



Watermelon Picnic

Brooke here from <http://www.silnymamaquilts.com> partnering with Ann Kelle to bring you another fun project. This time I used Ann Kelle's Watermelon fabric with coordinating dots and solids with a chevron print for the binding. I love how the solids give your eye a place to rest. Hope you enjoy the project!

Supplies:

Assorted ½ yards of Watermelon prints, solids and polka dots

1 yard for the binding

3 yards for the back

Finished quilt is 49 inches square.

Finished block size is 7 inches.



I used these Watermelon prints



These dots and chevron print for binding.



These are the solids I used.

I cut 7.5 inch blocks from the solids and watermelon prints and set them aside.



I made two different blocks using the dots.



The first block is a pair of dot strips sewn together. The strips are cut 4 inches wide and sewn together and then cut into 7.5 inch squares.



The second pieced block uses three strips cut at 2 7/8 inches and sewn together and then cut into 7.5 inch squares.



I liked mixing up the colors of dots for variety.



Once your blocks are pieced and watermelon and solids squares are cut, you are ready to lay out the squares in a pleasing arrangement. I decided to lay my three strip blocks horizontal and the two strip block vertical. I also loved the watermelon print with the white background a lot, so I added it more often. My quilt is 7 x 7, so you will need a combination of 49 blocks.



When sewing a quilt top together, I sew the blocks into rows and then the rows into the top.



My top is together and ready to be quilted. I have a wonderful local long-arm quilter I use. We came up with a design using the watermelons.



You can see a bit of the pattern here.



I trimmed up my quilt to prepare for binding.



Love this binding picture even if it is blurry!



I used the black watermelon fabric for the back.



Finished quilt – you are now ready for your next picnic! Hope you enjoyed the project as much as I did!