

Simply Strippy

My quilt finished at 86"x102" after quilting and washing

Here's mine. Yours will be different!



This is a "method" and not a specific pattern.

You need:

- Colorful 2" strips of varying lengths
- White fabric – cut into 2" strips
- About ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding. (I used scrappy 2.5" strips.)

How to put together this quilt:

1. **First, choose strips that look good together – color wise.** Make sure they are varying lengths for interest. Decide how wide you want your quilt top to be.
2. **Press your colorful strips so that there is a crease down the middle.** Measure.
3. **Sew a white strip to the ends of this colorful strip** and trim off so it is approximately the width you want it to be. For example, if I wanted an 80" wide top, but my colorful strips were 40", I added about 25" of white to each side since I wanted my colors to be centered (at least it was my goal).

Do this to all your strips.

Lay them on the floor and make sure you like the look. Here are mine. At this point you can take out any you are not happy with. Take a photo. Look at it through the eyes of the camera. Notice in the picture, you can see the crease down the center of each strip.



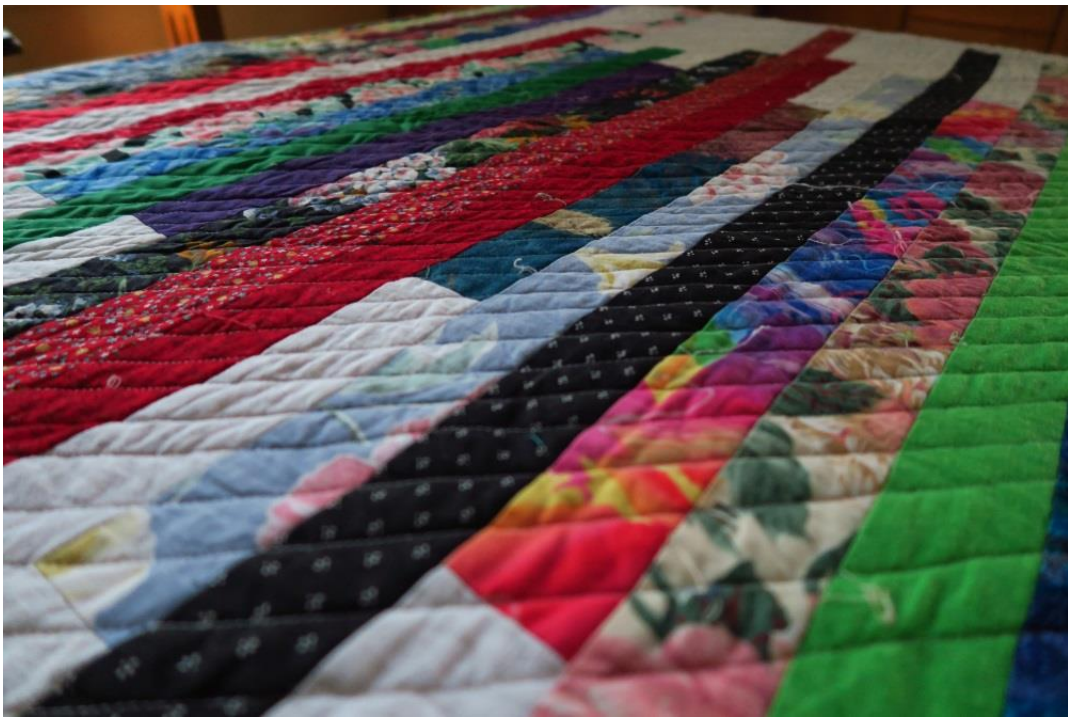
Close up of crease down the middle of the strips:



4. **Sew strips together** using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. I matched the centers and sewed "out", adding one row to the next until it was the length I wanted.
5. **Trim the edges so they are even. Square it up. This is not easy with a big quilt!**
On mine, I lost more than I had planned for (guess I got mine kind of wonky), so it was a bit too skinny for what I wanted, so I decided to just use yet more strips and just sew them to the edges in a border of sorts like this until I got the width I wanted (queen sized). This border is 4 rounds of 2" strips. (Yet another good way to use up more of those pesky (!!)) strips.)



6. **Press well.**
7. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
8. **Quilt** as desired. This is what I did: I divvied up the quilt into various regions and quilted each section with a different quilting motif. If you are good at FMQ, it would be a great way to let it shine! As my FMQ are still being honed, I tried just about everything I know how to do! Because you can't see the quilting in the big picture at the top, here are some close ups of the quilting in various sections:





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

Congratulations!

Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!