

Round Robin Riddle

PROMPT # 4 - BORDER #3
STRIP PIECING



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This challenge is similar to a Round Robin Quilt. The main difference is that you will not pass the project around to other participants. You make the entire quilt yourself. The riddle is that you won't know the requirements for the next round until the following month. There will be one clue given from February to July. Monthly prompts will task you with adding to your quilt top featuring a specified pattern or motif. You choose to interpret each round however you want - following a traditional style (medallion/row-by-row) or making a modern- or art quilt.

The challenge of the Round Robin Riddle is:

- to respond to what you've already made
- to do this knowing you have no idea what will come next.

Even if you're making a traditional quilt, this is really an adventure in improvisation. Have fun!

Projects are due at the November meeting.

May Prompt #4 – Third Border – Strip Piecing

STRIP PIECING is a time saving process using strips of fabric. In strip piecing, you sew long strips of fabric together side by side and then cut across the strip set to create smaller units that are already pieced. You can chain pieces together for long “dashed” borders or combine subcuts easily into 4 patch or 9 patch units.

Strip pieced borders can add a punch to your quilt and point the viewer’s eye to the focal point of the quilt.

Strip pieced borders can provide a “formal” feel by using standardized sizes and colors. Add more whimsy by using randomly scattered sizes and colors. It’s up to you!

ONE RULE:

Whatever you make in one month must connect to the work from the month before.



Strip Pieced Border Ideas

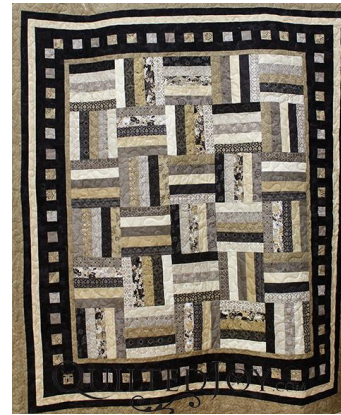


Scrappy strip pieced border. Use a strip of all the fabrics in your quilt in random width strips. Sew strip sets together and cut to size.



Piano Key Border

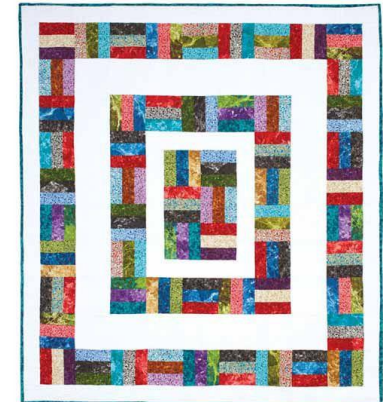
“Dash” strip pieced border



Rail Fence Borders



Rail fence strips cut on the diagonal with half square triangles can create a dramatic border



Design Tips / Hints



- >With a strip pieced border, the pattern may affect the proportion of border to quilt so you may have to use two or more layers in your pieced border.
- >You can take the heart burn out of a pieced border by simply adding a plain border that will function as an equalizer to expand the quilt top to a size that is divisible evenly by another number. This strip border will act as a spacer between the quilt top and the current border and the newly added strip pieced border.
- >Don't press your border until you have sewn it to the quilt. While this may seem strange, the border remains elastic and can be eased or fudged to fit the quilt, if necessary. Pressing removes the elasticity and leaves you with a ridged border.
- >To provide an accent at the edge of the quilt use a dark or bright color to match that which was used in the quilt. This provides an accent at the edge of the quilt, leading your eye into the outer border. If you add two borders use a lighter color first and a darker second to create an illusion of depth in the borders.

My Strip Pieced Borders

