

The Lazy Afternoon Quilt

A two-sided quilt for twice the fun!

“The Lazy Afternoon Quilt” is a unique project that makes two quilts in one — all in a lazy afternoon! The back is the reverse of the front and *both* can be completed in just a few hours. The design is clean and simple. Be sure to showcase two large florals or snappy, classic plaids for dynamic results. Add the quilting, and the quilt is perfect for “snuggling” on a lazy afternoon.

Approximate size: 64" x 64"

Fabric requirements

Note: Yardage is for 44/45" wide fabric with at least 42" in width of usable goods

- **Front & back** — 3-5/8 yards* each of two contrasting, or different-colored, large-scale florals or plaids. Label them **Fabric One** and **Fabric Two**.
- **Binding** — 3/4 yard (for double French binding)

*extra is allowed for shrinkage and straightening

Fabric One

A front	B	B	B	B	C	C	C	D	D	D	D	
A front	front	front	front	front	back	back	back	back	back	back	back	
A front												
A front												

Fabric Two

A back	B	B	B	B	C	C	C	D	D	D	D	
A back	back	back	back	back	front	front	front	front	front	front	front	
A back												
A back												

Cut

Follow cutting diagrams on page one. Cut all pieces from one fabric at a time.

- **Piece A** — cut **four** strips **10-1/2" x 66"** from Fabric One and Two
- **Piece B** — cut **four** strips **7-1/2" x wof*** from Fabric One and Two
- **Piece C** — cut **three** strips **4-1/2" x wof*** from Fabric One and Two
- **Piece D** — cut **five** strips **2-1/2" x wof*** from Fabric One and Two; cut one of these five strips into two equal pieces and sew one of these two equal pieces to the end of the two of the other four of Piece D

Sort Pieces **A**, **B**, **C** and **D** for the quilt front and the quilt back

*wof — width of fabric

Construction — all seams are 1/4"

Quilt Front

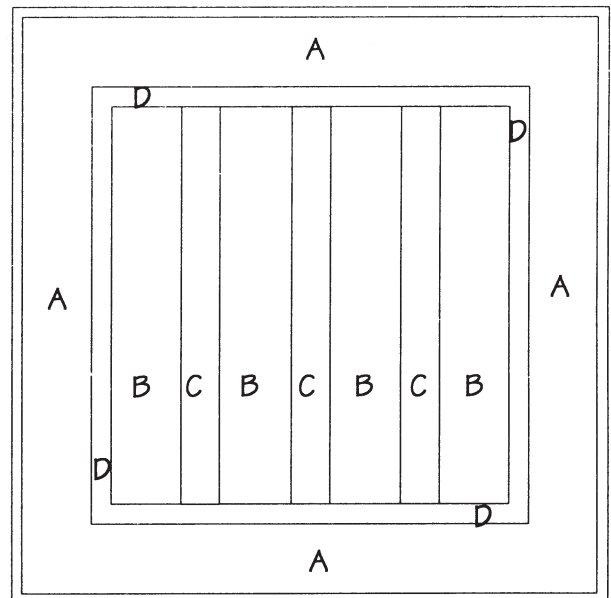
1. Following construction diagram at left, sew four of Piece B (Fabric One) and three of Piece C (Fabric Two) together forming quilt center. Square up to 40-1/2" x 40-1/2".
2. Sew the four versions of Piece D (Fabric Two) to outside of quilt center forming narrow border. (Sew short sides first.) Trim ends as needed.
3. Sew four of Piece A (Fabric One) to narrow border forming outside border. Trim ends as needed.

Quilt Back

4. Repeat steps 1. through 3. from above for quilt back. Reverse the fabrics selections.

Finishing

5. Baste quilt front, batting and quilt back together in preparation for quilting. Try to line up the quilt front and quilt back pieces matching corners of the quilt centers.
6. This quilt can be hand quilted or it is a perfect candidate for tying or machine quilting on your sewing machine. (See suggestions below for quilting.)
7. Bind.
8. Enjoy your two-sided quilt on a lazy afternoon!



Quilting Suggestions

- Draw a line 2" outside the border Piece D. Hand or machine quilt a diagonal 2" grid inside this boundary. By extending the center quilting 2" outside the border, it will accommodate any discrepancies in the matching of the front and back pieces. Then, hand or machine quilt the border as desired. How about rows of concentric squares around the center? Or find an appropriate template to fit the space.
- An overall quilt pattern like clam shell or "Baptist" fan is also suitable.
- Commercial machine quilting may not be an appropriate alternative, because there is no excess fabric on the quilt back to allow for shifting. Discuss the possibilities with a commercial machine expert.