

Mosaic

Top finishes at 90"x 99"

To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- About 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards of various scraps – the pattern shows up better if you use prints with little or no white
- 2.5 yards of white

- $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{5}{8}$ yard of fabric for the binding. (I used scrappy 2.5" strips.)

Cut: For the quilt pictured: (queen sized)

From your colorful scraps:

- 2"x3.5" "bricks" or rectangle/strips - 1372 bricks
- 2"x2" squares - 56

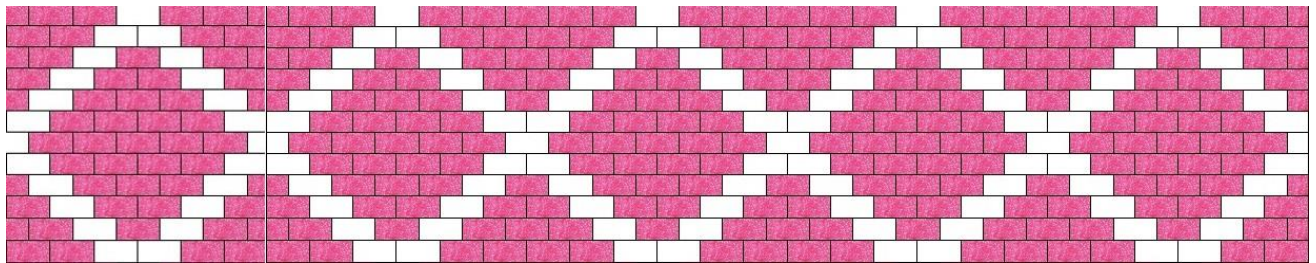
From white:

- 2"x3.5" "bricks" or rectangle/strips. - 604
- 2"x2" squares - 12

Notes:

- This quilt top is made up simply of 2x3.5" rectangles and 2" squares (used to get the staggered look).
- Your quilt will have more "pizzazz" if you choose scrappy fabrics with less white in them so that the pattern shows up distinctly.
- Lay out according to this diagram. You have to work a row at a time. The wonderful thing about this is that you will have no seams to match. Pressing seams doesn't matter. I pressed all in one direction.
- The motif is a round of whites, which are enclosed. The "round" looks like this.

If you shorten or lengthen or widen the pattern, it will look best if you stop at a point when the whites join and "close the design".



- You will be making these rows: In this pattern the term "brick" means a 2"x3.5" piece of fabric. The square blocks represent 2" squares.

First, the overall diagram, and then a close up of the rows:

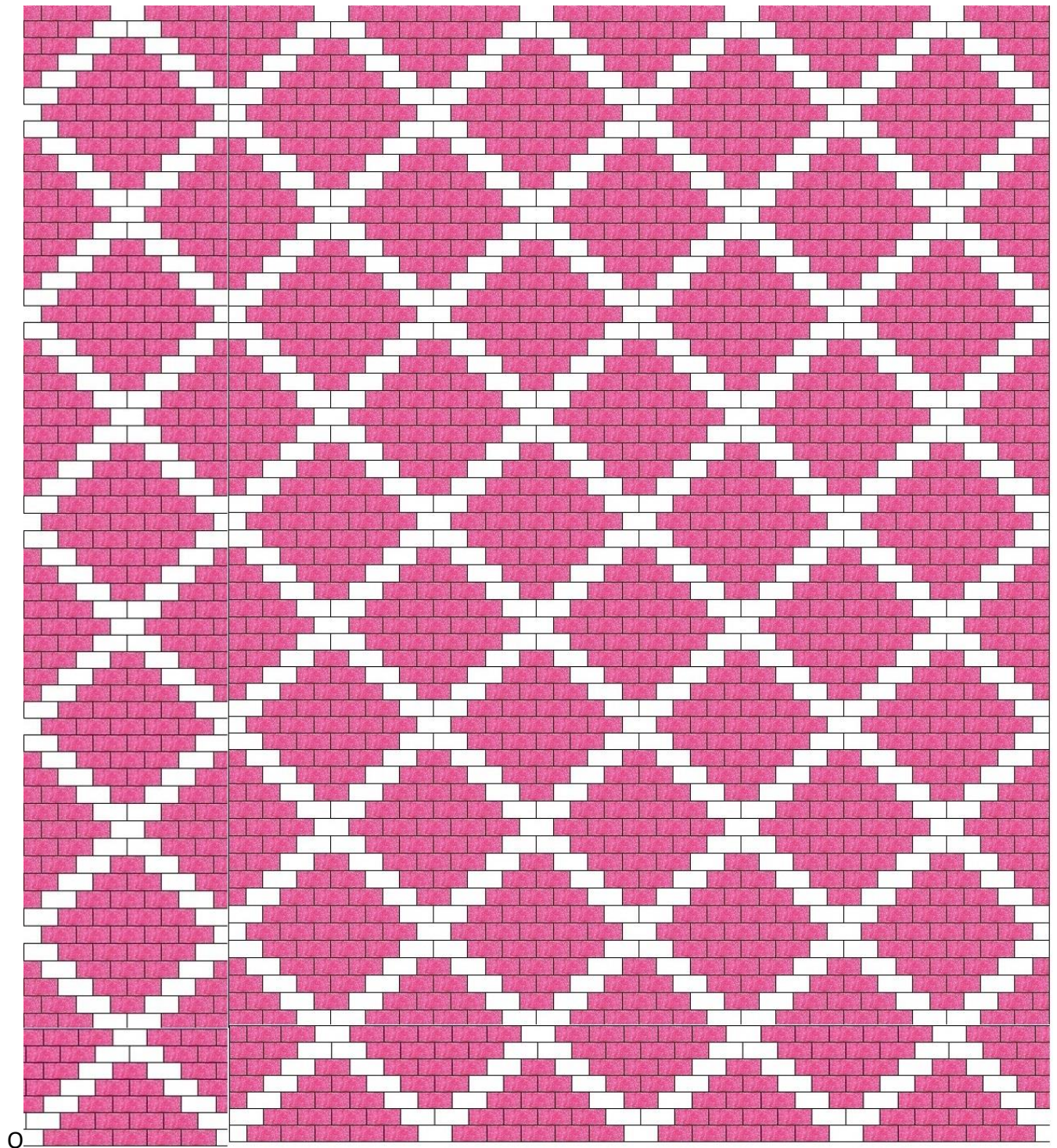
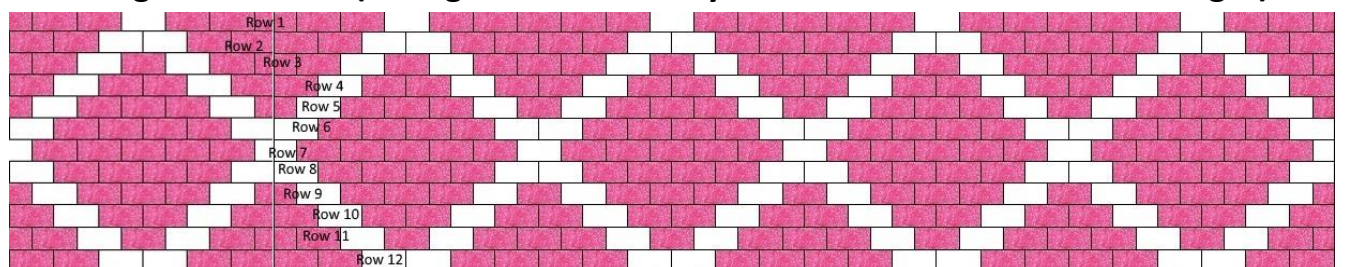


Diagram of Rows (enlarge the PDF file if you want to see the numbers larger).



Construct Rows:

Sew together in rows as shown below from your previously cut bricks and squares.

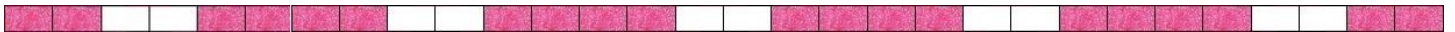
Row 1:

A colorful 2"x2" square, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 colorful 2"x2" square



Row 2:

2 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 2 colorful bricks



Row 3:

1 colorful 2"x2" square, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 2"x2" colorful square.



Row 4:

1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick



Row 5:

1 colorful 2"x2" square, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful 2"x2" square



Row 6:

1 white brick, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 1 white brick



Row 7:

1 white 2x2" square, 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick. 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 5 colorful, 1 white 2"x2" square



From this point on, just go backwards until the design is finished being made. In other words.....

Row 8 = Row 6

Row 9 = Row 5

Row 10 = Row 4

Row 11 = Row 3

Row 12 = Row 2

Then repeat starting with Row 1 until you have the length of the quilt you desire.

Just remember to start every other row with a square, to keep the bricks staggered. Sew each row together when you get it completed, and keep checking for mistakes – often!

- I wanted mine a little longer than a full 5 repeats, so mine is 5 ½ repeats long (tall). This made it 99" long.

This is an incredibly simple, but very impressive design.

You could use any size bricks such as 1.5"x2.5", 2"x3.5", 2.5"x4.5", 3"x5.5", 3.5"x6.5" etc.

I have this motif on a beaded bracelet that I purchased in Nairobi, Kenya in 2011 when I went with my husband while he taught in a seminary there. It's sitting on my desk.



It is also located on a piece of fabric I noticed I used as a backing – a bit stylized, but pretty close



How to make this quilt:

1. Lay out completed bricks according to the instructions given above:
2. Sew together in rows.
3. Press well.
4. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
5. **Quilt** as desired.

Because of the very “busy-ness” of this quilt, I did a simple all over meander/stipple as pictured below.





6. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

You can heave a huge sigh of relief while you admire it!

It was a big one!

Enjoy!