

Braided Scraps

97"x106"

To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- About 3-4 yards of various scraps for the 2" strips I cut 5" strips using my ruler – need a lot
- 3 1/4 yards of navy blue for border and strips
- 3 yards of a light floral print for alternate rows

- ½-3/4 yard of your choice of fabric for binding

Note: this quilt is made up primarily of a braid and I didn't use blocks.

Cut:

For the blocks and sashings:

- From your various blue, purple and green scraps:
88 - Cut 2"x6.5" strips for each braid (I had 6 braids, so I needed 528 strips minimum)
- From light "low volume" print,
Cut 5 – 5½" x 90½" strips
- From navy blue:
12 - 1½" x 90½" strips (piece to make long enough unless you have a long enough length of fabric piece.)

Borders will be discussed later – you will use navy and the light print

Construct blocks:

Make the braid.

Using this method outlined by craftsyt, make your braid, though instead of using 2.5" strips, I used 2" x 5" strips (<https://www.craftsy.com/blog/2014/12/how-to-make-a-french-braid-quilt/>)

They do such a great job of showing it, that I didn't see a need to show it again. If they remove it or make you have to pay to view it, then I can show you. Otherwise, just use this nice tutorial. I used method 1 – not using the binding tool.

After I sewed a very long strip of braid, I cut it to 90 ½" long, trying to make them all "look like" each other as to the starting and stopping place.

Then I attached the navy 1½" strips on each side of the braided piece. I had premeasured these, so I pinned in place.

I laid them like this, lining up the edges of the braid with the navy strips:

Here are a few pictures showing how I added these navy strips to the braids





How to put together this quilt:

1. **Sew together in rows.** Use the above instructions and follow this diagram – ignoring the borders for now. I flipped the direction of the braids to make it a little more interesting. I did not make my braid in blocks as shown – I just don't know how to really draw a braid in EQ yet. I'll learn, though!



After I had the braids and their navy thin sashing pieces put on, I added the 5½"x90½" low volume print between until it was the width I wanted. For me, this was determined first and foremost by the amount of this low volume print I had. ☺

2. **Add borders:**

This quilt has three borders –

- A. First border - A navy blue thin border – cut 1½" wide by WOF and pieced to get the right length. To get the right length, measure across the middle of the quilt and trim to fit. There is already a thin navy strip on the two sides. Add this to the top and bottom to complete the look of a border.
- B. Second border – Using your light "low volume" print, cut strips 2 ½"x WOF to piece. You will need to make them You need 2 - 2½" x 92½" and 2 - 2½" x 87½" –
- C. Third border – Navy
 Cut strips 5 ½"x WOF and piece to make borders this long.
 Cut 2 – 5 ½"x 96 ½". Attach to sides.
 Cut 2 – 5 ½" x 97 ½". Attach 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!

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*WOF = Width of fabric