

THE STRING QUILT

THIS is a very interesting quilt, suitable for using long, narrow scraps, such as old silk neckties or wash materials left along selvages and such.

The kite-shaped center blocks should be all alike in color, and if the strips repeated the same five hues each time it would make a lovely pattern. When using odd scraps they should be kept dark, medium and light as suggested. This quilt is made of all pieced blocks or blocks set together with 1 1/4-inch strips. In either case there is a pronounced pattern where four blocks join which makes an unusually lovely repeat.

The pattern appears to be complex, whereas it is really not difficult but just a bit tedious and exacting. The five graduated pieces sew together in order to form an isosceles triangle. Two of these join onto the long sides of a kite-shaped piece to form a right triangle, which is one fourth of the block. Seams must be added to the cutting patterns here given.

Each String block finishes about 15 inches square; therefore, thirty pieced blocks set together, 5 wide by 6 blocks long, and the quilt will finish about 75 by 90 inches, or considerably less may be used with a border.

Material Estimate: A String Quilt would be lovely with a peach tint background, deep coral for the dark, and apple green for the medium and ivory for light. Allow 3 yards of background color, 1 1/2 yards of light, 2 yards of dark, and 2 yards of medium, 8 1/2 yards total.



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