## Stroller Rag Quilt Pattern

Approximately 25 " x $\mathbf{3 5 "}$
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## Supplies Needed:

1 yard of main fabric (cotton, flannel, etc.)*
1 yard of contrasting fabric (cotton, flannel, etc.)*
1 yard of cotton flannel
1 pair of Fiskars Rag Snips
1 rotary cutter/mat
1 cutting ruler
Thread
5/8" seam allowance used throughout


## Optional supplies:

356 " squares of main fabric
35 6" squares of contrasting fabric
35 6" flannel for batting
*Note - Not all fabrics fray well for rag quilts, I prefer using 100\% cottons or flannels to get the best results. Denim also works well. You can also use more than two prints for the top and backing of your quilt, you just need an equivalent of 2 yards for those layers.

There are several ways to make rag quilts; I prefer the method of using cotton flannel for the batting and cutting it the same size as the top and backing so it is also part of the raggy seam. It adds more "fluff" and softness.

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Step 1:
Cut 356 " squares from each yard of fabric including batting. You will have a total of 105 squares when finished.

Step 2:
Make "sandwiches" with your cut squares; place backing right side down, place flannel batting on top of backing, place top fabric on batting, right side up. You will have 35 sandwiches when done.

## Step 3:

Quilt the sandwiches with an " $X$ " using a baste stitch. You can either mark an $X$ on your squares for sewing lines or simply run your squares through your machine if you are comfortable without the sewing lines. You can also fold your square diagonally to make a crease for a guide. (A tip from a good friend \& fellow quilter).

## Step 4:

Sew rows together by alternating sandwiches between prints. Place backing of each sandwich together so top fabrics are right side out. This is the opposite of everything you've been taught about sewing and quilting so it might be difficult at first. Note that if you are using only 2 prints and using a checkerboard layout, this step will be easier since each square is the same on both sides (i.e. blue sandwiches \& yellow gingham sandwiches).


Sew a total of 5 sandwiches together for each row. You will have 7 rows when done. You will notice that your exposed seam is now on the top of your quilt row.

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## Step 5:

Sew rows $1 \& 2$ together, butting seams together in opposite directions.
Sew rows $3,4,5,6$, and 7 together. DO NOT sew row 2 to row 3 yet.
In the center square of row 2, sew a 5/8" seam along the bottom edge; be
 sure to back stitch at beginning and end. You may also stitch over this seam twice for extra durability. This is where the "hole" will be on your quilt. Repeat for the center square top edge of row 3.


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## Step 6:

Sew rows 2 and 3 together from outside edge to seam of center square that you just stitched but DO NOT sew through center square. Back stitch several times for strength at this pressure point of the quilt. You will now have a quilt as shown in the diagram below with 5 squares across \& 7 squares down with a "hole" where the circle is noted. I also included a pre-clipped photo of your sewn quilt. It looks "twisted" at the adjoining seams but they will straighten out once the quilt is clipped.

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## Step 7:

Stitch around entire outside edge of quilt using a 5/8" seam.

## Step 8:

Now it's time to clip, clip, clip. Use your Fiskars Rag Snips for best results. Clip approximately $1 / 4$ " apart \& $1 / 4$ " from stitched seam without clipping your stitched seam. Do this for all exposed top seams and around the outside edge. Be careful when clipping the "hole" area. I like to clip each piece separately so I don't clip into the seam of either side.

Step 9:
Toss your new quilt into the washer/dryer. Be sure to check your lint filter often and early in the drying process. The first wash/dry produces lots of lint!

Enjoy your new stroller rag quilt! $\downarrow$
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