

# CHEATER QUILT SEWING TUTORIAL



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# X X X Sewing Level: Confident Beginner X X X



Learn how to make a cheater quilt that is fast and easy. Use striped, plaid, or other geometric fabric to make the perfect gift!

I just love the idea of making a quilt, it's a great gift and so cozy, but I'm not very good at it because I don't have the patience or perfectionism. That is why I LOVE LOVE LOVE cheater quilts.

Cheater quilts are so fast and easy. I love giving them as handmade gifts because they look detailed and intricate, but they only take a couple of hours to make. Let's make a cheater quilt for you or a loved one!

## BEFORE YOU START

Do NOT prewash the fabric before you start!

## SUPPLIES:

- 1.25 - 2 yards of quilting cotton fabric with stripes, plaid, triangles, or geometric print
- 1.25 - 2 yards of coordinating quilting cotton fabric for the back
- 1.25 - 2 yards of quilt batting
- 5 - 8 yards of matching bias binding
- Sewing tools
- Sewing machine





# HOW MUCH FABRIC DO I NEED FOR A CHEATER QUILT?

To make this quilt tutorial easier, the two sizes I recommend are a baby blanket or a throw size blanket.

These two sizes work well with the width of fabric as it comes so you don't have to piece anything together to make a quilt.

The sizes I recommend are not traditional sizes that you can purchase, but are the sizes that I prefer and that are still easy to make.

## Blanket Size Chart

Baby Blanket 45 inches long by 42 inches wide
Throw Blanket 72 inches long by 42 inches wide

## SIZE CHART

	Front Fabric	Backing Fabric	Batting
Baby Blanket	1.25 yards	1.25 yards	1.25 yards
Throw Blanket	2 yards	2 yards	2 yards

## WHAT IS A CHEATER QUILT?

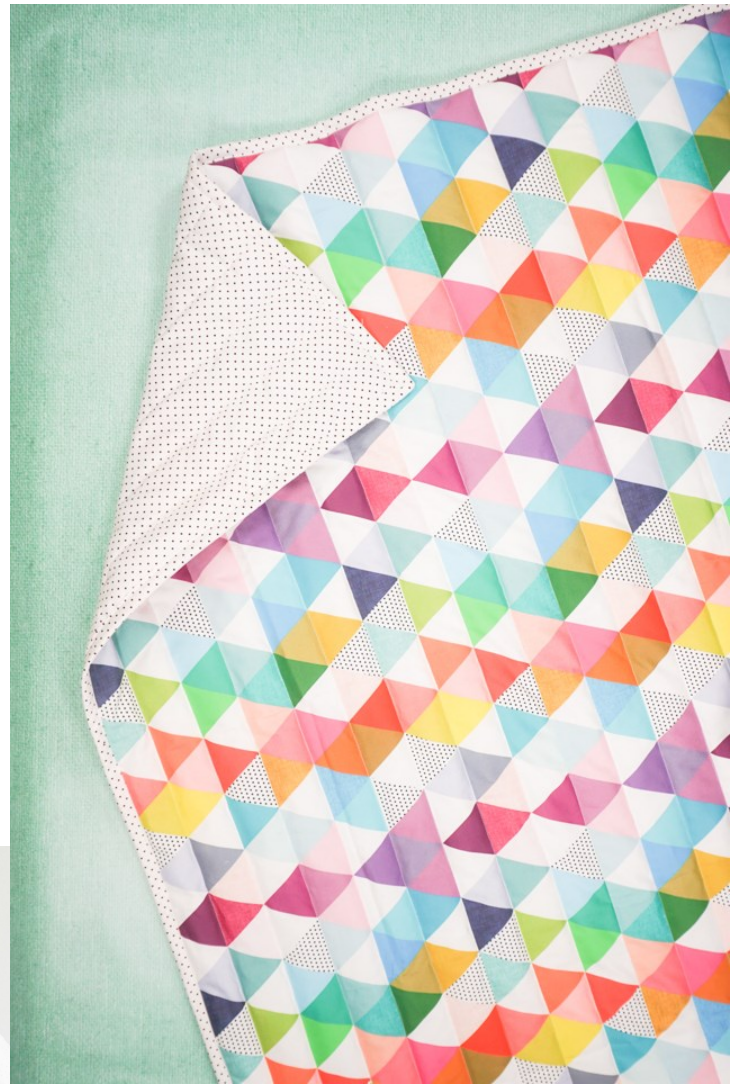
A cheater quilt is a quilt that has one piece of fabric for the quilt top instead pieces of fabric sewn together. It's like a whole cloth quilt, but the print looks like a pieced quilt.

## WHAT PRINTS WORK WELL?

You can use cheater quilt fabric or just large stripes, plaid, buffalo plaid, triangle fabric, or another geometric print. Essentially you can use any fabric that has a grid you can follow.

## WHERE TO BUY CHEATER QUILT FABRIC?

Spoonflower has some great cheater quilt fabric options, and it's my favorite place to look for quilt tops.



## WHAT FABRIC SHOULD I USE FOR THE BACK?

I've used quilting cotton and flannel for the back, and I want to try using minky too. Quilting cotton and flannel are the easiest to use while also being warm and durable. Minky is a little bit harder to work with, but it's so soft and cozy.

If you use something thicker like flannel or minky, the bias binding is a lot harder to put on and needs extra consideration. You might need a wider bias binding to make it work.

That's why blankets are so great since you can customize the details for your loved one.



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Trim off any white space and selvages from the quilt top fabric.



Make a quilt sandwich by laying the back fabric right side down, then the batting, and then the quilt top fabric right side up. Make sure all the fabric is centered with each other and the wrinkles are smoothed out.



This process is a little easier if the backing is the same size as the batting, and if they are both larger than the quilt top.

Safety pin all the layers first. Your safety pins should be at about 6 inches apart or closer.



Using a walking foot quilt along the lines of the quilt top fabric. I sewed all my horizontal lines first and then all my vertical lines.



I start on one side and go to the middle and then start on the other side and go to the middle. It's a little easier that way.



Trim all the excess off of the edges so that the corners are squared and edges are straight.



Optional: Cut a curve into the corners. I prefer curved corners since they are easier for me to sew bias binding on. You can do regular 90 degree corners if you prefer.



If you use pre-made bias binding it makes the quilt much faster. I sew one side of the bias binding, and then I topstitch the other side of my binding since I like that look.



If you make your own bias binding it takes it a little bit longer, but you can have a cool print along the edge.



Wash and dry the quilt to help everything shrink and crinkle. You finished!

