



Medina Quilter's Quilt Weaving



Items needed:

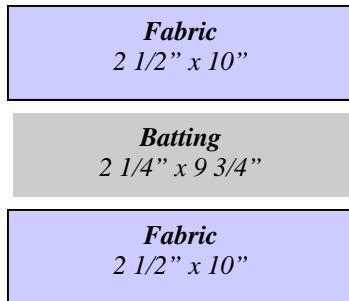
- 2 1/2" strips of fabric in at least 2 colors.
- 2 1/4" strips of thin cotton batting

The premise behind quilt weaving is that you will create the first set of strips with batting, and weave the second set of strips through these first strips. Once tied or quilted, you'll have a completed block or set of blocks, woven together.

You can create potholders, trivets, placemats and even quilts with this technique!

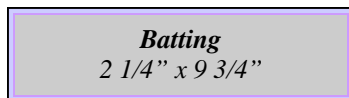
For this example, we are making a 10" block.

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Begin with two strips of fabric, 2 1/2" x 10" long, and a strip of batting that is 2 1/4" x 9 3/4" long. If you use pinking shears or a pinking rotary cutter, you don't have to worry about doing anything to the edges of the fabric!

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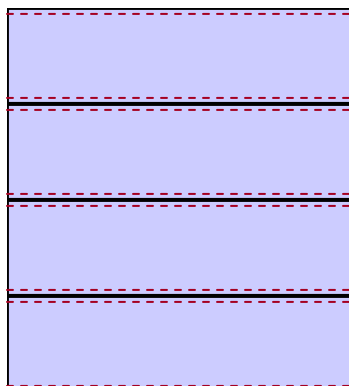
*Now it's time to make your quilt sandwich! Center the batting on the back side of one of your strips, then cover with the second strip of fabric. Pin in place. Your batting should **not** be visible around the edges of the fabric strips.*

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Now, stitch on both sides of the strips, 1/4" from the edges.

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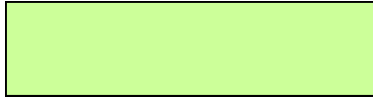


Now, make 3 more, so you have a total of 4 quilted strips.

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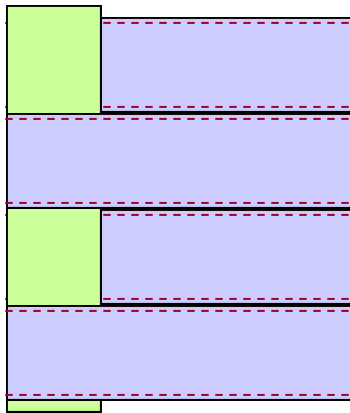
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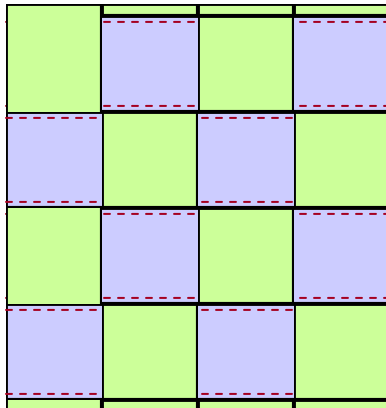
Now, cut *FOUR (4)* 2 1/2" x 11" strips of your second fabric, with pinking shears or a pinking rotary blade. I like to have these strips just a touch longer so I can square up the block when it's complete. You can either use a single strip that has good color on both the front and back, *OR* you can sew two strips (wrong sides together) as you did with the first set of strips, except *NO* batting in-between.

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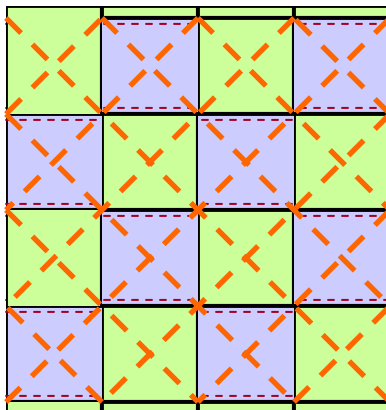
It's time to weave! Start on one side or the other, weaving your secondary strips up and down of the first strips.

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Continue until you have all 4 secondary strips in place, making sure they meet up, edge-to-edge, with each other. Then, pin in place

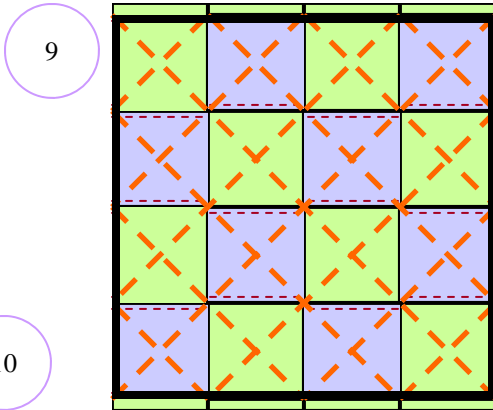
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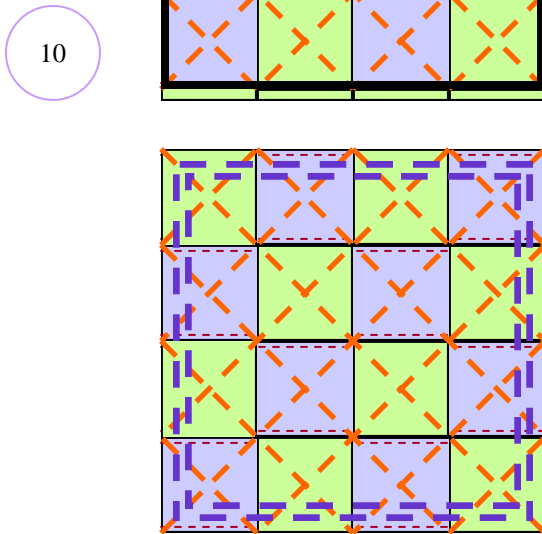
Now it's time to quilt your woven square! In order to make sure all squares stay in place, begin by quilting a cross-hatch pattern, corner-to-corner - in both directions (follow the orange lines on the example shown).

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For this example, we are making a 10" block.



It's time to square up your block, making sure it's 10" square. Again, using a pinking shears or pinking rotary blade will keep you from having to worry about raw edges.



Finally, sew all the way around your block (shown in purple in the example). I sewed a 1/2" seam allowance first, then went back and sewed a 1/4" seam allowance.

You can make your blocks just about any size, but I found that 10" was about as large as I wanted to use - because as the blocks grew larger, it was harder to keep the woven lines straight.

If you want to make a whole quilt out of these woven quilt blocks, you'll need to use the left (or right) secondary woven strip as your connecting piece. Fold the piece in half and press, so you have a center line. Then, set the block up so that you put that strip in first, on the left (or right) side of your block (as shown below). Then, sew the next block and complete it with all instructions listed above - except you'll want to quilt along the secondary strips, about 1/4" seam allowance. Then, just join the two blocks and weave the extended edges into the next block and sew / quilt to join them together.

