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The Split Rail has got to be one of the very easiest quilt blocks around. Why not do a bunch of blocks in different shades of green? Perfectly refreshing and Spring-y. I am calling this quilt Shamrock Shake. You can put this together in an afternoon- Quick and easy- that's how we like it!!

Approximate finished size: 52" square

You will need:

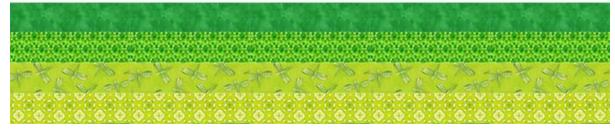
- 4 different green fabrics for blocks- 5/8 yard each
- Border fabric- 3/8 yard
- Binding- 1/2 yard
- Batting 60" square
- Backing fabric- 3 1/2 yards (40/42" wide)

Instructions:

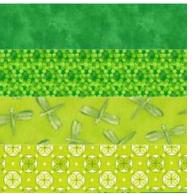
From each of the green fabrics, cut 11 strips, 2" wide by the width of the fabric (about 41" long).

Arrange 1 each of the strips from lightest to darkest. Sew 4 strips together (1 of each fabric) along the long edges and press all seams the same direction. Repeat so you have 11 strip units.

Make 11 units like this:



Each strip unit should measure $6\ 1/2$ " in width. Trim off the selvedge edges. Cut the strip units into $6\ 1/2$ " squares. Each unit should yield 6 squares- you will need 64 squares.



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Sew the squares together into pairs:

Make 16 units like this:

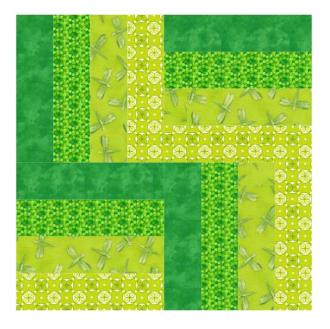


AND

Make 16 units like this:



Sew the units together to form a block like this:

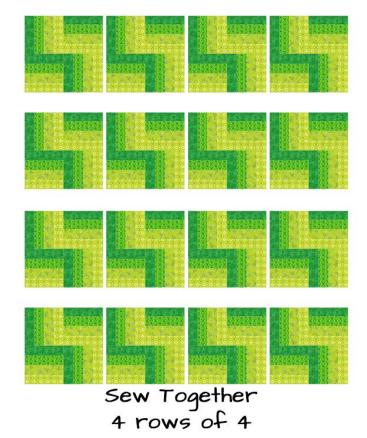


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This will yield 16 large square units, each 12 1/2". Sew the blocks together into 4 rows of 4 blocks, then sew the rows together.

Quilt top will measure 48 1/2" square.

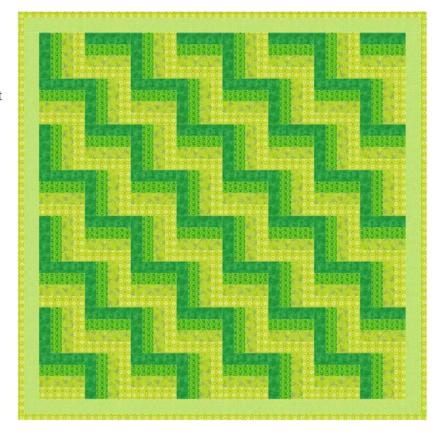


For borders, cut 5 strips, 2 1/2" x width of fabric. Sew together with diagonal seams to form one long strip. From the long strip, cut 2 strips each 48 1/2" long and sew to sides of quilt top. From remaining long strip, cut 2 strips each 52 1/2" long and sew to top

Quilt as desired and bind.

and bottom of quilt.

Voila! Shamrock Shake!



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