

Offset Stripe Quilt

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This modern baby quilt is simple but striking, and can be easily and endlessly customized for boys, girls and any nursery theme by using different color combinations or patterned fabrics.

The finished quilt measures approximately 48" square.

Supplies

Color A	1 1/4 yards
Color B	1 1/4 yards
Binding	1/2 yard
Backing	1 1/2 yard (54" width, recommended) -or- 3 yards (42-44" width)
Batting	52" x 52"

Notes:

1. Color A and Color B yardage assumes 42-44" width fabric.
2. If using 42-44" width backing fabric, there will be enough left over to make binding, if you would like the binding and backing to be the same.

Cutting Instructions

The quilt top is made from 26 strips of varying sizes. You will cut 4 sets -- 2 sets (one of each color) that are 20.5" wide and 2 sets (one of each color) that are 28.5" wide. Both Color A and Color B strips can be cut at once by carefully stacking the two fabrics on top of each other.

(Note: If you follow the instructions below that allow the quickest cutting, you will end up with 28 strips. There will be one extra 2.5 x 20.5" piece and one extra 2.5 x 28.5" piece. These can be incorporated into a pieced backing or added to your stash!)

1. Begin by cutting the selvedge edges off the Color A and Color B fabrics to result in a single piece per color measuring 41" wide and 1 1/4 yard (45") long.
2. Subcut each large piece along the width of fabric to result in two pieces per color, one measuring 28.5" x 41" and one measuring 16.5" x 41".
3. Carefully stack the Color A and Color B pieces and cut strips according to Figure 1.

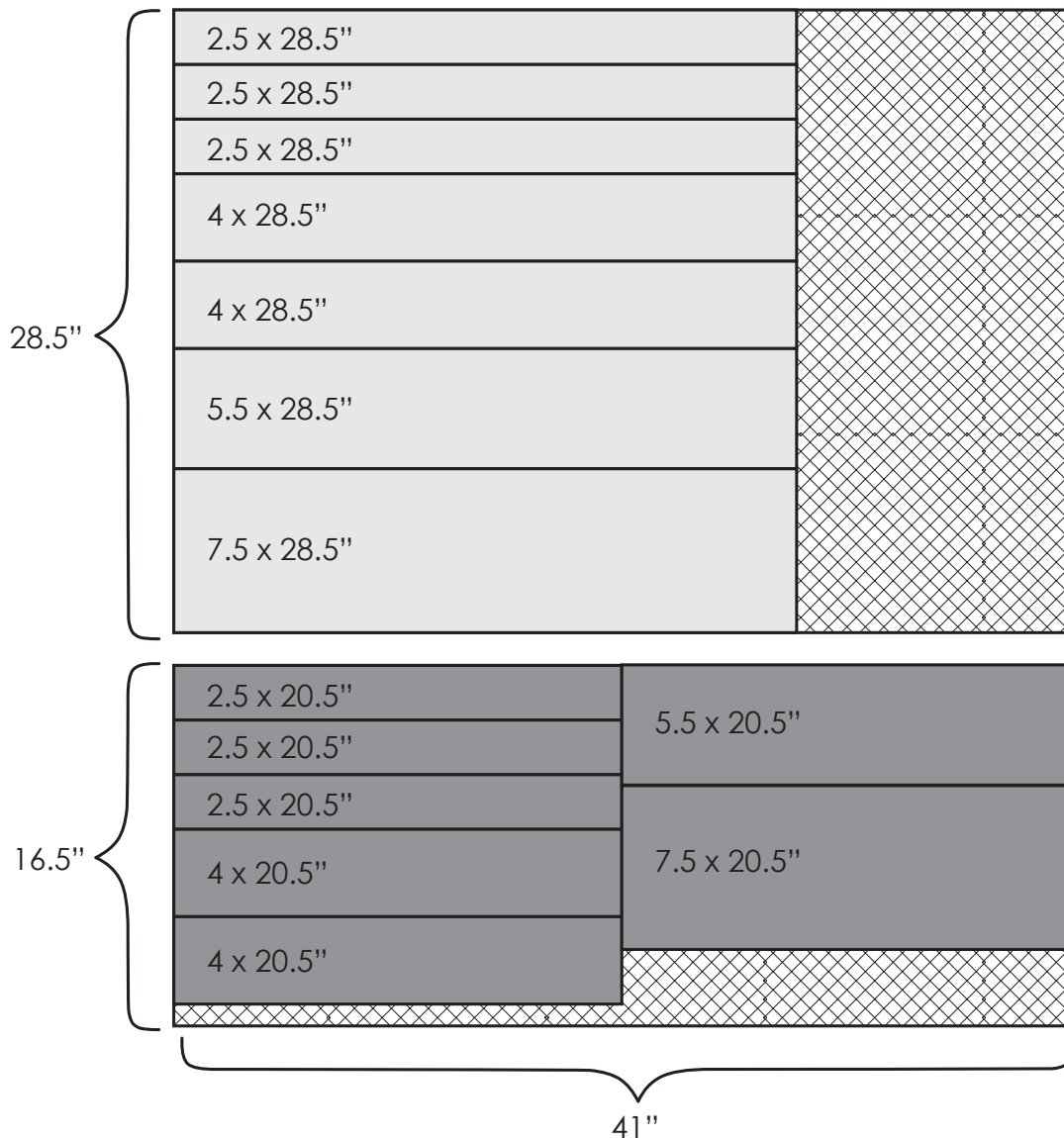


Figure 1 - Suggested Cutting Layout

Making the Quilt Top

Using a 1/4" seam allowance:

1. Sew the 20.5" strips together along the long edge of each strip, alternating colors, to form a single column. Press seams open.
2. Repeat this process with the 28.5" strips, again alternating colors, to form a second column. Press seams open.
3. Sew the two columns together to complete the quilt top.

A suggested layout is shown in Figure 2, but feel free to make up your own!

(Note: Once sewn together, the strips will measure 2", 3.5", 5" and 7" tall.)

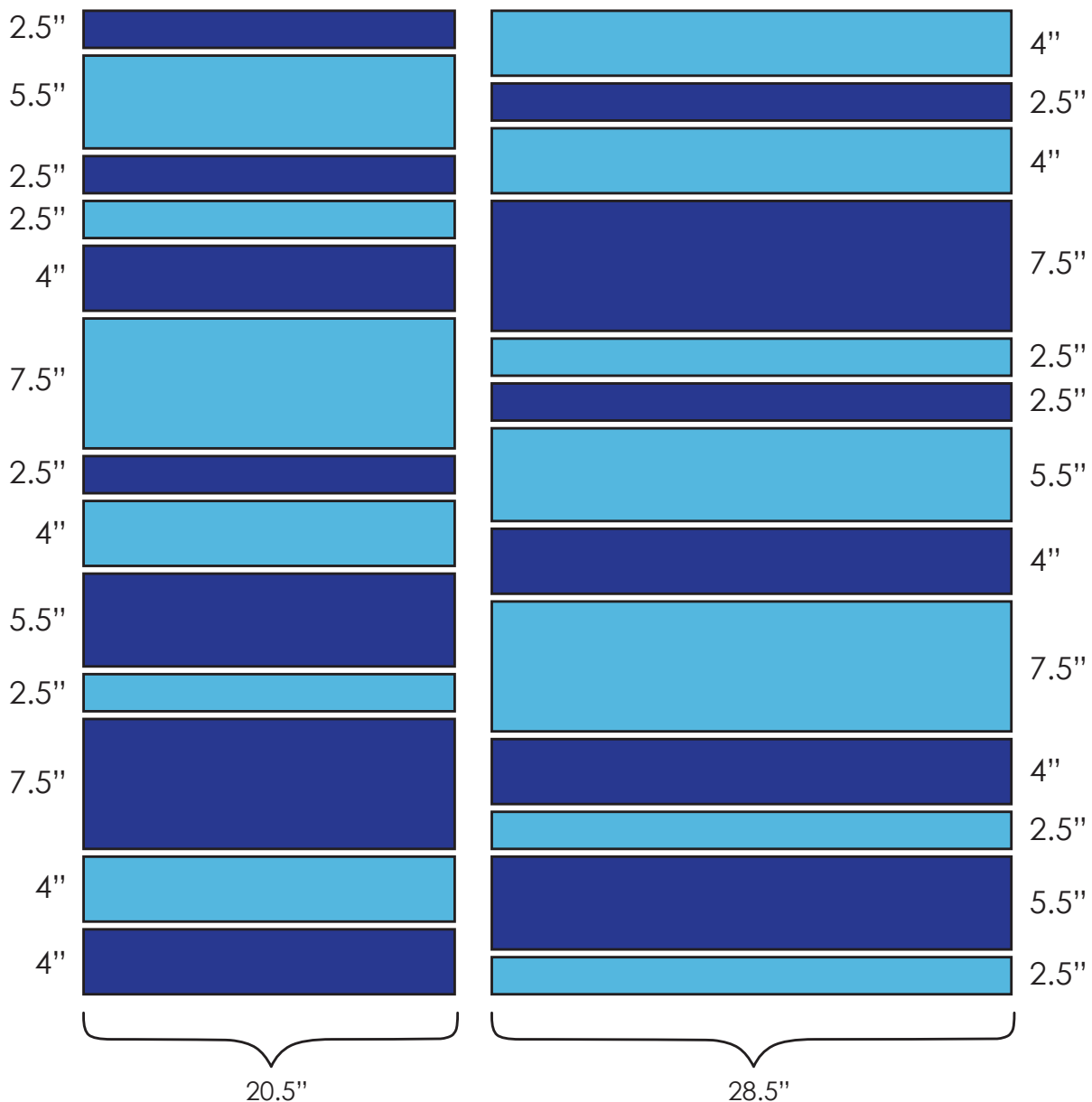


Figure 2 - Suggested Assembly Layout

Finishing the Quilt

Backing

1. If using 54" wide fabric, no cutting is necessary.
2. If using 42-44" fabric:
 - a. Cut 2 pieces, each 1 1/2 yards (54") long. Trim off the selvages.
 - b. Sew the pieces together along the 54" sides.
 - c. Trim the sides to result in a finished back measuring 54" square. You will cut 15-17" off each side and can either use this fabric to make binding, or save it for a future project.

Quilting

1. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing.
2. Baste and quilt as desired. Straight lines or matchstick quilting both look great, but the simple design of the top also lends itself well to wavy lines, swirls, or other free motion designs. Get creative and have fun!

Binding

1. From binding fabric, cut five 2.5" strips along the width of fabric.
2. Join the strips together end to end with a diagonal seam.
3. Press the binding in half lengthwise with wrong sides together.
4. Attach the binding to the front of the quilt, joining the ends with another diagonal seam.
5. Machine or hand stitch the binding to the back of the quilt to finish.