



From Cupboard to Creativity Project

2021 - Row by Row Quilt

Hi Everyone,

A new year has started and I am just getting into my quilting having spent the first few weeks with family visiting from Adelaide, so now I am wishing for you a joyous and creative year ahead.

To follow on with the monthly themes that I have been offering the past 2 years, I have decided that this year I will keep it very simple and provide some ideas that use up your stash to make designs that can be made into "Row by Row" quilts.

"Row by Row" quilts can be designed in several ways:

In the photos I have some ideas (or parts of quilts) as an example

1. Each row is made up of a different patterned or appliqued blocks, or may be you could experiment with texture like my scrappy 3D texture blocks (see bottom quilt) . Sometimes the width of the row may vary, but the length is usually kept the same.
2. Generally a row is the width of the quilt (borders are optional), OR you may pick a set finished size of eg 20" and make up strips that are that in length, make some across & some vertical and at the end plan how you will construct them.
3. You could choose an overall colour theme to work through your quilt and have a common background to bring it all together eg: themes such as country colours or the seaside, or perhaps you prefer to work in pastels or bright — this may also depend on your starting point of what is in your stash:)

OR you could have different colours in each row, or an overall scrap look and sash between the rows with a common colour to bring it together.



Enjoy playing along.

Jan P.



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January — "Off cuts Repurposed".

Step 1: Decide on the size of your quilt. This will determine how long your row needs to be.

I have decided to make my Row by Row quilt about 50" x 70" and if I allow an inner border of 1" and a final border of 3" finished, then I will make my rows 42" long.

This is a useful size as I could fit any of the following: 7 blocks of 6" (finished size) , or 6 blocks of 7" or 14 blocks of 3", or 12 blocks of 3½" for a narrower row.

If I decide to use a sashing to join my rows this will mean 1 width of fabric will easily fit.

Decide on the best size block for your first row. (I think I will go with 6" blocks)

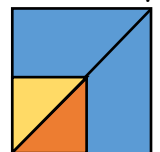
Step 2: Look through your cupboards and boxes for off cuts you have put aside because you loved the fabric—now is the time to get creative.

Step 3: Design a simple block that you can repeat using your "off cut" fabric as the feature.

Step 4: Make enough of this block to fit your chosen row length. If your block is not an exact fit for the row, you may want to consider sashing between each block, or use a "filler" fabric at each end to make up the size of your row.

With such a late start for this month I have decided to make my first row from some lovely fabric that was the off cuts from one student's class project late last year.

There were a lot of triangles with coloured tips, some on opposite corners, so I have paired them and joined them to make a square, and now I will add some planning to make it into my block—to be revealed next month!



For this project I will be working with brighter fabrics.

I am looking forward to working through some more of the boxes of fabrics and partly made projects that are waiting for my attention, so I hope you will have fun creating from your stash again this year.

Happy Quilting.

Jan P