

# Crazy Quilt



Crazy quilt are a great way to use your scraps!



To create a crazy quilt block gather fabrics that create a theme. I usually pick my background color and then choose the scraps I have to compliment the color. You can make any shape. Imagine a Christmas stocking or a hexagon shape or a pillow or even a vest.











I am working on a 12 1/2" block for my lap quilt, so I started my piecing by cutting a muslin background just a little bigger than my finished block. The finished block will be trimmed to the exact size later. I looked for fabric scraps that were from 4" to 8" wide and about 12 to 14 inches long.



I like to plan a fancy center. On the lap quilt block I used a monogram. I am also planning to use clip art to print angels photo for centers. Embroider flowers for your center. Be as creative as you wish to be.



I used a computer printing fabric to make my own center art work. I found the artwork on line. Print your combined artwork on paper before you print the printer fabric.



I like monogrammed centers for crazy quilting. I started with a square of fabric for my center block, about 10". Once I monogram the center fabric, I can trim the center block as the mood strikes me. I will give you a shape as a center guide. Draw the center shape over your monogram or center design using a wash away marker. Layout your fabrics before you begin to sew them in place to see how the different prints work together. I used 6 prints to create my block. Decide which print to sew 1<sup>st</sup> and then start layering the additional strips to build the block.



Create a shape for your monogram or center. In this picture my shape is 4 sized. I sewed a scrap to one side of the shape to cover the drawn  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " background. Once sewn, press the scrap in position. We will trim the edges later..



Once the 1<sup>st</sup> scrap is positioned you can continue to place a new scrap right sides together to the straight edge of the center block and sew in place. Flip out the new scrap and press. Draw a new straight edge on the new scrap. Rotate around the center until you have filled the 12 ½" background square. I sewed the edge of the block to keep everything in place, until I sew on the block border. Decorate the block with decorative stitches.



I [have created script embroidery machine monograms](#) for you to purchase for a \$1.00 each. They are in FHE, PES and JEF formats. If you need another format you can use the [conversion software free download from Compucon](#). These are virtual files and are an instant zip file download.





Another idea for Crazy quilting is to make a shape like the hexagon. I thought a paper pieced hexagon would work very nicely. If we have time I will show you in class on August 22<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the MAC center. [The paper piecing pattern is for sale on my web site for \\$1.00.](#)

