

Improv Block

I used fabrics from a collection for my small improv quilt. There is a main neutral background fabric used for two of the strips and for the background. I used prints for the two remaining strips and centers. Although I used solids and prints, you may use any combination you like as long as there is some contrast.

Quilt Size
12" X 30"

Block Size
3 ½ inch blocks 16 blocks total



Fabric Requirements: *Yardage is based on fabric that is at least 40 inches wide: WOF = width of fabric.*

Fabric A: **Solid and/or print fabrics** 8-2 ½ inch squares (16 center triangles)

-I used 6 different fabrics for the squares; they should be similar in color and value

Fabric B: **Main neutral fabric** one ½ yard for strips and background

-Four- 2 inch X WOF strips

-Two- 3 inch X WOF strips (background)

Fabric C: **Print fabric** two- 2 inch X WOF strips

Fabric D: **Print fabric** two- 2 inch X WOF strips

Fabric E: **Solid Contrasting fabric** two- 1 ½ inch X WOF for inner border

Fabric F: **Binding fabric** three- 2 ½ inch X WOF

Additional Requirements

Foundation you will need:

- 16-3½ inch paper squares (paper piecing)

or

- 16-3½ inch squares of a super lightweight white or cream fabric. I use either cotton poly or pre-washed lightweight muslin

Tools

- An Iron (to share with a friend)

- 6 ½ inch sq. ruler or a ruler that will square up a 3 ½ inch block

- 24 inch ruler or longer

- Seam ripper

- Pins

- Scissors

- Cutting mat

- Sewing machine

- Rotary Cutter