

Dino Quilt Top Instructions



The Gist: 9" dino panels are framed with 1 1/4" strips creating 10.5" squares. Dinos blocks are arranged in diagonal with striped blocks on either side. The striped blocks consist of 2.5" strips of 5 colors. I used glowy fabrics on the striped blocks to highlight the daisies and to evoke lava flow.

I'm only including instructions here for creating the quilt top. If you need help figuring out how to finish the quilt, I recommend your local quilt store, online tutorials or any number of quilt how-to books.

Materials/Cut list:

Choose 4 dinos.

Choose 5 colors for the striped blocks. You will need 2 fat quarters or 1/2 yard of each color.

Cut each fabric into 2.5" wide strips and join together (using diagonal seams).

Choose 2 colors for the sash. You will need a fat quarter of both. I chose to repeat two of the stripe colors because I had enough left over in the 1/2 yard that I had cut for the stripes. Cut each color into 2.5" strips and join until you have a total of 84".

Chose a color for your dino frames. You will need 1 fat quarter. Cut 1 1/4" wide strips and join until you have 4 strips, each 42" long. Note that in my example, I used the same fabric for the dino frames and the binding.

Cut your binding at 2 1/4" wide. Binding is traditionally cut on the diagonal of the fabric grain to reduce the stretchiness - so it doesn't get pulled out of shape. Your quilt top will measure approx 40" wide by 48" long so you will need about 190" of binding (this gives you a bit of a tail to work with when you join the binding together on the quilt).

You will need about 1 1/2 yards of 42" wide fabric for the back.

You will need batting that is at least 42"x48".

Ideas to minimize cost:

- Consider using a couple glowy fabrics from me then using 2-3 fabrics from your stash. In the example in the picture, Block Fabric 2 (the light blue-green) is from my stash.
- If you really want to be frugal, consider using a standard straight join on the stripe segments - then you should be able to get away with 1 fat quarter of each of the 5 colors.
- Consider using an inexpensive fabric from your stash for the back and binding.

Construction: 1/4" seam allowance.

- 1. Sew the frames around the Dinosaurs.** Be consistent on order - tops and bottoms first then sides or vice versa. Press. Each dino should now be a 10.5" square.
- 2. Sew the stripe blocks.** Sew the 5 strip block fabrics together into one long strip. Press. (stripe block will be 10.5" wide and very long.) Cut the stripe blocks into:

quantity 2, 11" long. (Technically, you only need 10.5" but 11" gives you some wiggle room).

quantity 2, 21" long. (Technically, you only need 20.5")

quantity 2, 31" long. (Technically, you only need 30.5")

- 3. Assemble the Rows: 1/4" seam allowance**

Row 1: dino block (brontosaurus) + 31" stripe block.

Row 2: 11" stripe block + dino (triceratops) + 21" stripe block.

Row 3: 21" stripe block + dino (pteradactyl) + 11" stripe block.

Row 4: 31" stripe block + dino (trex)

- 4. Assemble the Top: 1/4" seam allowance**

Pin or clip the top row to the 2nd row. I start by matching the dino frame corners then work outwards. Stitch and press.

Repeat the process to add the 3rd and 4th rows. Then, add the sashing strips to the top and bottom.

Press, trim the left and right sides to line up with the left-most and right-most dino frame.

And, you are done!