Scrappy Backing Ideas

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Get creative! Backing fabric doesn't always have to be from one fabric lined up perfectly. The diagrams below are a guideline to help you use less backing fabric, and should help make sense of the backing requirements on page 3. I've added stripes to each fabric in the diagrams below to show you the direction of the selvage when cutting the pieces from yardage. For example, a vertical stripe means the selvage runs vertical to the fabric direction, while a horizontal stripe means the selvage runs horizontal to the fabric direction. See selvage diagram below.

60"x60" quilt

You'll need 2 yards for this piece.

Cut 66" from 2 yards. Trim width to 41½". This piece should measure 41½"x66"

You'll need ¾ yard for this piece.

Cut 25½" from ¾ yard. Trim width to 33½". This piece should measure 25½"x33½"

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60"x72" quilt

You'll need 2¼ yards for this piece.

Cut 78" from 2¼ yards. Trim width to 41½". This piece should measure 41½"x78"

You'll need ¾ yard for this piece.

Cut 25½" from ¾ yard. Trim width to 41½". This piece should measure 25½"x41½"

You'll need ¾ yard for this piece.

Cut 25½" from ¾ yard. Trim width to 37½". This piece should measure 25½"x37½"

72"x84" quilt

You'll need 2¾ yards for this piece.

Cut 90" from 2¾ yards. Trim width to 41½". This piece should measure 41½"x90"

You'll need 1¼ yard for this piece.

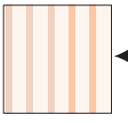
Cut 37½" from 1¼ yard. Trim width to 41½". This piece should measure 37½"x41½"

You'll need ¼ yard for this piece.

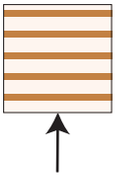
Cut 8½" from ¼ yard. Trim width to 37½". This piece should measure 8½"x37½"

You'll need 1¼ yard for this piece.

Cut 37½" from 1¼ yard. Trim width to 41½". This piece should measure 37½"x41½"



Selvage would have been here for this fabric.



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- Fabric requirements based on 42" width.
- Use a ¼" seam allowance.
- Backing sizes are based on adding 6" to the width and then length.