

Christmas Pine Cones quilt

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Made with 6½" X-Blocks™

Quick-to-sew X-blocks™ Quilt. Size 1.73m x 2.03m

These instructions are for a 6½" X-Blocks™ tool. Refer to the instructions that came with the tool for diagrams.

Fabric A:	Red pine cones.	1.75m
Fabric B:	Green pine cones.	1.75m
Fabric C:	Graduated gold batik.	1.75m
Fabric D:	Plain green - 1st border	.45m
Fabric E:	Black pine cones - 3rd border and binding	1.7m

Fabric can be purchased from www.kiwiquilts.co.nz

Cutting instructions:

- Fabric A:** Cut twenty, 3¼" strips.
Fabric B: Cut twenty, 3¼" strips.
Fabric C: Cut twenty, 3¼" strips.
Fabric D: Cut six, 2½" strips for 1st border.
Fabric E: Cut six, 7" strips for border.
Cut eight, 2½" strips for binding.

Sewing Instructions:

Sew your strips together in groups of three in this order - red, green, gold. Always have the light end of the batik fabric at the top.

You will have twenty strip sets and from each strip set you can cut five, 6½" X-Blocks™ matching the vertical solid lines on the X-blocks™ tool to the seam lines. Keep them stacked in order so that when you sew the 'star' blocks together you can group the graduated gold batik into their matching tones. Do not throw away the triangles that you cut off, these will be used for the second border.

Sew four X-Blocks™ together to complete one block, rotating each one a quarter turn. Repeat until you have 20 'star' blocks.

Sew the blocks into rows and then sew the rows together.

First border:

Sew together the six, 2½" green strips with straight seams. Measure your quilt length through the centre and cut two to size and sew to the sides of the quilt. Measure your quilt width through the centre and cut two strips to size and sew them to the top and bottom of the quilt.

Second border:

Sew together the triangles that you cut off to form a rectangle. Trim if necessary. Sew the rectangles together end to end until you have enough to sew to the sides and the top and



The batik graduated gold background fabric adds an extra dimension to the quilt.

bottom of your quilt. Don't agonise over getting these perfect, the hapzard nature adds to the appeal of the quilt.

Third border:

Sew the six, 7" black pine cones fabric strips together with straight seams. Measure your quilt length through the centre and cut two strips to size and sew to the sides of the quilt. Measure your quilt width through the centre and cut two strips to size and sew to the top and bottom of the quilt.

Quilting:

Layer your quilt, batting and backing. My quilt was professionally quilted using an all-over pantograph design.

Binding:

Sew together the eight, 2½" binding strips and press in half with wrong sides together. Sew to the edges of your quilt, mitreing the corners. Fold over binding and slip stitch in place on the reverse of the quilt.

Label:

Remember to add a quilt label to the back of your quilt adding in details such as the date, the maker and who it was made for.

ENJOY!

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