up. Pin your top, I like to use curved safety pins, spacing the pins a few inches apart. Make sure that your pins are going through all three layers.



8. Quilting: Quilt as desired, by machine or by hand. Trim away excess batting and backing fabric.



9. Binding: Cut yardage listed for binding into 2.5" strips. Trim off selvages and sew your strips together to form one long strip, press seams open. Fold in half lengthwise, pressing with your iron as you fold. Attach binding using your preferred method. For a detailed tutorial on attaching your binding to both sides by machine: [Machine Quilt Binding Tutorial](#).



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