

## Broken Crayons Quilt Project

This is another **SCRAP BUSTER** Project, ideal to use to make **WE Care Quilts**. The instructions here make a quilt that measures about 43" x 56" depending on the width of borders that you may or may not add. I found the original pattern at the Quilting Passions WEB PAGE and it is attributed to West Broward Quilters' Guild (Florida?) Online instructions can be found by going to <http://quiltingpassion.com/qppatterns.html> and looking down the alphabetical list until you find Broken Crayons Quilt (two parts) so you need to open both.

I (Susan Barker) have redrawn and rewritten the instructions for clarity.

### Fabric Requirements:

Larger size Scraps in a variety of colours - large enough to cut 6" x 10" rectangles- You need at least 6 different fabrics, more is better.

Border Fabric - minimum 5 width of fabric strips that are 4" wide

Binding Fabric - minimum 5 width of fabric strips that are 2 ½" wide

### Cutting and Stacking the Fabric:

Cut 36 rectangles that measure 6" x 10" - if you have larger pieces of fabric, cut 6" strips then cut the strips into 10" sections.

Stack the rectangles, into piles of 6 rectangles each and so that each stack has only one of each colour fabric -- you have 6 piles of 6. Make sure each pile is perfectly aligned as you will be making cuts through the 6 layers so be sure to keep them still. **Work with one stack at a time.** Cut each stack of 6 as shown in the diagrams (back of this page) -- do not measure the distance between the cuts for each stack because you want them to all be slightly different.

### Sewing the Pieces back together

Now, keep in mind that you want to sew different coloured fabric back together without getting too mixed up so working from the right hand side, (refer to diagrams on back of this page) leave the **A** pile exactly like it is, From the **B** pile take the top piece and move it to the bottom of the same pile, then for the **C** pile take the top THREE pieces and move them to the bottom of the pile. This will work with every STACK that you do -- if you have a variety of fabrics (more than six) every Stack of 6, when sewn back together should be different.

Sew each stack of 6 together, first sewing A to B in a "chaining" format (this means to sew without cutting the thread between the sewn patches) then without cutting apart the chain, sew the AB section to the C sections -- Remember that because these are angle cuts you need to slightly offset the points. -- if you do this carefully you will not need to trim your blocks more than ¼ inch from the top and bottom. It is BEST to trim the blocks all to a uniform size which should be **5½" x 8½"**

### Sewing the Blocks Together

Press the seams -- I found that they can all be pressed with the seams in the same direction, because no seams match, if you are finicky you might want to press the seams so that the dark does not show through the lighter fabrics...

Divide all your sewn blocks into two piles 18 blocks in each pile, call one pile **UP** and one pile **DOWN**, then turn one of the piles so that the center piece of the block has the narrower side down. Working from the two piles piece the blocks as shown in the diagram -- or if you are adventurous, just piece 'em as you wish.

Borders and Binding - add borders as desired or as suggested at the beginning of this project.

You can add more borders if you like -- one idea is to add a plain border and then to piece more Broken Crayons Blocks to create a outside or a middle border with then a final outside border.

## Diagrams for Broken Crayons Quilt

Diagram #1 - cut 6 x10 inch rectangles as illustrated

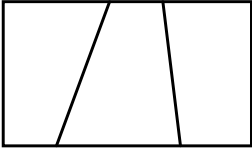


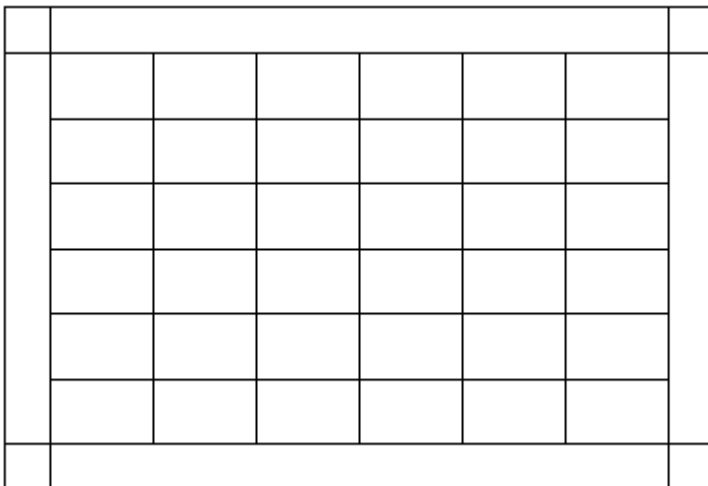
Diagram #2 sew A to B then sew AB to C



Diagram #3 Two piles, one you call UP, the other is DOWN



Diagram #4 - blocks organization and borders



Because of my own limitations this online version of the diagrams does not have the letter markings for each "piece" so please write in the letters on each drawn section -- A to the furthest left, B in the middle and C on the right.

The same with diagram 2 and 3.

Diagram 4 should have up and down arrows to indicate which block pile you are placing in a particular spot. From left to right on the top row it should be, up,down, up, down, up, down, then on the second row, it would be down, up, down, up, down, up -- repeating those two rows to the bottom...

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