Crazy Shortcake an adaptation of a Crazy Shortcut Quilt

a 36" x 45" finished quilt



 Made with either one Layer Cake (Forty 10" x 10" pre-cut squares)

OR

 Using yardage, cut Two 10" x 10" squares from Twenty fabrics

AND

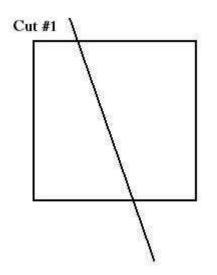
 One yard of complementary fabric for sashing and binding

AND

 Batting of crib size – 36" x 45" cut into 10" squares

ADD

Decorative threads to match



Set aside half of your squares (20) for now. They will be the backing squares.

This is a Two Cut quilt with *almost* symmetrical cuts (try to make them NOT symmetrical) – remember to use your safety pins to mark corners as described on page 27. Make cut #1 and re-sew your pieces as described on pages 29 & 30. Review page 32 and press seams.

for cutting, and make cut #2 as shown here. Remember to keep your safety pins in order!

Mix and match pieces and re-Sew. Press seams and layer for quilting using your batting squares and the other 20 squares of fabric. Cut #2

Review pages 90 & 91 for smoothing and pinning and then have fun with your decorative stitches!

Layer your squares

When your squares are stitched, trim them all to 9" square (pages 98 & 99) and then play with your layout and label each square. These squares are a lot smaller than the ones we are used to so remember to keep your paper at least an inch from the edges to allow room for the sashing strips.

When cutting your sashing it's **very important** to follow the order and layout of the diagram on page 102, and follow the measurements for a piece of fabric that is 36" long. The one yard of fabric has *very little* excess and there is almost no room for cutting error. **Don't fold the fabric in half** (bringing the selvages together) until *after* you cut the binding strips. Remember, we are cutting *lengthwise* along the grain (following parallel to the selvage edge) for all of the sashing and binding cuts.

- 1. First cut the binding strips you will need 5 strips (36" long). Once these are cut you can fold the fabric in half, bring the cut edge in line with the (trimmed) selvage.
- 2. Second, you will need 4 horizontal sashing strips (36") for the top. If your fabric is folded, make two cuts.
- 3. Third, you will need 4 horizontal sashing strips (36") for the back. If your fabric is folded, make two cuts.
- 4. Lastly, from the remaining yardage, cut the vertical sashing strips for both the top and back. Remember to also cut these on the lengthwise grain.

Join your binding strips as shown on page 107 and then press the binding strip and the top sashing strips. Join your squares in their rows (pages 107 & 105) and add decorative stitching to the sashing strips, then join the rows and add any decorative stitching.

Pin binding to the *back*, sewing on with a straight stitch and then fold to the front and finish with your favorite decorative stitch!

Thank you for making your Crazy Shortcut Quilt and please consider sending a photo by mail or email to: crazyshortcuts@gmail.com or Marguerita McManus

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