

Quilts of Valor Quilt

57" x 69"

Assembly:

Block patterns are given separately. See those pages for making blocks and adding the sashing strips. Make 20 blocks. They can be the same pattern or assorted patterns.

To make all blocks uniform in size, trim them all to 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". This is easy with a plexi square that size, if you have one.

Arrange as desired, alternating red and blue sashing. This is fun with a group of friends, but eventually you need to stop playing and sew them together.

Sew blocks in rows, pressing seams in odd number rows to the right and even number rows to the left. Or use any method of pressing that works for you and has the seams going opposite directions where they meet.

Sew the rows together. Press seams all the same direction.

Borders:

Cut lengthwise 1 7/8 yards
Enough for two quilts
Cut crosswise 1 1/4 yards

Quilt needs four borders 5" wide x at least 62" long. If you have at least 62", it is easy to cut or tear them lengthwise. Or to piece from 40" wide fabric, cut 7-8 strips 5" x 40+". Piece to make two borders at least 62" long and two at least 60" long.

Place the 62" border strips down center of quilt, vertically. Mark the length needed with pins. Pin to quilt sides, easing the quilt to fit the borders. Sew, then trim excess at ends. Press toward the border. Repeat with the other set of border strips and sew to the top and bottom. Press toward the border.

Binding: 5/8 yard

Cut 7 strips 2 1/4" x 40+". Sew together diagonally to make one long strip. Press in half with wrong sides together. Fold neatly and tie with a scrap of fabric.

Contact your local coordinator to arrange to have quilted. Or quilt it yourself if desired. Be sure to include the binding when you send or give the top to a quilter.

