

Quilt To Give: A Quilt Expo Tradition



Sewing a quilt and giving it as a gift is gratifying. Sewing a quilt for someone in need or who is going through tough times shows compassion. Most importantly, the recipient feels loved. Win. Win!

This will be the seventh year that the [Quilt to Give quilt pattern](#) will be sewn and quilted during the annual Quilt Expo in Madison, WI, September 7-9. If you aren't able to be at the event, you, too, can make a twin-sized quilt, then donate it to a local shelter or charity.

I made the first Quilt to Give design in 10-days, sewing a little each day. I chronicled the [10-day journey with full instructions on how to make the quilt on my blog](#). My hope is that sometime in the near future, you or your quilting group will consider making this easy quilt design made with columns instead of blocks and then give it away. Hence the name Quilt to Give.

Quilt to Give community service project

The project will again be the community service project at our annual [Quilt Expo](#). Last year over 27 twin-size, or larger, quilts were made and/or donated by participants.

Several kind souls presented us with completely finished quilts.

Quilting groups also took on the challenge.



Others donate time during the Quilt Expo event.



Twin-sized quilts are in demand

I know that I'll see some of my blog readers at the [Quilt Expo in Madison, WI, September 7-9, 2017](#). For some of you, the logistics of attending aren't in the cards. Yet, I encourage you to make one of these easy [Quilt to Give](#) projects with the intent of giving it away!

This year we're asking for twin-sized quilt donations—that is the size we'll be sewing during the event, too. Why? The two organizations that will be receiving the finished quilts, [Enchanted Makeovers](#) and [Domestic Abuse Intervention Services \(DAIS\)](#) both requested this particular size. [Enchanted Makeovers](#) services women's shelters and [Domestic Abuse Intervention Services \(DAIS\)](#) is a woman's shelter with twin-sized beds in each room. This year, we're also planning to send finished quilts to Houston. Our Baby Lock Retailer friends, in the Houston area, will distribute the quilts to those in need that have been affected by the recent flooding.

Make a quilting plan

Download the twin-sized quilt worksheet. Click here to [download the twin-sized quilt worksheet](#). It will assist you in sorting and cutting fabrics.

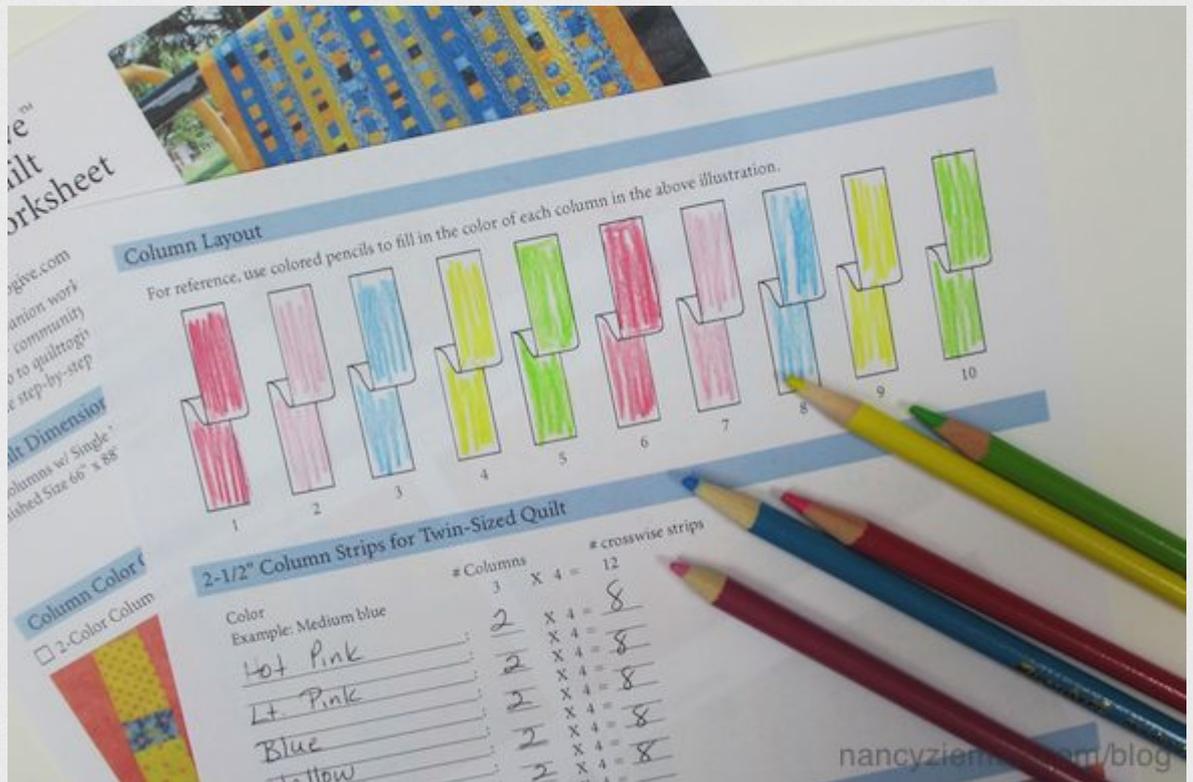


Sort fabrics from your stash. Begin by selecting a print or prints that will be used as the inspirational fabrics. Then choose other fabrics that coordinate with the inspirational fabric.

Gather solid-color fabrics that coordinate or match with the inspirational fabrics. Choose many solids or mottled fabrics (subtle prints that appear as solid colors from a distance) as possible for this project. [Click here to read the full lesson on sorting fabrics.](#)



Determine which fabrics will be the outside columns (the more solid the better) and which will be used for the scrappy center columns. Fill out the worksheet to denote which fabric colors will go where.



Free online instructions

For links to all **10 Quilt to Give lessons**, [click here](#) or visit QuiltToGive.com.

The Easiest Ever Quilt to Give Design

During our first community quilting project, a donation of four yards of striped fabric with a salsa flavor was given. Great donation, but it just didn't seem to fit with any other fabrics.

Then, it dawned on me to use the striped fabric as the center section of each column—no piecing needed for the center columns! You'll find optional fabric cutting instructions when using a striped fabric when you [download the twin-sized quilt worksheet](#)





The gift is in the giving!



The randomly selected winner of a copy of the [The Best Sweatshirt Makeovers](#) book from [Nancy's Notions](#) is Kathy Wells.

Her comment is, "I will use the idea of putting a facing in the top of a cut-out neck T-shirt. Also, I will try a clipped out and faced hem on the sides of the shirt. I would love to have the Sweatshirt Makeovers book for further reference for great gifts."



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