



# Rainbow Colourwash

## Materials:

1 Rainbow or Bali Pop (40, 2 1/2in strips)  
1.2m of co-ordinating batik  
60cm of fabric for binding  
80in x 100in rectangle of backing fabric  
80in x 100in rectangle of wadding  
Co-ordinating thread for piecing and quilting  
Iron and ironing-board  
Rotary cutter, ruler and mat  
Sewing machine with 1/4in and walking feet  
General sewing supplies

## Finished size:

60in x 80in (150cm x 200cm)

## Cutting:

From your 1.2m co-ordinating batik fabric cut:  
– four, 12in strips.

Set these four strips aside.

## Assembly:

Pair up your 2 1/2in strips into light and dark fabrics (or prints depending on your fabrics). Join the pairs of strips by sewing along the length of each pair. Press the seams to the darker fabric.

Crosscut each strip set into nine (9) 4 1/2in squares. There should be a total of 180 squares.

Following the photograph, lay out all 180 of the 4 1/2in squares to create diagonal rows of matching pairs. The fabrics/prints should zigzag across the quilt.

Note: In the next step, piecing the squares together can be done either vertically or horizontally. The end result will be the same, so just choose whichever way you like best. Piecing vertically will mean that when all the squares are pieced together you should have only nine long rows to join, while piecing horizontally will mean you have 20 short rows to join.

Piece your squares together in rows. Check your layout every so often to make sure you have the correct rotation on each square and that your layout is in the right order.

Once all the rows are joined together, press the seams. On even numbered rows the seams should be pressed to the left and the seams on odd numbered rows to the right. Nest the seams and join the rows together. Press the seams.

Now join your 12in batik border strips in pairs, end-to-end, and press the seams.

Measure through your quilt top vertically and cut each border strip to that length.

Attach one border strip to each side of your quilt top and press the seams outwards.  
Press the entire quilt top in preparation for basting.

**Basting, quilting and binding:**

Baste, quilt and bind as desired.

This quilt was quilted using a teal variegated thread.

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