

Chained Rags Rag Quilt
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This quilt is made mostly from a series of appliquéd quilt blocks (bow tie rag & cornered triangles) that resemble chain links when sewn together as instructed. Several pictures are included with the instructions. Please read the instructions thoroughly before beginning. The quilt will finish at approximately 56" x 70".

Supplies Needed

1 bag of twin size batting

Coordinating thread

Lint roller or vacuum cleaner with brush attachment

Fabric 1 - 4 ½ yards for backing (I used ivory flannel)

Fabric 2 - 3 yards for front squares to appliqué onto (I used tea-dyed muslin)

Fabric 3 - 2 yards for bow tie appliqués (I used red/natural large check homespun)

Fabric 4 - ¾ yard for cornered triangle appliqués (I used red/natural small check homespun)

Fabric 5 - 1 yard for ½ of brick border (I used red/natural striped homespun)

Fabric 6 - 1 yard for other ½ of brick border ((I used solid red homespun)

Create Bow Tie Rag Blocks

1. Cut 24 - 8" x 8" squares from **Fabric 2**.
2. Cut 24 - 8" x 8" squares from backing **Fabric 1**.
3. Cut 24 - 6" x 6" squares from batting.
4. Double the bow tie fabric - **Fabric 3**. Cut out the template at the end of the instructions. Trace 24 pairs of bow ties onto doubled fabric and cut out bow ties. Leave in pairs to appliqué onto front squares.



5. Place the batting on top of the backing (centered).



6. Place the front square on top of the batting and backing.
7. Place a pair of bow tie appliqués on top of a sandwich square with the arrows in opposite corners.
8. Sew the appliqués onto the squares using a 1/2" seam allowance. This also quilts each block.



24 finished blocks

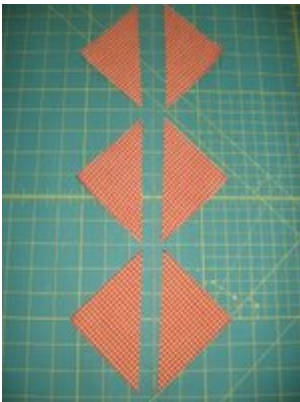
9. Clip the inside seams of the Bow Tie appliqués. Do not clip the outer seams as you will do that after sewing all of the squares together to form the quilt.

Create Cornered Triangles Blocks

1. Cut 24 - 8" x 8" squares from front **Fabric 2**.
2. Cut 24 - 8" x 8" squares from back **Fabric 1**.
3. Cut 24 - 6" x 6" squares from batting.
4. Cut 48 - 4" x 4" squares from **Fabric 4**. Cut into 96 triangles. Pair up so that you have 48 pairs of triangles. See step-by-step below.



Line up 4" x 4" Squares



Cut Into Triangles

5. Place the batting on top of the backing - centered.



Sections of Cornered Triangles Block

6. Place the front square on top of the batting and backing.

7. Place a pair of Cornered Triangles appliqués in two opposite corners on top of a sandwich square.

8. Sew the appliqués onto the squares using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Sew down the center to hold in place.

9. Clip the inside seams of the triangle appliqués. Do not clip the outer seams as you will do that after sewing all of the squares together to form the quilt.



24 Finished Cornered Triangles Blocks

Create Brick Border Blocks

1. Cut 32 - $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8" rectangles from **Fabric 5**.

2. Cut 32 - $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8" rectangles from **Fabric 6**.



3. Cut 32 - 6" x 6" squares from batting.

4. Cut 32 - 8" x 8" squares from back **Fabric 1**.

5. Sew **Fabric 5** "bricks" (rectangle) to a **Fabric 6** "bricks" using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance to make an 8" x 8" square.

6. Clip the seams in the middle of the Brick Border.



7. Place the batting on top of the backing.

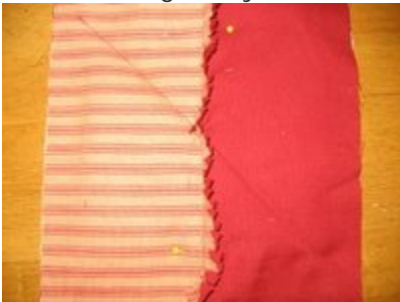


8. Place the front square on top of the batting and backing.

9. Sew diagonally from one corner to the center seam.



10. Sew diagonally from the center seam to the opposite corner.



11. Sew diagonally from the other corner to the center seam.



12. Sew diagonally from the center seam to the opposite corner. You now have an "x" holding the sandwich together.



13. Below are my finished sets of Brick Border Blocks.



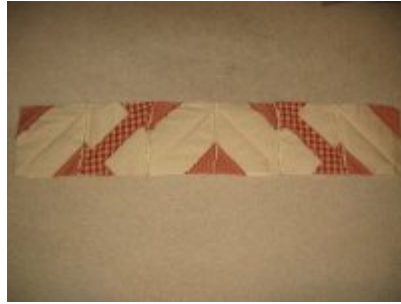
Create the Rows

Row 1:

You will need 4 Cornered Triangle blocks and 2 Bow Tie Blocks. Arrange them as you see in the picture below. Sew the squares together using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Snip the seams.



Row 1 Layout



Sew and Snip row 1

Row 2:

You will need 2 Cornered Triangle blocks and 4 Bow Tie Blocks. Arrange them as you see in the picture below. Sew blocks together using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance and snip the seams.



Row 2 Layout

Add Row Tags

Begin adding row tags to the 1st square of each row so you can line up your rows more easily later. Add 1, 2, 3, etc. to small pieces of paper. It doesn't have to be anything fancy.



Row 3:

You will need 4 Cornered Triangle blocks and 2 Bow Tie Blocks. Arrange them as you see in the picture below. Sew blocks together using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance and snip the seams. Add row tag #3.



Row 4:

You will need 4 Bow Tie blocks and 2 Cornered Triangle Blocks. Arrange them as you see in the picture below. Sew blocks together using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance and snip the seams. Add row tag #4.



Row 5:

You will need 4 Bow Tie blocks and 2 Cornered Triangle Blocks. Arrange them as you see in the picture below. Sew blocks together using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance and snip the seams. Add Row Tag 5.



Row 6:

You will need 4 Cornered Triangle blocks and 2 Bow Tie Blocks. Arrange them as you see in the picture below. Sew blocks together using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance and snip the seams. Add Row Tag 6.



Row 7:

You will need 4 Bow Tie blocks and 2 Cornered Triangle Blocks. Arrange them as you see in the picture below. Sew blocks together using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance and snip the seams. Add Row Tag 7.



Row 8:

You will need 4 Cornered Triangle blocks and 2 Bow Tie Blocks. Arrange them as you see in the picture below. Sew blocks together using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance and snip the seams. Add Row Tag 8.

**Brick Border**

You will need 8 brick border blocks for each side. Arrange and sew them as you see in the picture below. Snip the seams.



You will need 8 brick border blocks for the top border and 8 brick border blocks for the bottom border. Arrange and sew them as you see in the picture below. Snip the seams.



Sew Rows Together

Use 1/2" seam allowance to sew the rows together. Keep the squares in each row lined up the best you can. Sometimes they line up really well. Other times you may have to stretch a square a little and scrunch another square. Snip the seams as you sew each row together to eliminate snipping time after all rows are together.

1. Sew rows one and two together. Snip the seams.



2. Sew row three to the bottom of rows one and two. Snip the seams.



3. Sew row four to the bottom of rows one, two, & three. Snip the seams.



4. Continue sewing the remaining rows to the bottom of the quilt until finished. Snip seams where you sew the rows together.



All rows are sewn together

Attach the Border

1. Sew the side borders as you see in the picture below. Remove the row tags. Snip the seams.



2. Sew the top and bottom borders onto the quilt. Snip seams.



3. Sew around the outer edges using ½" seam allowance. Snip the edges.



Wash & Dry

1. Some people prefer to perform this step at the laundry mat but it can be done at home if you're careful. Wash finished quilt on **gentle cycle in cold water**. Dry on low. Clean lint trap often during the drying cycle. Clean loose strings from both machines before your next load of laundry.

2. Shake quilt after drying. Then use the lint roller or vacuum cleaner to finish removing the remainder of the loose strings. Shedding becomes less frequent with each wash.



Back of Quilt



Front of Quilt



Close-Up of Seams

Congratulations! You now have a beautiful homemade heirloom. The shedding becomes less frequent with each wash. You may make quilts from this pattern for fun or profit. Please give designer credit to Sew Practical. ©2008 All rights reserved.



