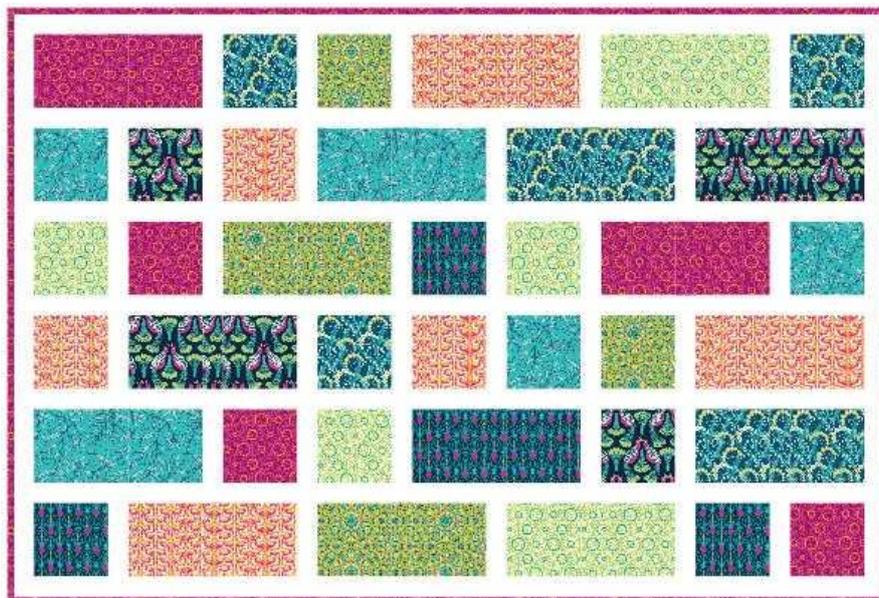


# Belle Epoque Quilt



Finished Size 45" by 65" (approximately)

This is designed to be made from quilting cotton fabrics which are sold as fat quarters i.e. a quarter of a metre measuring approximately 20 by 21 inches. Fabrics left over from the quilt top can be used to make a simple pieced backing for the quilt

You will need:

8 fat quarters

1.25 metres contrast for the sashing

0.5m fabric for binding

Either 1.75m for a pieced backing with leftover fabrics

Or 2.5m for a one colour backing

Wadding 55" by 75"

Threads: fine cotton thread for piecing and quilting thread to tone with the fabrics.

## Cutting Instructions

From each fat quarter cut three strips 6" by 21"

From each of two strips cut a rectangle 13" by 6" and a 6" square

From the remaining fabric cut one 6" square

From sashing fabric cut 24 strips 2" wide across the width of the fabric

Use 7 strips to cut 44 rectangles 2" by 6" and put the remaining strips aside

From the binding fabric cut 6 strips 2½" wide

## Piecing instructions

Arrange the rectangles and squares cut from the fat quarters as shown in the picture above or in a similar arrangement.,

Label each shape with a row and letter using sticky labels or masking tape e.g. A1 A2, B1, B2 etc

Pin and then sew a 2" by 6" rectangle of sashing fabric to the right-hand side of each square or rectangle except for the last shape in each row. Then join these into rows.

Take two strips of sashing fabric and join end to end, pressing the seam open. Repeat to make 8 long sashing strips.

Measure the length of a pieced strip and cut all 7 sashing strips to that length

## Piecing instructions continued

Sew each pieced row to a sashing strip carefully pinning and matching the ends.

Stitch the rows together.

From the remaining 3 sashing strips cut one in half and join each half to one full strip

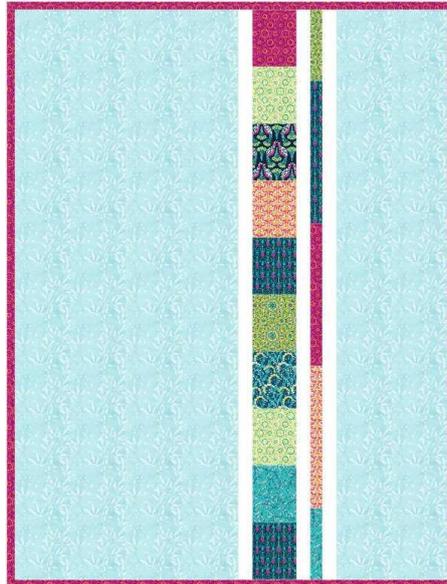
Measure the width of the quilt and cut the sashing strips to that length

Sew the strips to the top and bottom of the quilt to complete the quilt top

## Pieced Backing

I made a pieced back by sewing together the remaining 6" sections of the fat quarters and some leftover 2" strips.

Then I cut the backing fabric lengthways approximately one third across the width and inserted the pieced strips separated by white sashing.



## One Colour Backing

Cut your 2.5 metres of fabric into two 1.25m sections.

Trim off the selvages

Join the two pieces along the longer side to make a backing piece approximately 50" by 80"

## Quilting and Binding

Lay out your backing on a firm surface and tape down around the edges

Gently lay the wadding on top and then lay the quilt top down on the wadding

Use safety pins to pin through all three layers or tack the layers together using a long running stitch

Use a walking foot to machine quilt through the quilt either in straight or wavy lines or use free motion quilting to stitch n all over pattern.

Bind your quilt and add a label on the back or sign and date your quilt. For more detailed binding instructions search on the internet or refer to any quilting book or magazine or look at the Hints and Tips section of my website.

## Adapting the Design

This design is very easy to adapt to other sizes of quilt by using fewer or more fat quarters e.g for a double bed size (86" square) you would enlarge it to 12 pieced rows and make each row a 2 squares or one rectangle longer. You would need approximately double the fabric amounts for the double sized quilt.