

3-Yard Quilt Terminology

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The following terms are often used in 3-yard quilt pattern instructions. For a deeper understanding, visit virtualquiltshowvideos.com

Binding Extension: A piece of fabric which is cut and used to extend the binding strip

Block: A component used when assembling rows of a quilt

Border Extension: A piece of fabric which is cut and used to extend a border strip

Economy Quilt: A quilt made with a pattern designed to utilize required fabric most efficiently

Fabric #1: Usually the largest print and is the focus fabric in the quilt top. Fabric #1 is the star of the show and is represented as the dotted space on the assembly diagrams

Fabric #2: The lightest fabric in the quilt top and is usually used for the background. Fabric #2 is represented as the white space on the assembly diagrams

Fabric #3: Usually the darkest fabric in the quilt top and is the pop and contrast needed to give the quilt "ZING". Fabric #3 is represented as the black space on the assembly diagrams

Partial Strip Assembly: Two or more strips, shorter than a WOF strip, sewn together on long edges. Often, the first step in creating a Unit or Block

Rectangle: A piece of fabric cut and used for a Block

Sashing: Strips of fabric sewn between Squares or Blocks in a quilt row

Scant 1/4": One stitch width less than a 1/4"

Seam Allowance: The area between the edge of the fabric and the stitching line on two pieces of material being stitched together

Selvage: An edge produced during manufacturing that prevents woven fabric from unravelling

Square: A piece of fabric cut and used for a Block

Strip Assembly: Two or more WOF strips sewn together on long edges. Often, the first step in creating a Unit or Block

Strip Piecing: Long strips of fabric sewn together in a specific order. Often, the first step in creating a Unit or Block

Unit: A section cut from a Strip Assembly to be used as a component of a Block Assembly

WOF: "Width of fabric", the measurement from selvage to selvage