

How to Sash a String Block Quilt

Adding sashing to string blocks ensures there are no bulky seams and makes quilting the quilt so much easier.

What you will need:

35 - 10" square string blocks. Finished size – 50" x 70"

Approx. 600" of 1" sashing: 28 – 1" vertical sashing strips and 6 - 1"x approx. 50" horizontal sashing strips

Instructions:

Assemble the rows:

- 1.) Layout the string blocks (5 blocks across by 7 down) per the diagram or make up your own pattern.
- 2.) Place a 1" x 10" sashing strip RST to the right edge of the first 4 blocks in each row.
- 3.) Pin the sashing strip in place at the top and bottom or as needed and sew a **SCANT** ¼" seam. **Note:** When sewing, always place the string block toward the feeddogs. The blocks tend to stretch and the sashing strip keep the blocks stable and maintain their proper size.
- 4.) Press **ALL** seams toward the sashing strip.
- 5.) Sew block 1 to block 2; sew block 3 to block 4. Now complete the row by sewing the sections together and press.



Assemble the quilt

- 6.) Mark the Rows 1 thru 7 and measure. Each row should measure 50".
- 7.) Cut all 6 horizontal strips the same length.
- 8.) Pin a horizontal sashing strip to the bottom edges of Rows 1 thru 6. Place the blocks toward the feeddogs and sew the sashing strip to the row of string blocks. Press seams toward the sashing strip.
- 9.) Join the rows together by placing Row 2 onto the bottom of the sashing strip on Row 1. Be sure to line up the vertical sashing strips between the rows and pin at the intersections and anywhere as necessary. Again, always place the string blocks toward the feeddogs and sew a scant quarter inch seam.
- 10.) Sew Row 4 to the bottom of Row 3, and Row 6 to the bottom of Row 5.
- 11.) Now combine Rows 1 and 2 with Rows 3 and 4. Combine Rows 5 and 6 with Row 7. Finally sew the row sections together and press! Voila...you're done!



