

Modern Squares Quilt Pattern

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Batik Tambal

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This pattern is a modification of a free pattern from Erica Jackman of *Kitchen Table Quilting* named "Simply Styled Stacked Square Quilt" (www.kitchentablequilting.com/2013/06/simply-style-stacked-squares-quilt.html). Our version uses 8-inch squares and 2-inch strips that we cut from yardage. The quilt is made up of 23 squares, using one large square and two pairs of strips for borders around each square. The following are details to get you started: use Erica's complete instructions for sewing and placement.

Fabric requirements for a lap quilt, approximately 56 inches x 64 inches:

- 1 yard each of two (2) focus fabrics (booth sample used Frond Design and Batik Tambal Exclusive Batik)
- 1 yard white
- ½ yard of 6-8 fabrics
- ½ yard fabric for binding
- 2 yards fabric for backing

Cutting:

From the two focus fabrics and the white fabric, cut 2 (two) 8-inch strips and 2-4 (two to four) 2-inch strips the width of the fabric (WOF).

Cut one of the 8 inch strips into 5 (five) 8-inch squares. From the second 8-inch strip, cut 2 (two) 8-inch squares, and then 4 (four) 2-inch strips the remaining width of strip long.

From your assorted ½ yards of fabrics, cut 2-inch strips, or a combination of 8-inch strips cut into blocks and strips (as above). If you have chosen fabrics with stripes, cut fabric length wise.

Once cut, randomly select one 8-inch square and two sets of different fabric strips to create each block. Vary the selections so your blocks will all be different.

Sewing the Quilt Top:

For Erica's instructions, see www.modabakeshop.com/2013/06/simply-style-stacked-squares-quilt.html. She chose to cut the strips for inner and outer borders around the square; I used WOF strips and trimmed as I went.

Sew two strips to top and bottom of a square, press, trim and then sew the opposite sides. Repeat this process for the second border. Once all squares are sewn, cut each square in half vertically, and then in half again horizontally. You will then have 4 identical quadrants of your original square

Now the fun begins! Lay out the blocks into 8 columns x 9 rows using your design wall or open floor space. I used a placement that used the Frond fabric blocks as "whole" to feature the fabric. You could choose to be completely random without having any "whole" blocks. The design is all up to you! Once you have an arrangement you love, sew it together. (Our booth sample is borderless; you may add one if desired.)

Finishing:

You will end up with some unused strips and small blocks that can be pieced together to add interest to your backing fabric. Once your top is layered with batting and backing fabric, machine or hand quilt as desired. Use leftover fabric from the yardage to piece your binding, or you may choose to use a complementary fabric. Bind your quilt using your choice of techniques.