

Radiant Cross

94"x106"

To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- 5½ yards of cream/off white fabrics
- 1 yard of various dark browns for the cross
- 2½ yards of dark autumn colors for the larger outer squares
- 2 1/8 yards of lighter autumn colored fabrics for the 'radiant' section I used yellows and lighter greens/peaches – lighter oranges.
- ½ yard brown for inner border
- 1½ yards for outer red border
- ¾ yards for the binding (I cut into 2½" strips and do a folded over binding)

Cut:

For Blocks 1 and 4:

From fall colored fabrics and off white/creams:

Cut 2½" strips from both your darker fabrics and your off white/cream strips until you can get 186 strip sets as described below. Using scraps – it is impossible to tell you how many strips to cut. I just kept making them until I had enough.

For Block 2:

From lighter colored fall fabrics - I used lighter greens and paler oranges and yellows and off white/creams:

Cut 2" strips and off white/cream strips until you can get 160 strip sets as described below in how to make the blocks. Because I was using scraps, it is difficult to tell you how many strips to cut as I rarely used a regular width of fabric.

For Block 3:

Using your darkest brown fabrics and off whites/creams, cut strips that are 1½" wide by as long as you can. You will need enough to make 86 segments that are 12 blocks long so you will need some, but not as many as for blocks 1 and 2. I did some and then went back and cut some more as I didn't know exactly how many strips to cut because none of my fabrics were the same length.

Plus, I have to admit to disliking the cutting and preferring the sewing part. If I can keep from standing at the cutting table for a couple of hours at once, I'm happy with that.

Borders are dealt with under How to put together this quilt.

How to make the blocks:

Block 1:

Using your 2½" strips, make strip sets of dark autumn colored and off white until you have strip sets of 6 wide. Press towards the darker fabrics.

Like this:



Cut across each strip set at 2 1/2" intervals to make strip sets that are 6 squares long and measure 12½" long.



Make 186 such strips sets using a variety of colors.

Sew these strip sets together alternating off white cream.

Mix and match these strip sets until your blocks measures $12\frac{1}{2}$ "x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " and looks approximately like this: You will have 3 dark colorful squares and 3 off white/cream squares for a total of 6 squares wide (and 6 squares tall).



Make 24.

You will use your leftover strip sets to make Block 4.

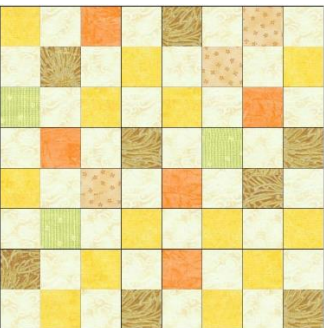
Block 2:

Using the same method as when making block 1, strip piece the blocks, only this time use 2" strips in colors that are light such as peach or light green and yellow alternating with off white/cream. You will need to piece together a strip of 8. Press towards the darker fabrics.

Cut off strips of 2" instead of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " as with block 1. You will 160 such strips in order to make up a block that will be 8 blocks wide and 8 blocks long.

Sew together. These blocks will measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

You will have 4 colorful squares and 4 off white/cream squares for a total of 8 squares wide (and 8 squares tall):



Make 20.

Block 3:

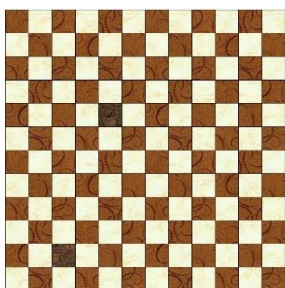
Using your darker browns that have been cut into $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, piece together a row of brown/cream/brown/cream, etc. until you have a strip set of 12 strips. (I did them in groups of 6 as I found it easier than dealing with 12 at a time.)

Press towards the darks. Just as in block 1, cut off segments but instead of 2 ½" as for block 1, cut off 1½" wide segments. Cut a total of 84 that are 12 segments.

Sew these together until you have blocks that are 12½" x 12½".

You will have 6 brown squares and 6 off white/cream squares for a total of 12 squares wide (and 12 squares tall):

My browns blocks did not have as much variety in them as I only had about 5 different browns. I looked for my darkest browns while still using upcycled fabrics.



Make 7.

Block 4:

Make block 4 similar to block 1 but only use 3 rows instead of 6 so that the block looks like this and measures 6½"x12½". You will be using 2½" strips to make this block and if you followed my instructions for making block 1, should have the strip sets already made but set aside.

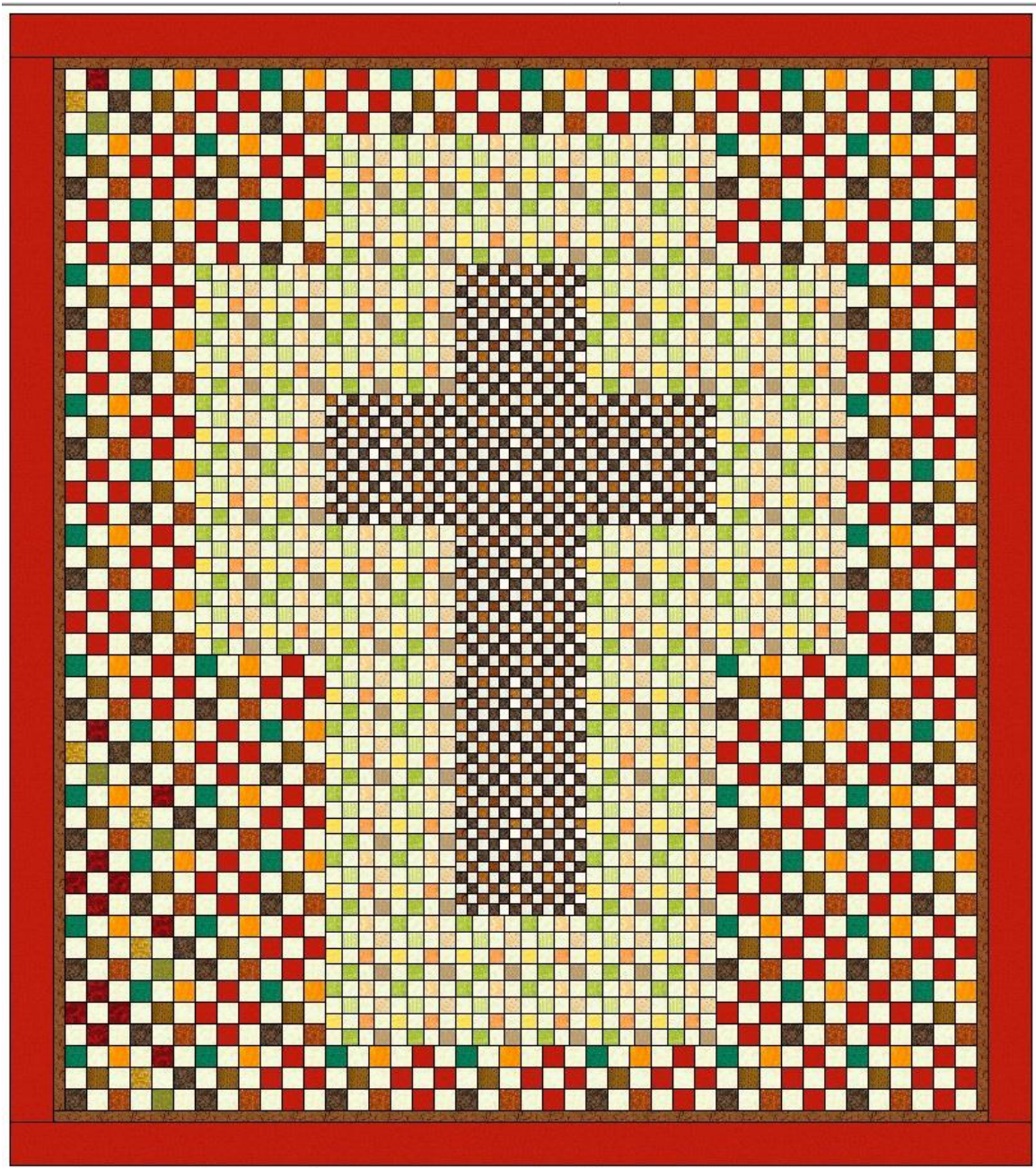


Make 14.

How to make this quilt:

1. Using this diagram, place your blocks and sew together in rows

Final look layout with borders:



2. Add borders.

- First border – Brown. Cut strips WOF x 1.5" until they are long enough when measured across the middle of the quilt they fit. I do sides first and then top and bottom because I prefer the look. In an ideal world, your strips will be cut 1½" x 96½" for the sides and 1½" x 86½" for the top and bottom. Pin. Sew on.

- Second border – Red. Cut strips 4.5” x WOF and sew together until they are long enough to lay across the middle of the quilt and cut. In an ideal world, your strips will be cut 4½” x 98½” for the sides and 4½” x 94½” for the top and bottom. Pin to the top.
 - Sew on.
3. **Press** well.
 4. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
 5. **Quilt** as desired.
 6. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations!
Your quilt is finished!

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