

Twin Sisters

A fast block & ideal for the serger, so great for using up scraps & for making a philanthropy top. If a bit careful, it is easy to serge a 1/4" seam. An entire block can be made in a minute or two once cut out when using a serger. Of course, you can just sew them on a regular sewing machine too. Make as many blocks as you want for your quilt. You can also make the strips a different width. Whatever width the 2 strips end up, cross cut the same measurement to get a square. Then square up to the closest size for the size your squares turned out.

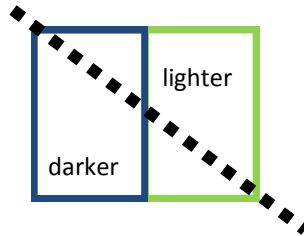
1. Cut 2 contrasting strips 3" wide & sew the long edges together in a 1/4" seam. Press to the darker side. You can sew a bunch of strips from various fabrics for a scrappy look or limit your choices.



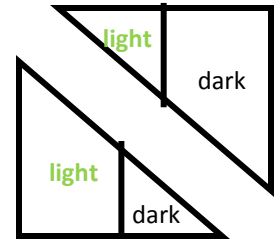
2. Measure how wide it actually is & cut squares from strip, say 5 1/2" by 5 1/2"



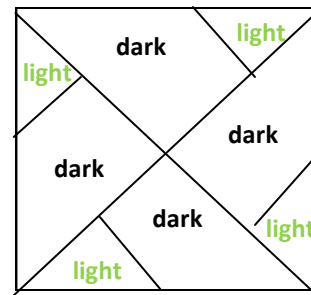
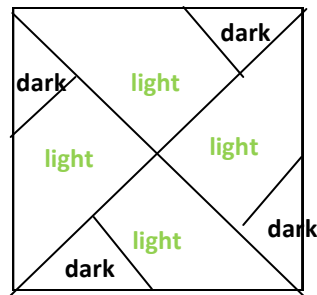
3. Stack up 4 squares with the same colors on top of each other & cut diagonally from corner to corner. You will end up with 8 halves, 4 primarily lighter color and 4 primarily darker color.



4. Make 2 stacks—the mostly light colored triangles and the mostly darker colored triangles.



4. With each stack, turn the right angles to the center to form a square. You will have 2 Twin Sister squares, one with the light color the main color and one with the darker color the main color. Sew and press. Easy to keep seams untwisted using the serger.



5. Square up with a 6 1/2" square up ruler (if using the 3" strips).

6. Put together with sashing & border/s.

I'd say with the serger, a lap quilt top can be made in less than 1/2 a day, maybe a twin size or larger if you're a whiz. Anyway, here's an easy way to make a quick quilt & use up scraps.

Thanks, Marlene

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