

Diamond Strings Quilt

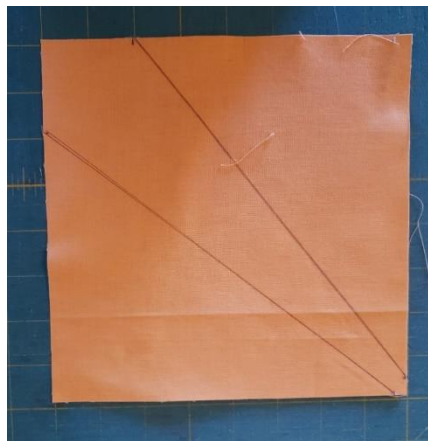
Basics:

- The Diamond Strings Quilt is an easy scrap quilt using a solid or tone-on-tone fabric as the foundation for the quilt block. The construction is similar to string blocks made using a thin paper foundation that is torn away, but the foundation fabric is a key part of the block, and there is no paper to tear away. Here is a turquoise quilt made this way.
- The tutorial shows how to make one block, using orange fabric and strings.
- The orange squares are 8 inches, which will be 7 ½ inches when sewn into a quilt. A 45-inch square quilt using 36 blocks will need 2 yards of foundation fabric, including enough for the binding, and lots of strings.
- This quilt can also be made with more than one foundation fabric, making it even scrappier. There are some examples on Pinterest made that way.
- The strings are from 1 ¼ inch wide to 2 ½ inches wide.

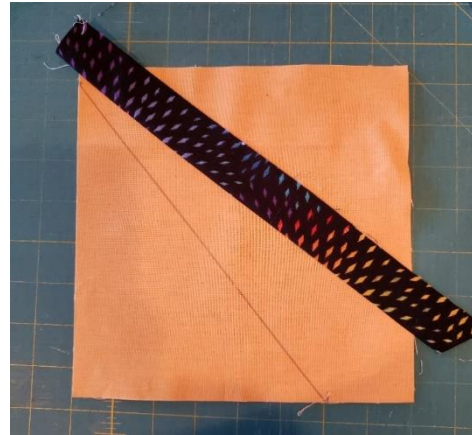


Construct the block:

1. Mark an 8-inch square of foundation fabric, ¼ inches from a corner, and 2 inches from the opposite corner on the right side of the fabric. Draw two light pencil lines as shown. These will be covered by the strings and will not show in the quilt. Spacing the lines ¼ inch from the corner allows the point to float, so that the points do not have to be matched when the blocks are sewn together.



2. Lay a string upside down along one of the diagonal lines. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from the line. Flip the string over and finger press.



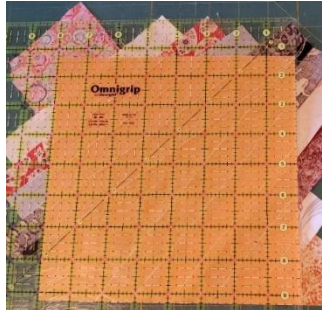
3. Set the second string upside down on top of the first string and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Flip it over and finger press. Keep adding strings in the same way. The corner string should be at least 2 inches wide, to avoid losing the corner in the seam allowance.



4. Do the same thing on the other side of the block.



5. Turn the block over and trim to 8 inches square.



Here is the final block.



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