

BRICK AND MORTAR QUILT PATTERN

This 50" x 50" quilt is comprised of 4.5" x 8.5" rectangles (bricks) and 1.25" sash strips (mortar). There are also 4.5" squares (half bricks). Included in this package are:

50 - 4.5" x 8.5" rectangles	210"+ binding
10 - 4.5" squares	Backing fabrics
875"+ 1.25" sashing	Batting.

Each row will consist of five bricks and one half brick. On even numbered rows, the half brick will be the first one on the left side. Odd numbered rows will have the half bricks as the last block on the right side. This will shift each row to stagger the mortar joints (sash). There are a total of ten rows down.

Arrange the bricks and half bricks to create a pleasing color pattern. Using 4.5" strips of sash, sew each brick in the row to the next with the mortar (sash) in between. (you might want to speed sew the blocks to a long sash strip, then trim sash to each block). Do not sew sash to the outside edges of the first and last bricks.

With all ten horizontal rows completed, prepare to sew sash to the width of each row. You will be making the brick look like it is surrounded by mortar. Sew sash to the bottom edge of each linear row (about 47"-49") On the top edge of each row (the row without sash), mark the center point (4") of each brick with a pin. Put the pin near the top edge of the brick. Pin each row to the sashing of the above row (mortar between each row of brick) so that the center mark of each brick lines up with the center of the sashing (mortar) between the brick in the above row. The resulting look will be a staggered mortar pattern from one row to the next. So a strip of mortar is above and below each row, until all ten rows are joined into one quilt block. Add sash (50" to 52") to all three remaining sides on the outside perimeter.

Arrange backing fabrics to make a 52"+ square and sew. Sandwich backing, batting, and top. Quilt. Finish with binding and be sure to affix a CBQ label to the quilt.

I can't help it. In an homage to Pink Floyd, "All in all, it's just another brick in the wall."