

# How to Make a String Quilt From Your Scrap Stash – Part 1



If you are anything like us then you will have a large number of scraps in your stash and it can sometimes be challenging to come up with ideas to use them.

Making string quilts is an ideal way of using up those scraps, and these quilts not only look awesome they are easy to make and they will make a dent in that stash.

We sew the strips directly onto our batting which gives the quilt a nice firm foundation.

The one in this tutorial was finished by ditch stitching in the seam lines, but you can free-motion quilt if you prefer. Whichever method you use, your string quilt will look just gorgeous.

**Watch the video tutorial below or scroll down for the written instructions**

## **How to Make a String Quilt Block**

### **What You Need**

- Lots of scrappy strips of material in assorted sizes from your stash or you can use jelly roll strips if you want the strips to be the same size.
- Batting – Decide on the size of your blocks and cut a piece of batting slightly wider all round than what you want your finished square to be. You can trim your block once you finish adding the strips.
- I made my squares 10", so I cut my batting at 11" to allow for trimming and straightening of the block.

### **TOOLS USED**

You can check the latest prices at Amazon by clicking on the links below:

- Quilters Slidelock Ruler
- Creative Grids Ruler 8½" x 24½"
- Olfa 24" x 36" double sided healing mat
- Olfa 60mm rotary cutter
- Oliso Iron
- Gutermann Sew All thread



- Take one square of batting and place your first strip right side up, and going from corner to corner.



- Take your 2nd strip and place it face down over the first strip making sure the two strips match along one edge. Now sew the two strips together at one edge using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.



- Press the seam.
- Open the strips and press flat.



- Add the next strip placing it face down over the first strip and sew the two strips together with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



- Press open the seam and continue adding strips until the square of batting is covered.



- Turn the finished square over and trim. Our batting didn't stretch or distort, and we decided that we were happy with the size, so we just trimmed around the edge of the batting. You can trim the square to suit whatever size you want as long as the finished squares are all the same size.



- Continue in this way until you have covered each of the batting squares. This is the end of part 1.

**For the written instructions for  
Part 2 click here**