

CRAZY EIGHTS

What do you do with all those great 8 inch blocks?

Eight does not play nice with our desired 36 inch premie size.....just joining them will yield 32 or 40 inches. Sashing all the blocks with 1" will yield 37 inches, which is okay...but...

Solution! Sash only some of the sides!
This quilt is inspired by Bonnie Hunter's String Quartet.



You will be creating 16 - 8 inch (finished) blocks of your choice. Be as scrappy or unified as you like!
The blocks are assembled in one group of 4, 4 sets of 2 and 4 single blocks. If you have a defined diagonal line in the block these would look great in a radiating diamond blooming from the centre.

You will need 16 sashing strips $1\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$
8 sashing strips $1\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{2}$
16 cornerstones $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$
It is easiest to assemble the quilt top in 7 rows rather than to sash individual blocks. Press all seams to the sashing to allow all seams to nest.



Assemble the rows.....
I found it less bulky to sew rows 1,2 & 3 and 5,6 & 7 together and then sew those units to the centre row 4.

Some other examples of blocks that could be used in this layout.....
A simple 16 patch, sawtooth star and garlic knots....

I know I am guilty of often oversimplifying the assembly of the quilts...PLEASE...e-mail me with any questions that may come up, I am most willing to clarify any details. Beth

