

QUICK FAT QUARTERS SERIES

With unique aboriginal designs by M & S Textiles Australia

RED AND GREEN QUILT

Quilt designed by Barbara Macey © 2011



This is a quilt in the style of the Australian bush rug, known in some places as a 'wagga' (rhymes with 'jogger'). The large blocks are quick and easy to make and there are no difficult techniques to master. Requires only basic machine sewing skills. Fabric designs not to scale.

Finished size of Red and Green Quilt

Using imperial fat quarters: up to 51 in x 60 in (129 cm x 152 cm).

Using metric fat quarters: up to 57 in x 60 in (145 cm x 152 cm).

Finished size depends on how much needs to be trimmed from the fat quarters. See notes on preparing the fabric.

Requirements

Imperial fat quarters measure approximately 22 in (56 cm) wide and 18 in (45.5 cm) long.

Metric fat quarters measure approximately 22 in (56 cm) wide and 20 in (50 cm) long.

Fabrics by M & S Textiles – Nine fat quarters, plus fabric for the back and binding. (See 'swatches' page 3)

- Bush Plum and Bush Banana (red) 2 fat quarters
- Bush Plum and Bush Banana (yellow) 1 fat quarters
- Bush Plum and Bush Banana (green) 2 fat quarters
- Kangaroo Fan (red) 1 fat quarter
- Rain dreaming (green) 1 fat quarters
- Women Searching (green) 2 fat quarters
- Sand Hill Fabric for 7 yard (6.25 m) length of binding. Calculate yardage needed for desired style of binding.

Cutting mat, long ruler and rotary cutter, or ruler, marker (eg soft pencil) and scissors. Instead of a cutting mat, you can use a dressmakers square or large square ruler to get accurate 90 degree corners.

Machine and quilting threads to blend with fabrics.

Backing fabric to fit quilt.

Batting to fit quilt.

Prepare the fabric

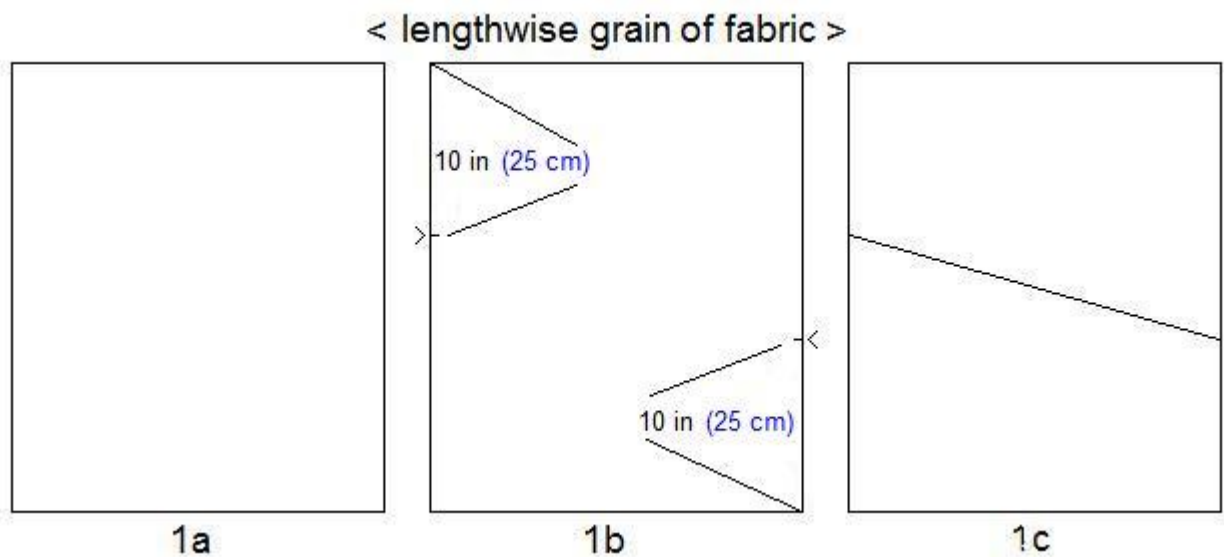
This quilt consists of 9 large blocks.

1. Remove all selvages.
2. Trim all the fat quarters so that they are exactly the same size and shape

Use a large square ruler, a dressmakers' square, or a cutting mat, ruler and rotary cutter to make sure that all corners are 90 degrees, and all fat quarter blocks are identical in size and shape.

3. Mark fabric for cutting. All fat quarter blocks are cut in the same way. It is important that all blocks be marked and cut identically so that it is possible to pair any of the resulting shapes together.

Figure 1



Place a trimmed fat quarter right side up as shown in Fig 1a.

Mark 10 in (25cm) below top left corner and 10 in (25cm) above lower right corner as in Fig 1b.

Mark the cutting line by ruling a line between these marks as shown in Fig 1c.

Stack several fat quarters, **right sides up**, with the marked one on top. Cut through all layers using a mat and rotary cutter. Repeat for all fat quarters.

Assembling the patchwork

Figure 2

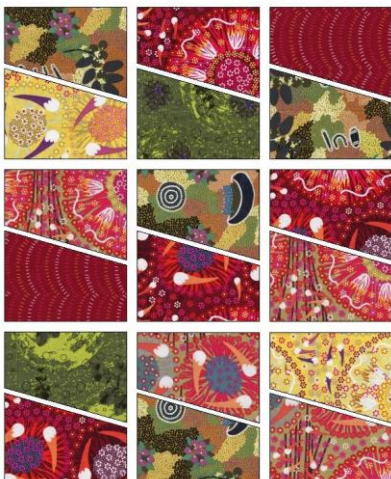
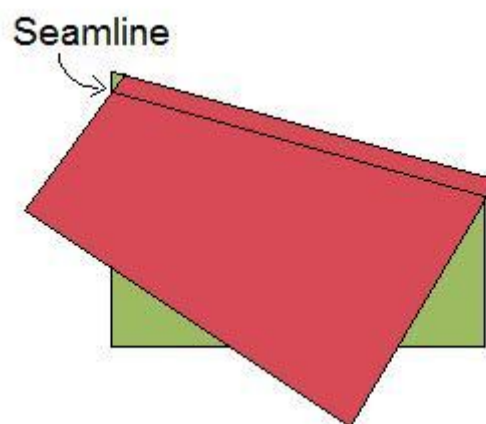


Figure 3



1. Lay out the blocks as shown in Fig 2, or as you wish.
2. Seam all blocks, placing edges as shown in Fig 3. Use a seam allowance anywhere between $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6 mm) and 1 cm ($\frac{3}{8}$ in). Press seam allowances towards darker fabric. Press right side too.
3. Lay out your new fat quarter blocks in 3 rows of 3 as shown, or rearrange as you wish.
4. Sew blocks together in 3 rows, then sew the rows together. Press all seams

Assembling the quilt

1. Assemble the backing, batting and quilt top, and pin or tack together.
2. Quilt together using a simple 2 in (2.5 cm) grid pattern, or use another pattern if you wish.
3. Finish with binding of your choice.

M & S Textiles Fabrics in Red and Green Quilt

