

Cupboard to Creativity June Update 2025

Hi Everyone,

I am sure as each year passes the time goes faster (do you experience that?) it certainly seems that way to me — maybe it is because there has been a lot happening this year for us, and we are already half way through 2025.

My new quilt shed is another step closer to completion as the flooring is being completed this week - thankfully the wet weather has not delayed it.

I have had quite a bit of family time—a trip to Adelaide mid June for a catch up with a cousin over from US, and our grandson's birthday. Also, now that we have moved closer to our other two daughters, we see more of them and this week are having a couple of nights with sleepovers.

Before I went away I managed to get a "scrap" version of a blue Seminole border made and added to a quilt I had started some time ago. Each border that I was doing had an extra row to it, so the blue one had 5 pieces plus edges and with all the borders I was trying to shade it from light to dark in various ways.



I had intended to grow the quilt even more, however I am not sure I have enough of any one colour to create a border with 6 layers to it, so I may change my plans & add an applique border instead — however a decision for another day.

I did also manage a second seminole border.

This time for a small quilt that has been building over various months with different techniques. For this one I used 3 colours plus the edges and alternated my cut strips to create the pattern. By adding the border directly onto my quilt, I ended up with 2 different corners.

Had I used 1 more strip to each border piece, it would have given me the same colours on all 4 corners. I would have added an inner border to adjust the size of the quilt centre.

My strips for the Seminole band were cut 2" for the red, yellow & central blue, and for the outer strips I cut $2\frac{1}{4}$ " to make the trim step easier.

On end of each border section you need to make the extra triangle shaped piece (shown in picture) to form the outer corners easily, attach the triangle to the rest of the border pieces, then trim the edge that you will attach to the quilt — $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the coloured points.

Square the ends $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the end point (check where stitching line creates the point), so that when sewn together the points will be seen. (notice on my border the last colour at each end is different — this causes there to be 2 different corner finishes but by adding 1 more strip and an extra inner border to the quilt centre, all 4 corners could be the same.



I did add a straight border beyond the Seminole to support the edges, and now have to decide if I will keep it as a square the size it is or to make it a bigger square or create a rectangle to finish the quilt — I will share when I have decided.

I hope you had fun playing with Seminole piecing.

Till next time,
Happy Quilting
Jan P.

