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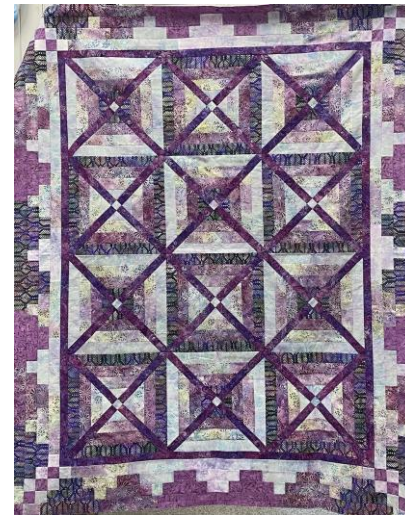
It has been a month of weather events - with more, still to come. The rain has been most welcome, but some people & businesses have had damages as a result, so I hope you have fared OK.

There is a lot of activity around Halloween this weekend.

I have seen others making quilts & I helped my granddaughter with elements of her costume, but I will be escaping on a quilt retreat for the weekend and letting others enjoy that evening fun!

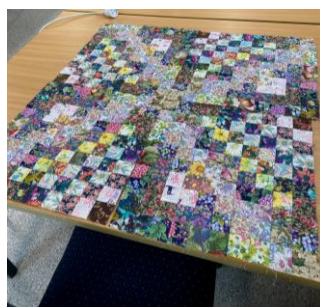
For October our challenge was to explore colourwash quilts in some way.

I managed to complete the border for my purple quilt and had enough of the same fabrics that were in the blocks to make the border, but the result is not a typical "colourwash", so I decided I should meet the challenge and make another colourwash quilt using the strip method as suggested.



This was a lot of fun auditioning fabrics to get the blending & it is amazing how random fabrics can come together to create the patterns.

For the selection process I was grateful we now have tools on our phones to take a black & white photo to help select the right order.





I originally made 4 blocks of 15" finished size (my strips were cut 2" wide), and I wanted a checkered effect in part of the block and a light glow around the centre, and I am happy with the design I created.

I played with the different centre arrangements (see pictures on page 1), turning the different corners to the centre & taking a photo each time so I could decide on the one I would use. With that done, I then wanted to make the blocks 21" in size, so added the extra strips.

I could have joined my blocks with an extra row of colour as a sashing, however decided to leave the blocks as they were which brought 2 pieces the same fabric together along the centres to create the + feature.

I auditioned several fabrics for the border, then settled on the brighter finish this green achieved. I have added it to the growing "to quilt" pile.....

I hope you have had fun. Jan P