

# Easy Bargello Quilt

42 x 56 inches approx.

## Fabric Requirements:

- $\frac{1}{3}$  yd of four(4) coordinating prints or 6 inches WOF of eight(8) fabrics
  - Note: this project is a terrific way to clear out your stash
- $\frac{3}{4}$  yd border fabric-can be one of the other prints
- $\frac{3}{8}$  yd binding fabric
- $1 \frac{2}{3}$  yd Backing



## Cutting:

- Cut 8 strips, 6 inches x WOF (you may use 6 or 7 strips to make a smaller quilt)
- Cut 6 strips- 4 inches x WOF of border fabric
- Cut 6 strips WOF of binding fabric. I like  $2 \frac{3}{8}$ " but many like to use  $2 \frac{1}{2}$ "
  - If you want to use a flange binding, cut 6 WOF  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " of the main fabric and 6 WOF  $1 \frac{3}{4}$ " of **accent** fabric.

## Piecing:

- Sew all 8 strips, 6" x WOF together into one panel. Alternate colors.
  - Press.



- Sew this panel into a tube, connecting strip one to strip 8..

- From this tube, you will cut the following:

- 2-6" strips
- 2-5" strips
- 2-4" strips
- 2-3" strips
- 2-2" strips
- **1-1 1/2" strip**



- **Identify and mark strip color A.** This will help keep the Bargello "Step" accurate. In this picture, A is my top peach print.
- Open the seam above A on both 6" strips.
- Next, Open the seam below A on both 5" strips.
- Continue opening seams and moving down one square each time:
  - Open the seam below B on both 4" strips.
  - Open the seam below C on both 3" strips
  - Open the seam below D on both 2" strips
  - Open the seam below E on the 1 1/2" strip

- Stitch strips together, remembering to step down one square each time. You will be sewing a **right side** and **left side unit**, that are opposite from each other.
  - Sew the 6" strip to the right side of the 5" strip, then the 4" strip to their right, followed by the 3", 2", and finally the 1 ½" strip. Remember to step down one block each time. This will create the center Bargello pattern.



- Now, sew the reverse, the 2" strip the the left of the 3" strip, then the the left of the 4" strip, the 5" strip, and finally the 6" strip.
- Connect the two sections together at the middle 1 ½" strip.
- Press.
- Add borders. Borders can be any size desired or whatever width your fabric allows; 2"-6". You will need 6 strips WOF.
- Quilt, bind, Label and gift.
  - Flange Binding: I find that a flange binding is quicker than a traditional binding and decreases the risk of missing a section on a machine stitched binding.
  - <https://quiltingwithlori.com/make-flange-quilt-binding/>

Modifications: all strips can be cut 6" WOF, which will create a quick and easy patchwork quilt that will step down one step for each row.

Want a smaller quilt? Use fewer strips or narrower borders. Want to quilt this one up quickly with your domestic machine? Consider using a decorative stitch or serpentine on a diagonal from one corner to the next.