

Easy Baking Layer Cake Quilt

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You will need 1 Layer Cake and use the following table to determine how much extra fabric you will need for binding and backing.

Quilt	Finished Size	2" Binding	Backing
Toddler	36" x 45"	3/8 yard	1 1/2 Yards
Lap Quilt	54" x 54"	1/2 yard	3 3/8 Yards

**If creating the Toddler size, you will only use half of your layer cake. You can use the other half to create a scrappy binding or to help you create some of the backing.

For this tutorial, I am using a layer cake called Hoopla and I am creating the toddler quilt.

If you would like a kit, we have a [Hoopla](#) and [Girlie Girl Kits](#) available at a special price!

This pattern is so wonderful, you can use it with any fabric line and it would look absolutely adorable!

Let's get started!

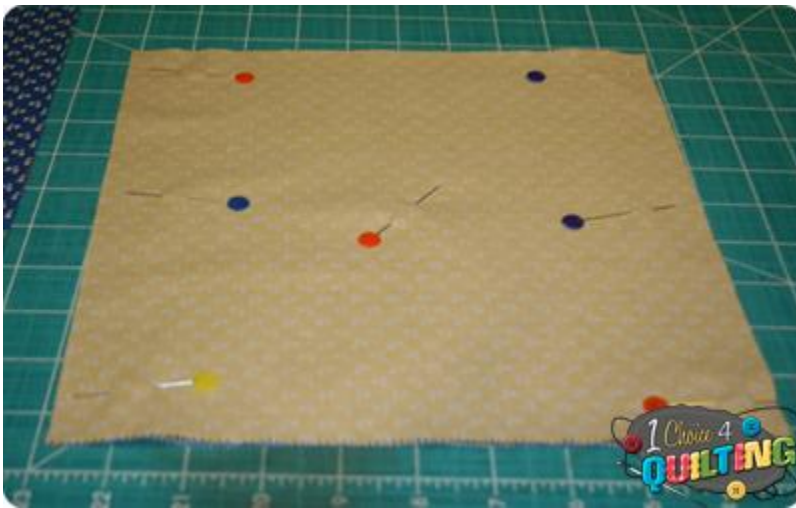


The first thing we want to do is unwrap that beautiful Layer Cake. I know you don't want to ruin it and it looks so pretty. BUT imagine how much prettier it will look when we are all done!



Go through your layer cake and separate the different colors.

Hoopla had some blues, pinks, purples, greens, yellows, and reds.



3.

Grab 2 different colors of fabric and line up all the edges. Pin the left side, right side, and one in the center to keep it all together. Repeat this process:

- 10 times to make a Toddler Quilt
- 18 times to make a Lap Quilt



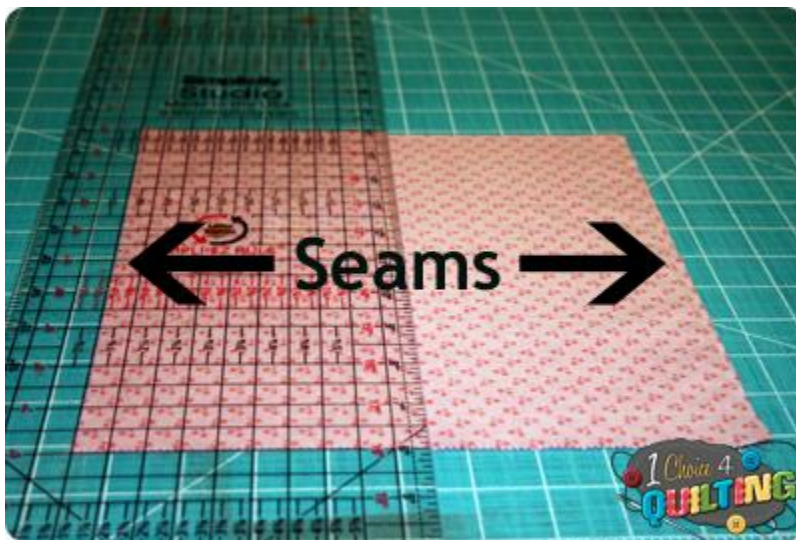
4.

Take all of your pinned pieces to the sewing machine and sew a ¼" on both sides. Make sure to remove your pins as you sew.

You will find it is much faster to sew all your pieces on the right.

Then turn them all around and do all the other side using chain piecing.

Chain piecing is a term used when quilters keep sewing their pieces together one after another, without stopping to cut the thread after stitching each and every single pair. Instead, you cut the threads in between the blocks after you are all done.



5.

Head over to your cutting table and making sure the seams are on the left and right (LOOK AT THE PICTURE), cut your block in half. Since these are 10” squares, we are going to cut on the 5” line.

DOUBLE CHECK THAT THE SEAMS ARE TO THE LEFT AND RIGHT AND YOU ARE NOT CUTTING INTO YOUR SEAMS.



6.

After you get done cutting, your new blocks will look like the above picture.



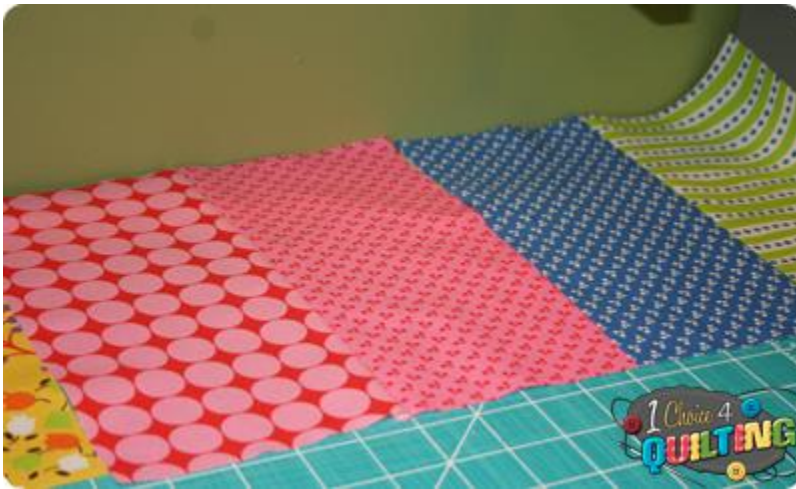
7.

Start arranging them one on top of the other. Make sure the seams are all on the same side and place the darker fabric on the top. This will make step 8 much easier!



8.

Head over to your iron and press your seams. Then open and press to the darker side. Tada! You now have a new block!



9.

After they are all pressed open, it is time to lay them all out and decide where you want them to be. Notice the seams goes up and down. This is the fun part! I use my table but, some people use their floor or a design wall (keep reading for more explanation).

You will want to place:

- Toddler Quilt - 4 Blocks going across and 5 going down
- Lap Quilt - 6 Blocks going across and 6 going down



10.

I decided to put the seams up and down on the odd rows and place the seams sideways for the even rows.

In order to do this, I had to take $\frac{1}{2}$ " off every block I wanted to lay sideways.

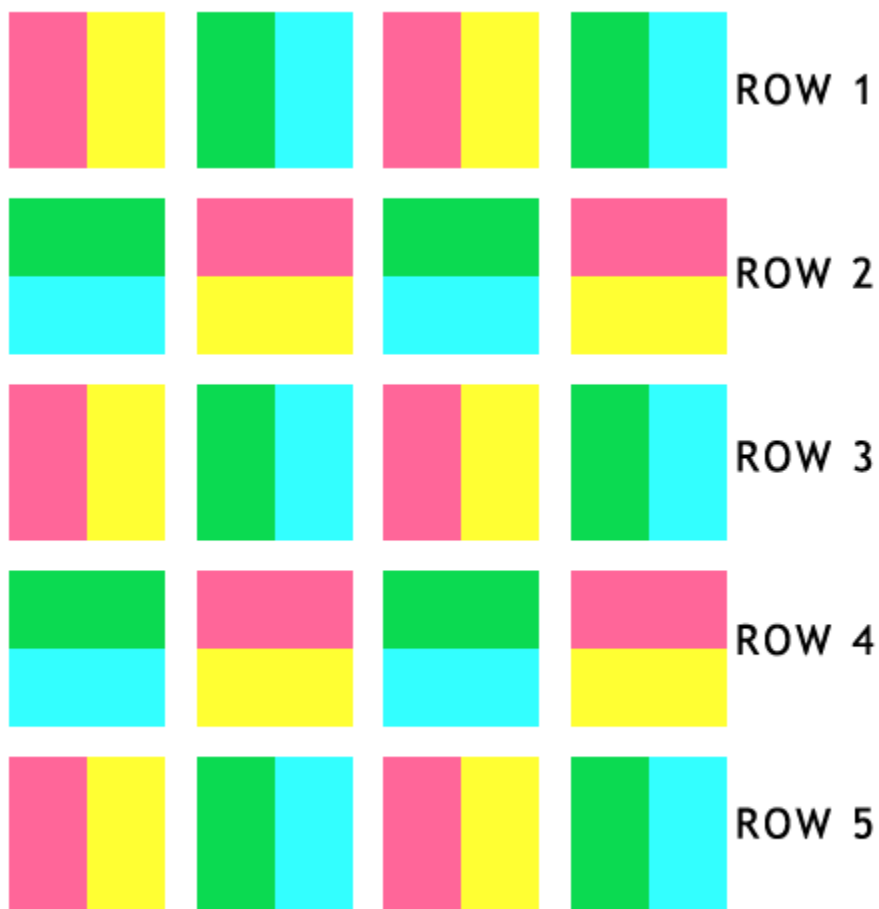


I grabbed my 12 inch ruler and made these blocks $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches to lay them sideways. Remember we are only cutting off $\frac{1}{2}$." I **ONLY** did this for my even rows so everything lined up perfectly.

11. The chart below shows how each row was arranged for the toddler quilt.

Notice that there are 4 blocks going across and 5 blocks going down.

Also notice that the even rows are laid sideways and the odd rows are lying with the seam going up and down.





After I had them all arranged I started sewing blocks together. I started left to right to create rows. Then sewed the rows together to finish the quilt top.



12.

Quilt, bind, and you will have yourself one beautiful and simple Easy Baking Layer Cake Quilt



Since I created the Toddler size, I was able to use some of my extra layer cake fabric to create a scrappy binding and backing.

So cute!

Horse not included 😊

As you can see, this pattern looks great in any fabric!



Sincerely,

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P.S.

Did you happen to notice the bottom row in this picture was a little off?

Kind of looks like squares instead of rectangles right?



Let me tell you the rest of the story....

I put my quilt on the frame to be quilted and completed my first row across. As I started rolling the next section up, I noticed the back of my quilt looked HORRIBLE. The tension was all off on the back side. I had put in the bobbin incorrectly.

Oh no!

I grabbed my seam ripper and went to work. Whoops! Cut the fabric not once but, twice.

Now what?

MOVE ON!

Fix the tension, fix the bobbin, start a new row as close as possible to the yucky one, and move on.

Finish quilting and cut the nasty part off.

My 3 year old granddaughter never noticed a thing 😊

That's the beauty of quilting.

If we make a mistake, it is very easy to just move on. Nobody has to know but you.

Don't worry if your lines aren't perfect. Don't worry if your seams aren't just right. Instead, focus on the joy you get when quilting. Focus on the joy you get when giving that special handmade quilt to a loved one!

I can't wait to see what you create!



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