

MODERN ART QUILTERS

Cabin In The Woods

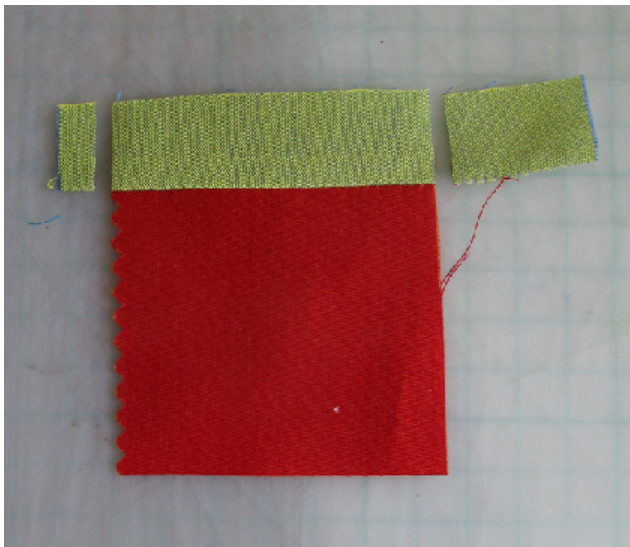
A mini quilt to celebrate Summer in all its green glory

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Start with a selection of strips - raid your scrap-basket - I had a lot of little strips of lovely Oakshott greens and a tiny piece of a delicious green print, much too good to waste. Skinny strips make nicer blocks

Cut some centres - I chose red for contrast, sort of squareish...



Sew a strip to one side of your first centre square, right sides together.* Press towards the strip, and trim off to match like so

*The lovely Oakshots are two-sided, of course...

Turn the piece round to the next side and sew and trim another piece. These are nicer if they are different widths each time...

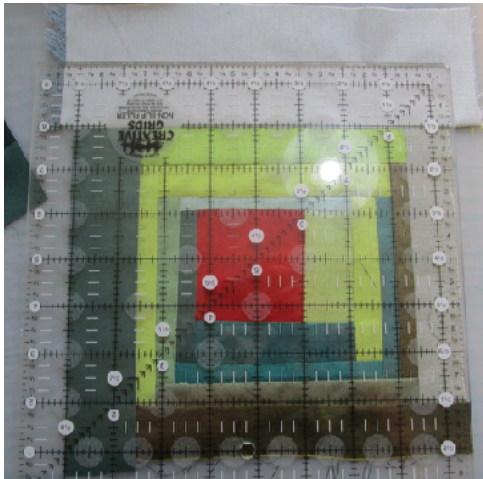


Turn, trim, sew, turn, trim. Press each time to the strip you have just sewn
Traditionally (and on this one) the pieces are placed in a steady spiral, turning the same way each time. If you want to do this different, please feel free...
Square up if you wish - here I just trimmed a little off to be tidy.

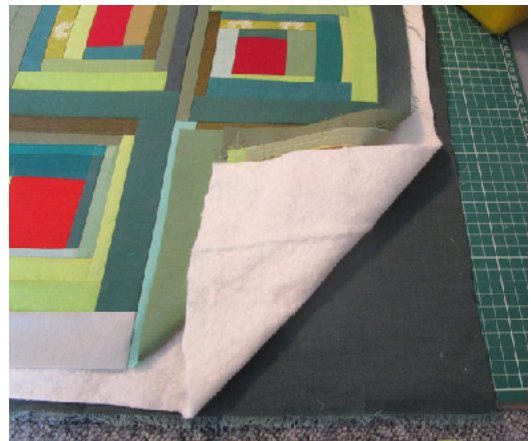


And so on...

Check the size as you go - when I got to about 7 inches square I added wider strips, this makes it easier to trim to the finished size without too many really skinny edges



Trim the blocks - Mine are 8-1/2 inches and will finish at 8 inches
Make three more in similar fashion, arrange them to please your eye, and sew together. You have made a mini-quilt. If you have enjoyed making the blocks, keep going, they are great users of scraps and soon make a lap quilt, single bed, double bed or cover-the-roof sizes...



Layer a backing, wadding/batting, and your nicely pressed quilt top like so. Pin all over (for little quilts like this I use straight pins, but you can use safety-pins if you wish)



I quilted it in a spiral with my walking foot - start in the middle with a short stitch, and lengthen the stitch after every couple of rounds until you reach your normal quilting stitch length..
I bound it with scrappy reds, added a narrow sleeve, and it's ready to hang up
(Also make a nice table centre, or add more blocks for all manner of projects...)