

Basic Bargello Block

Finished Size: 28" x 20"

Materials:

Ten (10) 2½" width of fabric strips (40")

General Instructions:

Use ¼" seams throughout.



Use these instructions alongside my mini tutorial: <https://patchwork-quilting.co.uk/jelly-roll-bargello-quilt-first-block-step-by-step/>

Step One – Making a Strip Set

- Arrange the ten strips into a pleasing order (often Bargello patterns use a flow of colours through light, medium to dark).
- Number the strips, 1 to 10 before stitching them together in order along the long edges.
- Finger press the seams in alternate directions as you stitch the strips together.
- When the Strip Set is complete, press the seams with an iron taking care to keep the seams straight so the Strip Set does not bow.



Figure 1 – arrows indicate direction to press seams

Step Two – Making a Tube

- Fold the Strip Set in half, right sides together so Strip 10 is lying on Strip 1.
- Make sure the fabrics are lying flat and are not bowing.
- Stitch the long edges of Strip 1 and 10 together to form a Tube.

Step Three – Cutting the Tube into Segments

- Lay the Tube on a cutting mat. Align the top and bottom edges with the markings on the mat.
- With a rotary cutter and ruler square off one end of the tube.
- Use the cutting instructions (top row of Figure 3) to cut segments from the Tube. Keep these segments in their cutting order!

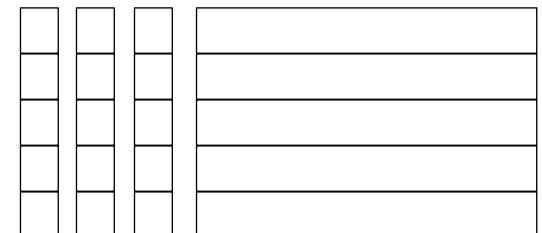


Figure 2 - Cutting Segments from Tube - wrong side of fabric facing

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Cut (inches)	2½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	2	2	2½	3	2½	2	2	1½	1½	1½	2	2½
Top Fabric	1	2	3	4	3	2	1	10	9	8	7	8	9	10	1	2	1	10	9
Bottom Fabric	10	1	2	3	2	1	10	9	8	7	6	7	8	9	10	1	10	9	8

Figure 3

Step Four – Creating the Bargello pattern

- Start from the first segment at the left-hand end.
- Turn the first segment right sides out. Rotate the Segment until Fabric 1 is at the top.
- Continue working along the row of Segments, turning each one inside out. Rotate each Segment, following the sequence in Figure 2 to determine which fabric should be placed at the top.
- Unpick the seam at the top of each segment and unfold the segment to its full length.
- Make sure the top and bottom fabrics correspond to the numbers in Figure 2.

Step Five – Piecing the Block

- Be careful to keep the strips in order.
- Sew strips together being careful to keep the top and bottom of the Segments orientated correctly.
- Press seams open.

Options

- Use the single block to make a wall hanging, table topper or cushion cover.
- Make more blocks. They will fit together in a vertical layout to make a baby quilt or small lap quilt – add borders to make a bigger quilt.
- Make more blocks. Link them together side by side to make a table or bed runner. To keep the Bargello pattern flowing an extra strip needs to be inserted between the side by side blocks. Use the left-over end of the Tube to cut a segment 2½” wide. Place Fabric 10 at the top of the segment and use it to link the Bargello Blocks.
- Adapt the pattern to use fewer or more strips of fabric.