

Graduated Coins

93.5"x105"



To make the quilt pictured:

You need:

- 3 yards of white for sashings and border
- 6 yards of various greens cut into 2.5"x6.5" in a variety of shades – from light to dark
- ¾ yard of various green strips to make binding

Cut:

From various green scraps:
500 strips - 2.5"x6.5"

For sashings

From white:

- 9 – 3.5"x100.5" strips (piece as necessary to get the length needed)

*******Note: This is more of a *how to* than an actual pattern.**

Note: Use $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams throughout.

Construct blocks:

To make a quilt this size, cut 500 strips from your greens that are 2.5" x 6.5". (I have a ruler that is 6.5" wide which is why I used that number – you could use any width if you wanted.)

Separate them into piles of light, medium, dark like this.



After I made three piles, I then took and divvied them into 10 piles, while making sure I had a variety of lights, mediums and darks in each pile.

Here are my 10 piles of lights:



Here are my 10 piles of mediums:



The darks I did similarly.

Here are my stacks of strips ready to be subdivided and placed in shade/intensity order.



Once I had all 10 stacks, I took one stack at a time and divided it further into the lightest, next lightest, etc.



I then laid them out in order from light to dark.

This was the hardest part.

When I had doubts about that, I took a photo with my camera and changed it to black and white to see if I could tell which was darker. I then tried my best to put them in the correct order. I wasn't always perfect with it, but I think I managed to succeed in the overall effect.



When I took photos, and then changed the same photo into black/white, this is how it looked.



Became this:



and



became this:



I used my table, which pretty much gets used for everything to lay them out. Obviously, you could use the floor.

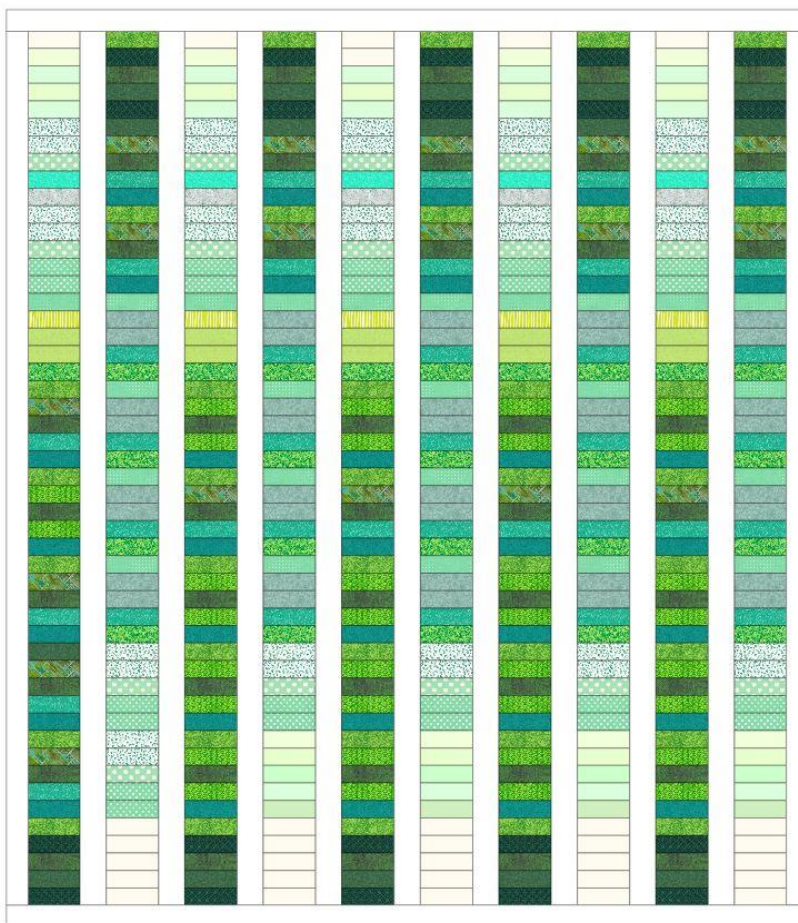


Once I got them in the order I wanted, I stacked them up carefully and took them to the machine like that and sewed them together IN THAT ORDER. All 50 of them. I will admit to have many, many doubts as I worked on it. I just didn't really "see it" in person as I was doing it even though on the computer it looked cool. But I kept going.

Press well. You now have one of your rows. Make 10 just like that. It wasn't hard once I got the hang of it.

How to put together this quilt:

1. **Sew together in rows (now called columns) as discussed above. Make 10 columns.**



Sew columns together, alternate direction of columns so the colors alternate dark/light putting a sashing strip cut 3.5"x100.5" long between each column. Match centers, Pin. Sew. Press well.

2. **Add border: white**
 - Cut 2 - 3"x100.5". Add to the sides.
 - Cut 2 - 3"x92.5". Add to top and bottom.
3. **Press well.**
4. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
5. **Quilt** as desired.
6. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished! Enjoy!