

Beth's Fall Migration 2018 Project: Ad-Lib Triangles

Do you have a pile of triangle-shaped scraps? Square scraps? A lonely charm pack or layer cake? Use them to make a project that dances with triangles of different sizes and shapes. The pieced blocks are easy to make and are squared off for straightforward assembly into a quilt top, table runner, placemat, etc.

In addition to the technique used in the example quilt, we'll cover ways to piece ad-lib triangles into strips (trees, mountains) and use them as accents in other blocks.

Materials:

When considering your fabric, think in terms of triangles and backgrounds. If you don't already have them, triangles can be cut from any scrap. You just need a few to start as each block generates a triangle scrap that can be used in another block of your project.

All cuts are made using a ruler. Straight edges are important here.

Example Dimensions:

For 8" finished blocks, start with: Background = 10" squares
Triangles = Maximum 7" height or width

For 6" finished blocks, start with: Background = 8" squares
Triangles = Maximum 5" height or width

My example is made from 6" finished blocks. The inspiration was a pile of triangle and square scraps that resulted from a large quilt project. The controlled color palette also comes from that project.

Tools: Rotary cutter, rectangular and square rulers, cutting mat. Basic sewing supplies such as sewing machine, thread, pins, scissors, extension cord, etc.

