

TIFTON TILES QUILT PATTERN

<http://sewlux.blogspot.com/2011/12/tifton-tiles-quilt-tutorial.html>

Pattern is from the Sew Lux Fabrics and Gifts blog. It has been condensed down to a PDF for the purposes of this class. Check out their page for additional pictures/info

Quilt Name: "Tifton Tiles" - my mother-in-law is from a town called Tifton and the blocks reminded me of tiles. And I like alliteration. :-)

Finished size: approx. 49 x 59 inches

Materials Needed:

- 9 FQ for the top. I used Etchings by 3 Sisters for Moda. (* I used 7 prints - 5 FQ and 2 half yards. I would recommend 9 prints as it will be easier to spread out your prints in the quilt.)
- 3.5 yards for the backing (you may feel more comfortable with 4 yards if you need more extra around the top for longarm machines, etc.)
- 0.5 yards for the binding (Note - I used bias binding.)
- Batting
- General sewing supplies - thread, rotary cutter, ruler, pins, etc.

Step 1: Cut Your Blocks.



Press your fat quarters and lay them on your cutting mat. I cut two prints at a time. From each FQ, cut three long strips 6 inches wide x 21 inches long.

Subcut one strip into two pieces - **Block A - 6 x 6** and **Block B - 6 x 15**.

Subcut another strip into two pieces - **Block C - 6 x 9** and **Block D - 6 x 12**.

Leave the third strip alone as **Block E - 6 x 21**.

Continue cutting until you have 9 of each size piece.



Step 2: Arrange Your Blocks.

Lay out all the blocks and move them around until you are happy with the layout and distribution of fabrics. (This is where I wished I had 9 different prints instead of 7.)



You should have 9 columns, each with one of each block A, B, C, D, and E. (See diagram above.)

** Note - I have two extra A blocks since I had a cutting *incident* and ended up cutting two of my E (6 x 21) blocks and adding an A block to get the length. Whoops!

Step 3: Join Your Blocks.

Start by joining all the blocks together in each column.



Then join the columns together. I joined them in pairs and then joined the pairs together. I also lined up all the bottom edges of each column together as I went along.

Step 4: Sandwich, Quilt & Bind

Prepare your backing by cutting your fabric in half. I sliced mine at 55" and then joined the two pieces along the selvage so there was one horizontal seam running the width of the quilt on the back. (Sorry I didn't take any photos of this part.)

Layer your quilt on a flat surface, backing face down, batting on top, then the quilt top face up on top of the batting. Pin the layers together. (Elizabeth Hartman of Oh, Fransson, has an awesome basting tutorial and this illustrates the method that I use.)

Link to Basic Tutorial for quilting and binding: <http://sewlux.blogspot.com/2011/03/pinwheel-stitch-along-week-3-quilt-bind.html>

Bias Binding Tutorial: <http://traceyjayquilts.blogspot.com/2010/06/continuous-bias-binding-tutorial.html>