

Cupboard to Creativity March 2024

1:2 Ratio rectangles

Hi Everyone,

For the March Challenge I thought we could play with designing something using the very basic unit 1: 2 ratio rectangle. You could choose:

- a finished in quilt size of $1" \times 2"$, $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 3"$, $2" \times 4"$, $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 5"$ $3" \times 6"$ or any other size that you like. (If using the brick layout you will most likely need squares for the ends of rows too)
- I have included a colour planning sheet for basic rectangles in rows, and another one with the rectangles set as bricks.
- Use these or make up you own plan, cut and paste, make a repeat block, play with colour layout to create your design elements. These could be traditional, or you may wish to look at a more modern style this month.
- When designing, a couple of things to think about:
 - look at the contrast to create distinct shapes
 - shade colours that are similar for blended effects
 - consider the direction of the rectangle have all the same throughout or does it work best changing the orientation of some.

In my Scrap Quilt Medley workshop from 2015, I created a design with these rectangles, so my aim is to design something different this month.

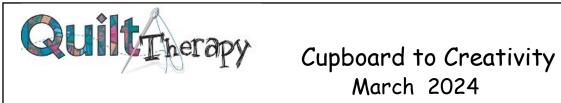
In my Behind the Blocks series, I used the basic rail fence style arrangement with 2 strips as shown below with blocks and a quilt without the blocks, where I quilted circles across the surface in a couple of areas to add interest.

You may want to design a border for a quilt using these rectangles, or try a small project like a table runner.

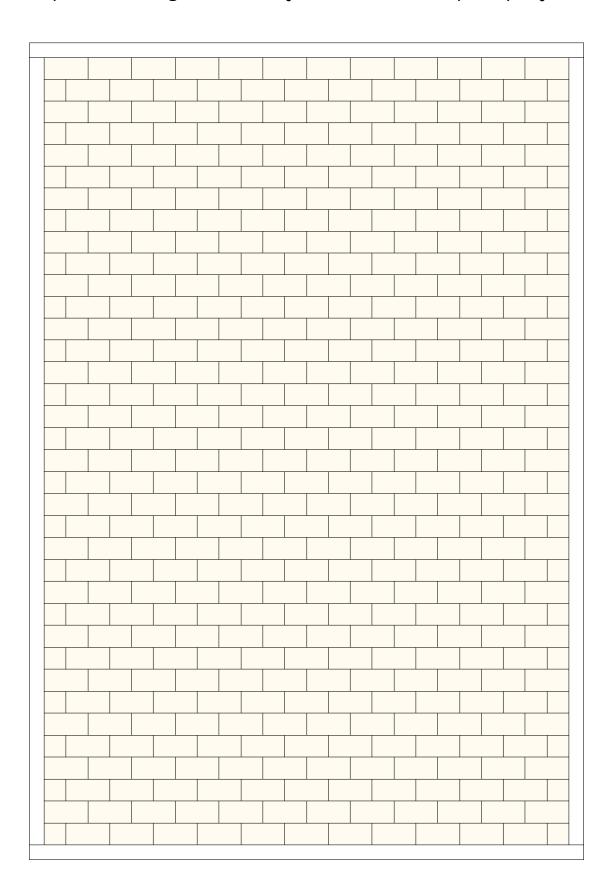
Have fun designing and playing this month.



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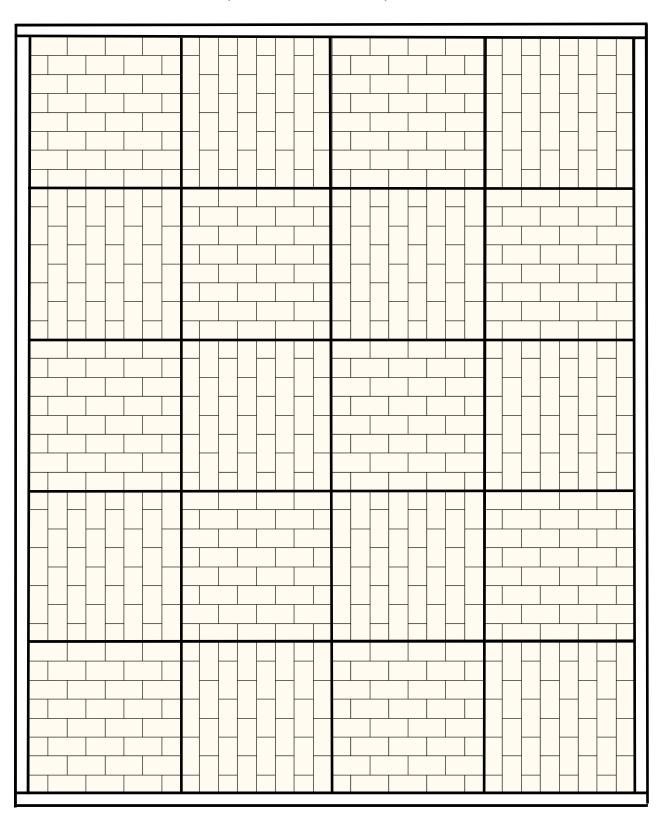
Brick layout Planning sheet—adjust rows to suit your project

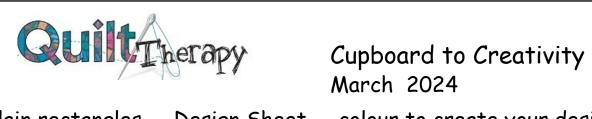




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Blocks turned alternately—darkened so you see the blocks!





Plain rectangles — Design Sheet — colour to create your design.

