

# Quilt as you Go Lap Quilts

Cut 48 6" squares and make strips of 6 each. You can also use strips that are any width but at least 36" long.

Cut a piece of fabric for the back of your quilt 36"-38" wide and 48" long. Lay on your pressing table wrong side up. Lay a strip of batting (any width, preferable not the same as your strip) across the 36" width at the top edge. Lay one of your strips right side up along the same edge. Place a second strip on top with wrong side facing up so that you can make a seam along the bottom of the strips. Pin together. Sew through all thicknesses, press the second strip down, and lay a third strip along its bottom edge, pin and sew. If there isn't any batting under the bottom strip, add another strip of batting. Continue in this fashion until all strips are used.

It is very important that you press thoroughly after each addition, and that you strive to keep all the fabric straight and flat when sewing. This works best for a lap quilt because it is too hard to keep the fabric from bunching when you do a larger quilt.

When you have placed all strips, adding batting as you go (and it can be different kinds of batting. Won't make any difference. Just butt them together), Stitch 3 or 4 lines of quilting vertically on the quilt to secure the batting strips.

Cut enough binding to go around the quilt, 2 1/2" wide. Press in half and sew to back side of quilt using a 1/4" seam and mitering the corners as usual. Press outward. Bring the folded edge to the front and top stitch the binding down with the machine. Be sure to insert a Quilt Guild label in the edge of the binding on the back side.

This is a wonderful way to use up scraps of fabric and all those batting strips you cut off your quilt when it comes back from the quilter.