Mosaic

Top finishes at 90”x 99”

To make the quilt pictured:

You need:

- About 7 ¾ yards of various scraps – the pattern shows up better if you use prints with little or no white
- 2.5 yards of white
• ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding. (I used scrappy 2.5” strips.)

**Cut:** For the quilt pictured: (queen sized)

From your colorful scraps:

• 2”x3.5” “bricks” or rectangle/strips - 1372 bricks
• 2”x2” squares – 56

From white:

• 2”x3.5” “bricks” or rectangle/strips. - 604
• 2”x2” squares - 12

**Notes:**

• This quilt top is made up simply of 2x3.5” rectangles and 2” squares (used to get the staggered look).
• Your quilt will have more “pizzazz” if you choose scrappy fabrics with less white in them so that the pattern shows up distinctly.
• Lay out according to this diagram. You have to work a row at a time. The wonderful thing about this is that you will have no seams to match. Pressing seams doesn’t matter. I pressed all in one direction.
• The motif is a round of whites, which are enclosed. The “round” looks like this. If you shorten or lengthen or widen the pattern, it will look best if you stop at a point when the whites join and “close the design”.

![Diagram of quilt design](image)

• You will be making these rows: In this pattern the term “brick” means a 2”x3.5” piece of fabric. The square blocks represent 2” squares.
First, the overall diagram, and then a close up of the rows:
Diagram of Rows (enlarge the PDF file if you want to see the numbers larger).
Construct Rows:

Sew together in rows as shown below from your previously cut bricks and squares.

Row 1:

A colorful 2”x2” square, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 colorful 2”x2” square

Row 2:

2 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 2 colorful bricks

Row 3:

1 colorful 2”x2” square, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 2”x2” colorful square.

Row 4:

1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 2 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick

Row 5:

1 colorful 2”x2” square, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 3 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 1 colorful brick, 1 white brick, 1 colorful 2”x2” square

Row 6:

1 white brick, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 2 white bricks, 4 colorful bricks, 1 white brick
Row 7:

1 white 2x2” square, 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick. 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 5 colorful bricks, 1 white brick, 5 colorful bricks.

From this point on, just go backwards until the design is finished being made. In other words........

Row 8 = Row 6
Row 9 = Row 5
Row 10 = Row 4
Row 11 = Row 3
Row 12 = Row 2

Then repeat starting with Row 1 until you have the length of the quilt you desire.

Just remember to start every other row with a square, to keep the bricks staggered. Sew each row together when you get it completed, and keep checking for mistakes – often!

- I wanted mine a little longer than a full 5 repeats, so mine is 5 ½ repeats long (tall). This made it 99” long.

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This is an incredibly simple, but very impressive design.

You could use any size bricks such as 1.5”x2.5”, 2”x3.5”, 2.5”x4.5”, 3”x5.5”, 3.5”x6.5” etc.

I have this motif on a beaded bracelet that I purchased in Nairobi, Kenya in 2011 when I went with my husband while he taught in a seminary there. It’s sitting on my desk.
It is also located on a piece of fabric I noticed I used as a backing – a bit stylized, but pretty close

How to make this quilt:

1. Lay out completed bricks according to the instructions given above:
2. Sew together in rows.
3. Press well.
4. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
5. Quilt as desired.

Because of the very “busy-ness” of this quilt, I did a simple all over meander/stipple as pictured below.

   Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!
   You can heave a huge sigh of relief while you admire it!
   It was a big one!
   Enjoy!

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