

Fit to be Tied



50" X 55"

An easy and fun beginner quilt pattern.

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Materials:

- 18 ¼ yd cuts of children’s novelty print fabrics
- 28 5” squares light denim (or the legs from a light colored pair of jeans)
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- 2 yards minkee or other fabric for the backing
- Coordinating purl cotton thread
- Curved needle
- 1 ½ yard coordinating fabric for binding (I used a stripe, cut on the bias.)

Cut:

- From each novelty print, cut (5) 5”x5” squares
- From the denim, cut as many 5”x5” squares as you can get (ideally, 28 of each)

Use a ¼” seam allowance throughout this project.

Assemble:

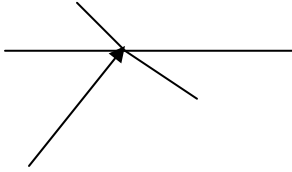
Following the chart and/or the picture, lay out the squares in the given pattern. Stitch the squares together starting with row 1 and moving across. Press the seams all one direction for each row, alternating directions.

- For example: Row 1 →
- Row 2 ←
- Row 3 → etc

KEY: DD=Dark Denim LD=Light Denim NP=Novelty Print

1 DD	NP	LD	NP	DD	NP	LD	NP	DD	NP
2 NP	DD	NP	LD	NP	DD	NP	LD	NP	DD
3 LD	NP	DD	NP	LD	NP	DD	NP	LD	NP
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10 NP	DD	NP	LD	NP	DD	NP	LD	NP	DD
11 LD	NP	DD	NP	LD	NP	DD	NP	LD	NP

When all rows are complete, stitch row 1 to row 2, then add row 3, etc. The squares from each row should line up and the seams should fit together.



Pin where the seams meet to keep your squares lined up.

Finish:

Lay your backing fabric on the floor with the right side down.

Lay your finished quilt top over the backing.

Using safety pins, pin the layers together (called basting), making sure there aren't any wrinkles. (I pinned every other square.)

Thread your curved needle with the purl cotton, stitch through the top and back layers at the corner where the squares meet. Cut a short piece and tie it in a square knot. Repeat this for all the corners of the squares. (I find it's easiest to do this in front of the TV, it seems to go faster.)

Now remove the pins and apply binding with your choice of binding methods. See our website for links to good instructions for binding.

Your quilt is done! Enjoy!

If you have any questions about this pattern, please feel free to e-mail me, anna@craftygirlsworkshop.com