

# Quilters In Stitches “Yellow Ribbon Quilt Project” Quilt as You Go - Quick Brick

**Materials required:**

Approximately 5/8 yd each of 5 different patriotic fabrics

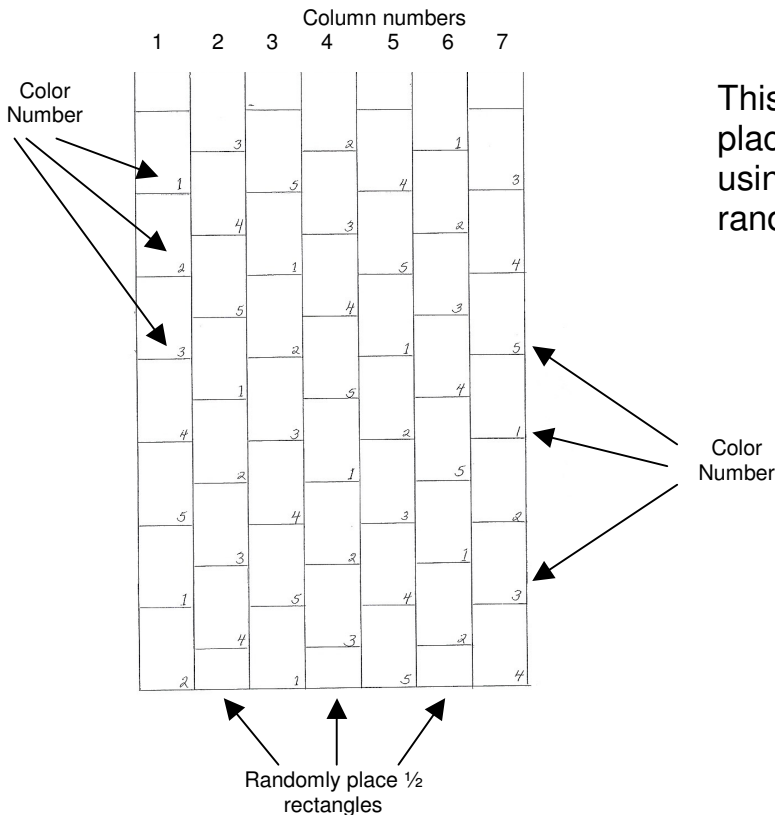
2 yards backing

Batting 45” X 70”

Finished quilt size: 40” X 65”

From each fabric, cut 3 strips measuring 6 1/4” wide. From strips, cut 10 rectangles, each measuring 6 1/4” X 9 1/4”. You will also need 4 more rectangles that you will cut in half to measure 6 1/4” X 4 5/8”. These can be cut randomly from any of the fabrics. To complete this quilt, you will need a total of 49 whole rectangles plus 4 more that are cut in half to create 8 half blocks. Scraps can also be cut to make this quilt using these block dimensions.

Start by laying out rectangles, beginning with a 1/2 rectangle then continue laying out rectangles in a vertical column starting with color 1 and ending with color 2. Each column should contain 7 whole rectangles and one 1/2 rectangle. After placing one of each of your 5 colors vertically, start over with color one. The 1/2 rectangles can be placed randomly. The top of columns 1, 3, 5, and 7 will have a 1/2 rectangle as will the bottom of columns 2, 4, and 6. See the diagram below.



This is the recommended color placement. However if you are using scraps, please arrange them randomly in a pleasing manner.

Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew rectangles together end to end to form 7 separate columns. Do not sew columns together. Press all seams in the same direction.

Lay backing fabric out wrong side up. Center batting on top of backing and locate the vertical center by folding the batting and backing fabric together. Place a pin at the top and at the bottom, pinning through both the backing and batting. Locate strip number 4 of your pieced rectangle columns (the middle column). Locate the vertical center of that column and match up with the pins already placed in the backing/batting. Pin together placing the pins through all three layers and down both sides of the rectangle strip. All remaining strips will be sewn in place based on the placement of this center strip, so it is very important to keep this strip as straight as possible, lining up with the center of the backing and batting. Place column number 5 with right sides together on top of the previously pinned column (number 4) matching the raw edges. You will now sew all layers together using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press the column out towards the outside of the quilt. Repeat the process using the next strip of rectangles, pressing each time and being very careful to keep everything straight. When you have completed the right side of the quilt, start on the columns to the left of the center.

When all strips of rectangles are sewn, square up the quilt and bind. The quilt has already been quilted during construction and does not require further quilting.