

# Time-saving Quilts

## Introduction

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- Choose the perfect fabrics for your quilt
- Piece your quilt blocks with precision
- Quilt your quilt like a pro
- Finish your quilt with style

Time-saving Quilts is the perfect resource for quilters of all levels, from beginners to experienced quilters. Whether you're looking to make a quick and easy quilt or a complex masterpiece, you'll find something valuable in this book.

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# Chapter 1: Quick & Easy Quilt Piecing

## Fabric Selection for Speed

When it comes to quilting, fabric selection is one of the most important factors in determining the overall speed and ease of your project. The right fabrics can make piecing a breeze, while the wrong fabrics can slow you down and make the process more difficult.

Here are a few things to keep in mind when selecting fabrics for speed quilting:

- **Choose fabrics that are easy to cut and sew.** Avoid fabrics that are slippery, stretchy, or fray easily. These fabrics can be difficult to handle and can slow down your piecing process.
- **Choose fabrics that are similar in weight and texture.** This will help to ensure that your quilt pieces are even and consistent.

- **Choose fabrics that coordinate well with each other.** This will help to create a cohesive and visually appealing quilt.

In addition to these general tips, there are a few specific types of fabrics that are particularly well-suited for speed quilting. These fabrics include:

- **Quilting cotton:** Quilting cotton is a type of fabric that is specifically designed for quilting. It is typically made from 100% cotton and has a smooth, even weave. Quilting cotton is easy to cut and sew, and it comes in a wide variety of colors and patterns.
- **Flannel:** Flannel is a soft, napped fabric that is often used for baby quilts and blankets. It is easy to cut and sew, and it is very forgiving of mistakes.
- **Minky:** Minky is a type of plush fabric that is often used for baby quilts and blankets. It is very soft and cuddly, and it is also easy to cut and sew.

Once you have selected the right fabrics for your quilt, you can begin the piecing process. Be sure to use a sharp rotary cutter and a quilting ruler to ensure that your cuts are accurate. And don't forget to press your seams as you go to help keep your quilt pieces flat and even.

With a little practice, you'll be able to piece your quilt quickly and easily. So choose your fabrics wisely, and get started on your next quilting project today!

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## Time-Saving Cutting Techniques

Cutting fabric accurately is essential for successful quilting, but it can also be time-consuming. Here are a few tips to help you speed up the process:

1. Use a sharp rotary cutter and a self-healing cutting mat. A dull cutter will tear the fabric and make it difficult to cut accurately. A self-healing cutting mat will protect your work surface and help to keep your cuts straight.
2. Use a large cutting mat. A small cutting mat will make it difficult to cut large pieces of fabric accurately. A large cutting mat will give you plenty of space to work and help you to avoid mistakes.

3. Use a ruler or template to guide your cuts. This will help you to cut straight lines and accurate shapes.
4. Layer your fabric before cutting. This will help to prevent the fabric from shifting and will make it easier to cut multiple layers at once.
5. Use a rotary cutter with a laser guide. This will help you to cut straight lines and accurate shapes.
6. Use a fabric pen or chalk to mark your cutting lines. This will help you to see where you are cutting and to avoid mistakes.
7. Take your time and be careful. Cutting fabric accurately takes time and practice. Don't rush the process and be careful to avoid mistakes.

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## Speedy Piecing Methods

Quilting is a beautiful and rewarding craft, but it can also be time-consuming. One of the most time-consuming parts of quilting is piecing the quilt top. However, there are a number of techniques you can use to speed up the piecing process without sacrificing quality.

One of the best ways to speed up piecing is to use a rotary cutter and mat. A rotary cutter is a sharp, circular blade that is mounted on a handle. It is used to cut fabric quickly and accurately. A cutting mat is a thick, self-healing mat that protects your work surface from the rotary cutter blade.

To use a rotary cutter and mat, simply place the fabric on the cutting mat and align the rotary cutter blade with the desired cutting line. Then, apply pressure to

the rotary cutter and roll it along the cutting line. The rotary cutter will quickly and easily cut the fabric.

Another way to speed up piecing is to use pre-cut fabric. Pre-cut fabric is fabric that has been cut into specific shapes and sizes. This can save you a lot of time and effort, especially if you are making a quilt with a lot of small pieces.

There are a number of different types of pre-cut fabric available, including charm packs, jelly rolls, and layer cakes. Charm packs are bundles of 5-inch squares of fabric. Jelly rolls are bundles of 2 1/2-inch strips of fabric. Layer cakes are bundles of 10-inch squares of fabric.

If you are using pre-cut fabric, be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for piecing. Some pre-cut fabrics are designed to be sewn together with a specific type of seam allowance.

Finally, you can also speed up piecing by using a sewing machine with a walking foot. A walking foot is a special type of presser foot that helps to feed the fabric through the sewing machine evenly. This can help to prevent puckering and distortion, and it can also speed up the sewing process.

By using these techniques, you can significantly speed up the piecing process and make quilting more enjoyable.

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