

Simple Serger Quilt

Are you ever in need of a quick and easy project? This Simple Serger Quilt is perfect for you! The quilt is made entirely on the serger and is “quilted” as you go. Make it small for a baby quilt or large enough for a bed. This is also a great project to use up leftover fabrics or for charitable giving. These instructions are for the Baby Lock Celebrate serger, but this quilt is easily made on any BabyLock serger.



MATERIALS:

The amount of fabric varies on the size of the quilt. The following amounts are for a baby or toddler quilt. Any type of washable fabric can be used. If your fabric is subject to shrinkage, pre-wash it.

- Cut (12) 6 1/2” wide by 40” long strips of at least two different fabrics. I cut mine the width of the fabric and straightened up the edges in the final step.
- Cut (6) 6 1/2” wide by 40” long strips of light-weight thin batting. (Batting is optional if you are using a bulkier fabric such as polar fleece or fluffy fabric such as Cuddle© or Minky©. These fabrics are usually 60” wide so it would be easy to make a wider quilt.)
- Four cones of Serger thread for construction
- Two cones of 12 weight decorative serger thread to match or contrast with the quilt fabrics for the finishing edge and a single cone of serger thread to match
- Wonder Clips©
- Seam sealant
- Bodkin or large eyed needle to bury serger tails
- Basic sewing supplies

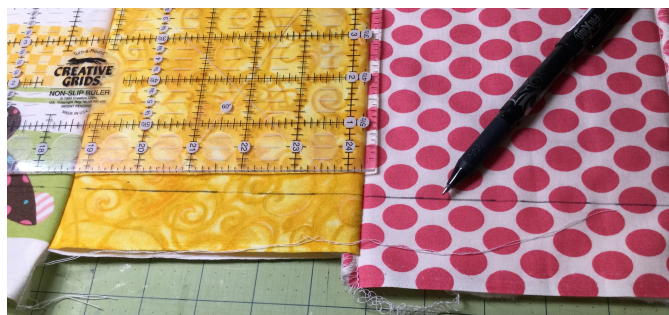
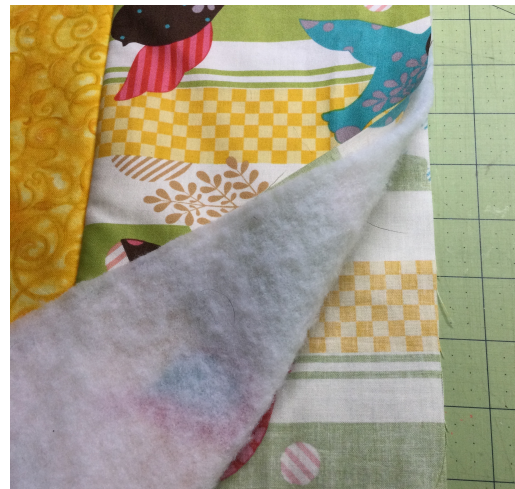
LET'S SERGE:

Thread the serger for a four-thread serger stitch with serger thread in the needles and the loopers. Serger settings are stitch length of 3.5, stitch width of 7.5 and the tensions are all at four.



Lay one strip of fabric right side down. Layer batting (if you are using it) and one strip of fabric right side up to make a strip sandwich. All strips will be sewn in rows onto this strip in a stitch and flip method. Serge one long side together to secure the strips.

To add the next row, lay a strip right sides together and raw edges even along one un-serged long side. Secure with Wonder Clips©. Turn over and lay another strip and batting (if you are using it) right sides together and raw edges even. Secure with Wonder Clips©. Serge all layers together removing the Wonder Clips© as you reach them. Continue adding rows in the same manner. When you have finished adding all the rows, flatten out the last row. Hold the final un-serged edge together with the Wonder Clips©. We will finish it with a decorative thread in the next step.



To finish the quilt, serge the outside edge with a decorative thread. Change serger to three thread wide serger stitch with decorative thread in the upper and lower looper and serger thread in the needle. I used 12 wt. cotton thread in the loopers, width setting 7.5, length set at standard 2 and tension setting for both loopers at

3.5. My edges wanted to ruffle a bit, so I changed the differential feed to 1.5. Because my fabrics were different widths the sides were very uneven. After drawing a straight line, I serged along the line cutting off the uneven edges.



Serge around the entire quilt trimming the raw edges. Serge off the edge and then turn the quilt at each corner. There will be a thread tail on each corner. Using a bodkin or large eyed needle, pull the serger tail into the body of the stitch to secure and hide it. Dab the corner with seam sealant to secure the threads.

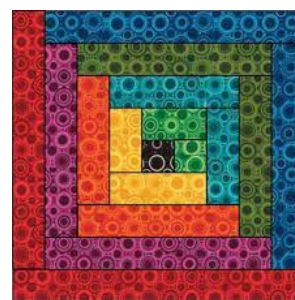


CREATIVE OPTIONS:

This quilt can be any size you wish. Make the first strip the desired width of the finished project and keep adding rows till you are done. The strips can be pieced end to end to make a much longer strip than the width of the fabric.

Instead of adding strips in rows, start with a shorter strip and sew strips around in the style of a log cabin quilt block.

Mix up the width of the strips. Cut two strips of the same width so you have equal size strips for front and back.



The strips can be pieced before or embellished after sewing together. Why not add a double sided ruffle down the middle. Finish the ruffle edges with a rolled edge like the rosette shown in the video or use the exclusive BabyLock wave stitch that is available on other BabyLock sergers as shown in the photo left.

This project finishes as a reversible quilt. For the finishing edge stitch use a different color thread for the upper and lower loopers to match or contrast with the colors used in the project.

Add lace or a ruffled fabric into the seam. Keeping all the raw edges within the seam adds difficulty to the project.

This quilt can be bound in a traditional quilt binding as shown in the photo on the left and this would be a good idea for a quilt that will get a lot of use.