

Gail's Foundation Crazy Quilt Block Instructions

1. Start with a 6 ½" square of muslin or other thin cotton.
2. Form the centre of the block by cutting a **5-sided piece** of your chosen fabric.
3. Start adding scraps by placing the first scrap face down along one of the top edges of centre fabric.
4. Sew a narrow seam, flip and press.
5. Working **clockwise**, choose a second contrasting scrap and following the next line of the centre piece, place it face down and sew a narrow seam across the two pieces.
- 6. Trim the seam before flipping and pressing.**
7. Continue in this manner until the fabric square is totally covered.
8. Give a final press and then, working from the back, trim the square with your 6 ½" ruler.

Now you have two choices:

1. You can form a quilt sandwich with batting and batting and machine quilt it, or -
2. You can add just the batting to the back of your square and quilt the top to the backing along the seam line using a decorative stitch. This way you will avoid the decorative stitches showing on the back. Then add the backing.
3. When your quilt sandwich is complete, sew a narrow seam along the edges.

Use a design wall to arrange your blocks the way you want. You can use a flannel backed tablecloth for this.

Label each block, using masking tape so you can then sew them together in your chosen order.

Label each block (across A, B, C, etc., and down 1, 2, 3, etc.), then start sewing them together.

I usually assemble these quilts using the "quilt-as-you-go" method, using 1" strips on the front and 1 5/8" strips folded in half on the back.



Sample of Block Labelling

A 1	B 1	C 1
A 2	B 2	B 2
A 3	B 3	C 3