

# "Festival of Trees" Donation Quilts

Lap Quilt Size

54" X 72"

(48) 9 ½" squares of cotton fabric needed

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Press fabric yardage or squares using steam or a spray bottle. Trim each square down to 9 ½" x 9 ½". Sew together with a ¼" seam allowance. Press seams in opposing directions so they nest together, creating less bulk. For example, press all the seams in Row One to the left then press the seams in Row Two to the right. Continue by pressing all the odd numbered rows to the left and the even numbered rows to the right. Once the quilt top is sewn together, press it well from the back and then again from the front. Press the backing fabric using steam or a spray bottle.

Layer the backing, quilt top and batting together using the "Pillowcase Method." Watch the YouTube video "Easy No Binding Method for Quilts: Pillowcase Technique" by Chatterbox Quilts on May 14, 2019.

Cut the batting and backing to the same size as the quilt top. Lay the batting on the floor or a large table. Place the backing on top of the batting with the right side up. Next, layer the quilt top with the right side down against the pretty side of the backing so right sides are together. You should be able to see the seams on the back of the quilt top facing up. Be sure the edges of all three layers are lined up. Pin together. Sew around the outside edges, catching all three layers, and leave a 15" opening to turn the quilt inside out. Carefully trim off corners & press back the opening of the quilt top and backing.

Reach inside the opening and turn the quilt right sides out. Push out the corners carefully and smooth out the whole project. Give a good press from the center out and make sure the top and backing seams are even with each other. Hand stitch the opening closed. Topstitch ¼" from the edge all the way around the quilt, catching all three layers.

Tie the quilt with square knots on the corners of each block and once in the middle of each seam plus in the center of each block. This will put the ties 4 ½" apart (which is the largest recommended space for most batting). Trim all yarn ties to the same length.