

Civil War Quilt with Piano Key Border

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Approximate Size 54" x 69"

12 – “Block of the month” finished blocks

2 ½ yards of fabric for sashing and binding (cut lengthwise to eliminate piecing the sashing)

A variety of fat eights, 1/8-inch strips, or scraps for piano key border

*Cut all sashing lengthwise. Cut sashing 3 ½ inches wide. Measure blocks (mine were 12 ½ inches) and sub-cut nine 12 ½ inch (or size of your blocks) sashing pieces.

You will sew together three long strips starting with a 12 ½ inch block, then a 12 ½ x 3 ½ inch sashing, then a block, then a sashing, a block, a sashing and a block. Repeat two more times for a total of three long strips made up of 12 ½ inch blocks and 12 ½ x 3 ½ inch sashings.

Measure a block/sashing strip. You will now sub-cut four sashing pieces the length of your strip set. Sew the first sashing to the outside of the first strip, then sew another sashing to the opposite side of the same strip set, add the next strip set, etc. ending in a sashing at the outside of the last strip set.

Measure the now unfinished quilt across the middle from side to side. You will sub-cut two sashing lengths this size for the top and bottom sashing. Sew the sashing to the top and to the bottom of your quilt.

Piano Key borders – Cut fat eighths, strips, or scraps into 3 ½ inch x 7-inch pieces. Measure the middle of your quilt from side to side. Sew the piano key pieces together to equal the measurement of your top and bottom (you may have to cut ¼ - ½ inch off of a couple of the pieces to get the measurement you need). Sew the border to the top and bottom of the quilt. Measure the middle of your quilt from top to bottom. Repeat to make borders for the sides of the quilt.

Quilt and bind.

