

Greetings: Envelope Quilt

40" square with borders

You need:

13 pairs of 5" squares (for 13 x 8" finished blocks)

From 1.6 metres white Background fabric **Cut:**

26 x 5" squares

2 x 8" squares cut diagonally once for corners

4 strips 3¼" x width of fabric for borders

4 strips 2" x width of fabric for binding

2 x 14" squares cut twice diagonally for side setting triangles

Wadding and backing fabric.



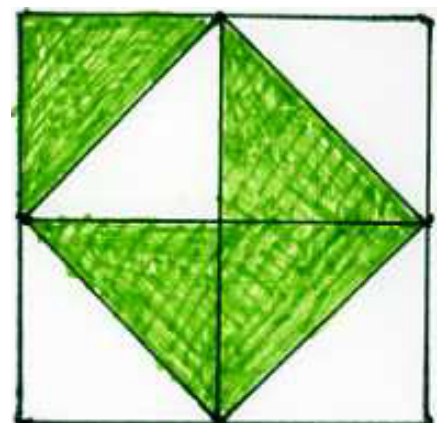
Method:

Make Half-square triangle blocks

1. Cut 26 5" white squares and pair with the coloured fabrics. Draw a diagonal line across the back of the white squares and stitch a scant ¼" away from the line on both sides.
2. Cut on the drawn line and press the half-square triangle blocks open.
3. Press towards the coloured fabric on three and press away on the fourth in each set.
4. Cut off the dog ears and trim each square to an accurate 4½"

Make Envelope blocks

1. Lay out your blocks as in the illustration, with the square where the seam is pressed towards the white fabric at bottom Right.
2. Fold top Right square over top Left square and lock seams together. Stitch a scant quarter inch seam down RH edge.
3. Fold bottom Right square over bottom Left square and sew the seam stitching straight onto the next pair (Chain Piecing).



4. Leaving the stitching in the middle to hold the pairs together, unfold and refold to sew the remaining seam, locking the seams together as before.
5. Clip the stitching in the centre and cycle the seams for a nice flat block. Press.

Make up your quilt top

1. Lay out your envelope blocks on point and arrange the colours into a pleasing design.
2. Add the setting triangles. These are deliberately oversized.
3. Join the blocks into diagonal lines and then stitch these together, adding the setting triangles.
4. Trim excess fabric from the triangles.
5. Measure across the centre of your quilt top and add borders on both sides cutting fabric to fit after pinning to check the length and stitching on.
6. Repeat for top and bottom borders, measure first, pin, then stitch and trim.

Quilting your quilt

Layer the backing Wrong side up, the wadding and the quilt top Right side up to make your quilt sandwich.

Safety pin or tack the layers together.

Quilt by hand or machine. (My quilt was Long Arm Quilted by Mandy Parks www.quiltswiskers.co.uk)

Bind the edges.