

Zip Zap Blocks – Full or Half Day Workshop

Description: Dynamic, modern and fun is the formula for great day of stitching. The actual block size is huge, 15” square. You can make it scrappy or stick within a color palette or use a jelly roll. Oh did I say its pre-cut friendly? 1-2 Jelly Rolls and 1 yard of focus fabric.

Fabric Requirements:

(50) 2½” x 25” different fabrics for the bricks
(12) 3½” x 3½” accent squares
1 yard for brick centers and 1st border
1 yard for 2nd border

Homework for Half Day workshop: Crosscut each of the 2½” x 25” strips into sets: (2) 2½” x 9½” and (2) 2½” x 2½”. Pin together as a set.

Instructions – Pattern

General supplies:

Sewing machine with manual; ¼” foot without edge guide (if possible); (2) thread colors, one for the top and another in the bobbin and that is visible on the wrong side of fabric; seam ripper; thread snips; rotary cutter, ruler and mat; extension cord; straight pins; finger pressing tool; and batting to use as a design wall (optional).

Gyleen’s thoughts: Okay, this is one of my “go to” quilts when I need one in a hurry. You can speed up the cutting a bit by using pre-cut strips or by using your “self-made” 2½” strips. Feel free to use the remainder of the strips for the brick centers (2½” x 5½”). If you’re cutting from 40” strips bring the leftovers with you to the workshop. This block stitches quickly.

