

Wheelchair Quilt

The easiest way to make the quilt is to make a rectangle, then cut off the bottom two corners. When planning your design, keep in mind that those two bottom corners need to look balanced, not lopped off.

SIZE: Make your rectangle 30" -32" wide by 33"-35" long.

Measure and make a mark from the bottom right corner 7" along the bottom of the quilt and 7" up the right side. Lay your ruler across those marks and cut the corner away.

Repeat for the left corner.

Layer, quilt and bind your quilt as usual, adding a Guild label if you have one. The label can also be added after the quilt is finished.

SUGGESTED DESIGNS:

Victorian Crazy-patch 32" x 35": cut (25) 7/12" foundation blocks of muslin or something thin. Crazy patch on top of them.

Sew them together 5 x 5 to make a 35 1/2" square, then trim it to 32 1/2" x 35 1/2" and take off the corners.

Depending on the thickness of your blocks, you may just need to back the quilt without a batting. Tie, tack or quilt. Bind.

Bordered patches 32" x 35"

Select an interesting border fabric.

Cut the TOP border 10 1/2" x 32 1/2"

Cut the Bottom border 7 1/2" x 32 1/2"

Cut the two Side borders 7 1/2" x 18 1/2"

Co-ordinate the center patches to the border fabric: cut (9) 6 1/2" squares.

Sew the squares into three rows of three patches. Sew the rows together to make an 18 1/2" square.

Add side borders.

Add top and bottom borders.

Cut off bottom corners. Plan to quilt attractively in the large borders. Bind in the border fabric.

You could make the centre of any combination of patches to equal 18 1/2": (36) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

OR (5) 6 1/2" pieced blocks combined with (4) 6 1/2" plain blocks

OR (9) 6 1/2" four-patch blocks

OR (9) 6 1/2" nine-patch blocks etc..

Go to the Guild website. Under Community Projects you will find the Pattern Book. Look at the suggestions there for simple designs that do not need a border. Most have been designed to be made from 5" or 10" blocks so that they can easily be used for 40" wide quilts of any length. Make a 35 1/2" x 35 1/2" design from (49) 5 1/2" blocks sewn 7 x 7 and cut it down to 32 1/2" x 35 1/2" . Proceed to cut off the corners and bind with no border.

Scrap Quilt 2010 is a great way to use bits of this and that. Make 36 blocks set 4 x 9 for a 32 1/2" x 36 1/2" top. It will shrink to size after washing.