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Technique Sheet 5

Sashing

This example is for a quilt using twelve 12" finished blocks. The width of sashings may be altered but the techniques remain the same.

Ideally strips should be cut along the length of the fabric instead of the width as this grain has less movement and can help to create a flatter finish. This however requires far more fabric.

Cut strips 1½" wide.

Take three strips and cut into 12½" units. (8 required). Arrange the blocks in a pleasing layout. Sew a 12½" x 1½" sashing unit to block one matching at the ends and easing to fit as required. Sew block two to the other side of the sashing strip. Repeat for block two/three. This has completed one row. Press towards the sashing strips.

Repeat the steps above for row two, three and four.

The sashing strips between the rows should measure 38½".

ALWAYS measure your quilt rows and cut and average of the measurement.

All sections should be cut the same size.

Cut 5 strips to this exact measurement. Take the first and mark with a pin in the centre of the strip. Do the same with the quilt row one. Match the ends and the centre of the sashing strip to the corresponding portions of the row. Stitch in place. Stitch a sashing strip to the bottom of row one using the method above. Mark the strip at the intersections of each vertical unit. When pinning the next row in place match the vertical sashing units to these markings. If this is not done the vertical lines may not line up and the overall effect of the project is disjointed. Continue to stitch the rows together in the same way.

The sashing strips at the sides of the quilt should measure 53½".

Measure your quilt through the centre to gain the correct measurement for your project. Follow the steps above to stitch in place. The sashing strips will not be long enough (width cuts) and need to be stitched together. Follow the diagram below to give a soft diagonal join rather than a straight join that becomes very noticeable on a finished quilt.

