

# What a trip!

It's a snap to make a scrappy "trip around the world" quilt with this clever technique originally developed by Eleanor Burns and "scrappified" by Bonnie Hunter.

Use 2-1/2" strips: sew, cut, unsew, sew and repeat.

"What a trip!" is made up of four quadrants and uses 40 strips. No sense packing light here — the greater the variety in the scraps the more dynamic the effect!

## Supplies needed

- 40 different strips 2-1/2" x 28"
- first border — 1/2 yard
- second border — 1 yard
- binding — 1/2 yard
- backing — 3-1/2 yards
- seam ripper

**Cut** — read all directions before beginning

quilt center — cut 40 different strips 2-1/2" x 28"

first border — cut five strips 2-1/2" x wof\*; cut one of these into four pieces 2-1/2" x 10" long

second border — cut six strips 5-3/4" x wof\*; cut two of these into four strips 5-3/4" x 20" long

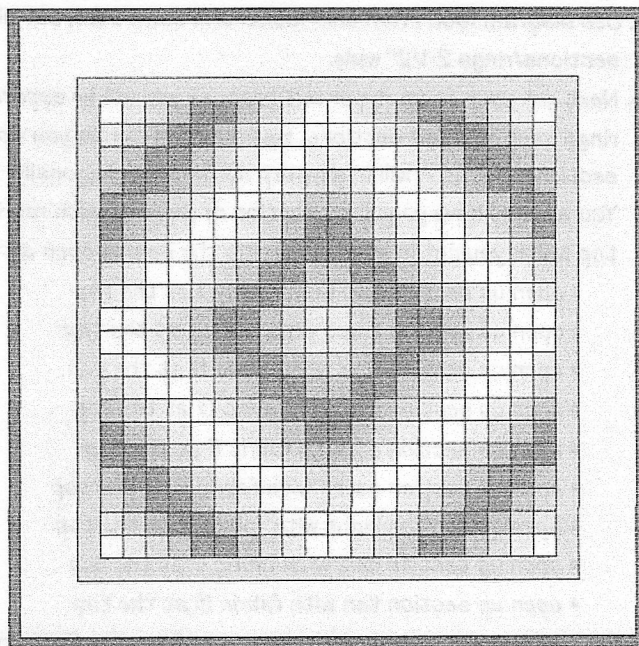
\*w.o.f. — width of fabric

## Directions

All seams are 1/4"

Note: Be certain your seams are 1/4" in each direction

1. Sort your 40 different 2-1/2" strips into four pleasing groups of 10. Each group of 10 strips will form one quadrant of your quilt center.
2. See diagram one. For the first group of 10 strips, starting with the top strip, arrange five of the strips from light to dark values; then arrange the remaining five strips of this group of 10 strips from dark to light values. Don't stress too much about the values. Squint your eyes and do your best. Label these 10 fabric strips A to J from the top down or make a fabric key from scraps. Sew these strips together starting from the top to form one band 20-1/2" high x 28" wide. Press the first seam up and the second seam down. Press all the seams, continuing to alternate directions.
3. See diagram two. Cut one section 2-1/2" by 20-1/2". Set this "section one" aside with the light square "fabric A" at the top.
4. See diagram three. Take the rest of the first band and fold it in half lengthwise with seams on the outside and right sides together. Sew this edge together forming a tube. (J up to A).



approximately 55" x 55"

diagram one

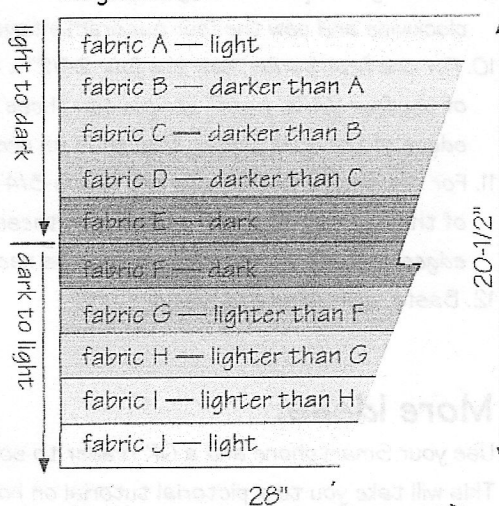
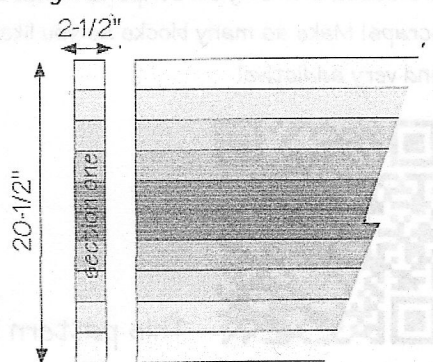


diagram two



5. See diagram four. From this folded and sewn tube, cut nine more sections/rings 2-1/2" wide.
6. Next get your seam ripper out because you will be separating these rings back into flat sections. See diagram five as you rip open your sections. Fabric A will stair step downwards diagonally. Remember: You already have your first section of squares with fabric A at the top which you cut in step three. Rip the seams open as follows:
  - open up section two with fabric J at the top
  - open up section three with fabric I at the top
  - open up section four with fabric H at the top
  - open up section five with fabric G at the top
  - open up section six with fabric F at the top
  - open up section seven with fabric E at the top
  - open up section eight with fabric D at the top
  - open up section nine with fabric C at the top
  - open up section ten with fabric B at the top
7. Sew sections one thru ten together to form the first quadrant of your quilt center. This is the lower left quadrant of the quilt center.
8. Repeat steps two thru seven for the other three quadrants.
9. Following the quilt drawing on page one, rotate the quadrants counter-clockwise and sew the four quadrants together.
10. For the first border, sew the four 2-1/2" x 10" pieces on to the ends of the four 2-1/2" x wof\* strips; sew these new longer strips on to the edges of the quilt center. Trim ends as needed.
11. For the second border, sew the four 5-3/4" x 20" pieces on to the ends of the four 5-3/4" x wof\* strips; sew these new longer strips on to the edges of the first border. Trim ends as needed.
12. Baste, quilt, bind and enjoy!

## More ideas:

Use your Smartphone and a QR reader to scan the QR code below. This will take you to a pictorial tutorial on how to make Bonnie Hunter's "Scrappy Trips" quilt. Each of the 12" blocks in the "Scrappy Trips" quilt is created with only six strips 16" long. Great way to use up stash scraps! Make as many blocks as you like! These are fast and easy, and very addictive!



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diagram three

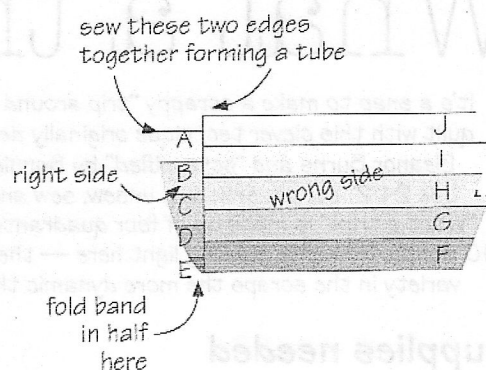


diagram four

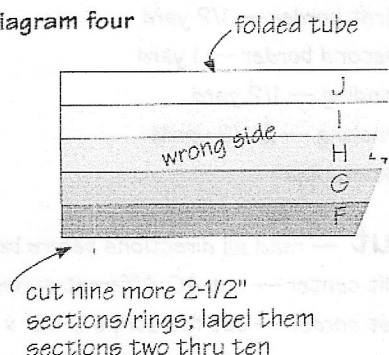


diagram five

section one	section two	section three	section four	section five	section six	section seven	section eight	section nine	section ten
(A)	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B
B	(A)	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C
C	B	(A)	J	I	H	G	F	E	D
D	C	B	(A)	J	I	H	G	F	E
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