

Kool Quilts

Introduction

Pasquale De Marco's passion for quilting and love of fat quarters shines through in this comprehensive guide to creating stunning quilts using these versatile fabric cuts. With clear instructions, helpful tips, and inspiring ideas, Kool Quilts empowers quilters of all levels to explore the endless possibilities of fat quarter quilting.

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- A comprehensive guide to quilting resources, including books, websites, and guilds

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Chapter 1: Fat Quarter Quilting Basics

Choosing the right fat quarters

Choosing the right fat quarters is essential for creating a beautiful quilt. Here are a few things to keep in mind when selecting your fabrics:

- **Color:** Consider the overall color scheme of your quilt and choose fat quarters that will complement each other. You can use a variety of colors or stick to a more monochromatic palette.
- **Pattern:** Fat quarters come in a wide variety of patterns, from solids to prints to batiks. Choose fabrics that will create the look you want for your quilt.
- **Texture:** Fat quarters can also vary in texture. Some fabrics are smooth and silky, while others are more textured. Consider the different textures of the fabrics you choose and how they will work together in your quilt.

- **Quality:** Not all fat quarters are created equal. Some fabrics are of higher quality than others, and this can affect the durability of your quilt. Choose fat quarters that are made from high-quality fabrics that will stand up to the wear and tear of everyday use.

Once you have considered all of these factors, you can start choosing the fat quarters for your quilt. Here are a few tips:

- **Start with a focal fabric.** Choose a fat quarter that you love and use it as the focal point of your quilt. This fabric will be the center of attention, so choose something that you really love.
- **Choose coordinating fabrics.** Once you have chosen your focal fabric, you can start choosing coordinating fabrics. These fabrics should complement the focal fabric and help to create the overall look of your quilt.

- **Don't be afraid to experiment.** There are no rules when it comes to choosing fat quarters. Experiment with different colors, patterns, and textures to create a quilt that is unique and personal.

With a little planning, you can choose the perfect fat quarters for your quilt and create a beautiful work of art that you will cherish for years to come.

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Cutting and piecing fat quarters

Cutting and piecing fat quarters is a great way to create beautiful quilts with minimal fabric waste. Fat quarters are pre-cut pieces of fabric that measure 18" x 22", making them perfect for small projects like baby quilts, table runners, and placemats. They are also great for adding variety to larger quilts.

To cut fat quarters, you will need a rotary cutter, a cutting mat, and a ruler. First, lay out your fat quarter on the cutting mat. Then, use the ruler to measure and mark the desired width of your strips. For example, if you want to cut 2" strips, you would measure and mark every 2" along the length of the fat quarter.

Once you have marked the desired width of your strips, use the rotary cutter to cut along the marks. Be sure to use a sharp blade and to apply even pressure to the cutter.

Once you have cut your strips, you can piece them together to create quilt blocks. To do this, simply sew the strips together along the long edges, using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Once you have pieced your quilt blocks, you can assemble them into a quilt top. To do this, lay out the quilt blocks on a flat surface and sew them together along the edges, again using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Once the quilt top is assembled, you can add batting and backing fabric. To do this, layer the quilt top, batting, and backing fabric together and quilt them together. You can quilt by hand or by machine.

Once the quilt is quilted, you can bind the edges to finish it off. To do this, cut strips of fabric that are 2 1/2" wide and sew them around the edges of the quilt, mitering the corners.

Cutting and piecing fat quarters is a great way to create beautiful quilts with minimal fabric waste. With a little

practice, you will be able to cut and piece fat quarters quickly and easily.

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Basic quilt blocks

Quilt blocks are the building blocks of any quilt. They are typically small, simple shapes that are sewn together to create a larger quilt top. There are many different types of quilt blocks, each with its own unique look and feel.

Some of the most popular quilt blocks include:

- **Squares:** Squares are the simplest type of quilt block. They can be made from any type of fabric, and they can be sewn together in any order to create a variety of different looks.
- **Rectangles:** Rectangles are another simple type of quilt block. They can be made from any type of fabric, and they can be sewn together in any order to create a variety of different looks.
- **Triangles:** Triangles are a bit more complex than squares and rectangles, but they can still be

made from any type of fabric. Triangles can be sewn together in a variety of different ways to create a variety of different looks.

- **Half-square triangles:** Half-square triangles are made from two squares that are sewn together to form a triangle. Half-square triangles can be used to create a variety of different quilt blocks, such as the log cabin block and the flying geese block.
- **Quarter-square triangles:** Quarter-square triangles are made from four squares that are sewn together to form a triangle. Quarter-square triangles can be used to create a variety of different quilt blocks, such as the pinwheel block and the snowball block.

Quilt blocks can be made from any type of fabric, but some fabrics are better suited for quilting than others. Quilting fabrics should be durable and easy to sew. Some of the most popular quilting fabrics include:

- **Cotton:** Cotton is a natural fiber that is soft, durable, and easy to sew. Cotton is a good choice for beginners and experienced quilters alike.
- **Linen:** Linen is a natural fiber that is strong, durable, and wrinkle-resistant. Linen is a good choice for quilts that will be used frequently.
- **Wool:** Wool is a natural fiber that is warm, durable, and fire-resistant. Wool is a good choice for quilts that will be used in cold climates.
- **Synthetic fabrics:** Synthetic fabrics are made from man-made materials. Synthetic fabrics are often durable, easy to care for, and wrinkle-resistant. Synthetic fabrics can be a good choice for quilts that will be used frequently.

Once you have chosen the fabrics for your quilt blocks, you can begin sewing them together. There are many different ways to sew quilt blocks together, but the most common method is to use a sewing machine. When sewing quilt blocks together, it is important to

use a consistent stitch length and to press the seams open after each seam is sewn.

Once you have sewn all of the quilt blocks together, you can quilt the quilt top to the batting and backing fabric. Quilting is the process of sewing the quilt top, batting, and backing fabric together to create a finished quilt. There are many different ways to quilt a quilt, but the most common method is to use a sewing machine. When quilting a quilt, it is important to use a consistent stitch length and to quilt the quilt in straight lines.

Once the quilt is quilted, you can bind the edges of the quilt to finish it off. Binding is the process of sewing a strip of fabric around the edges of the quilt to prevent the edges from fraying. There are many different ways to bind a quilt, but the most common method is to use a sewing machine. When binding a quilt, it is important to use a consistent stitch length and to bind the quilt evenly around all four sides.

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