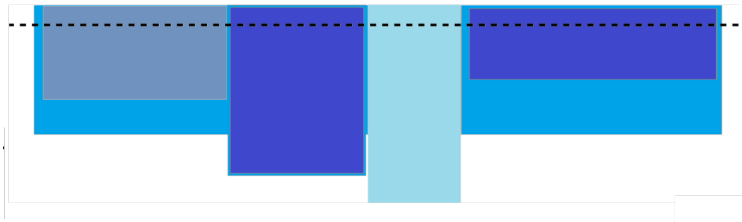
IMPROVISATION QUILT

Blocks: 35 blocks 6½" x 6½" will make a quilt, 5 blocks by 7, and about 44" x 60"

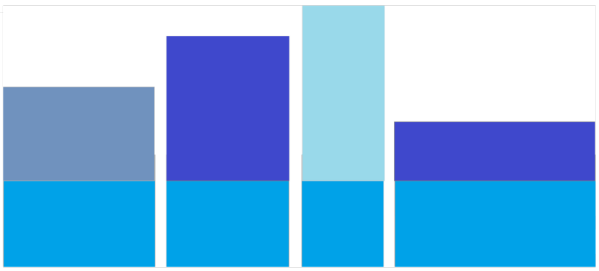
Fabric: Choose a colour and collect together any scrap fabrics that work together; for contrast a selection of lights, mediums and darks will be needed.
Choose a strong plain fabric for the sashing and the border.
2½" strips for the binding.
Wadding and backing fabric.

Cutting and Making Blocks:

You will be making several blocks at once. Cut a few strips about 8 -10" long and between 1" and 3" wide. Using a short stitch length (2) attach small rectangles along these strips . . .



. . . press the seams open and cut the strips into individual units . . .





Sew these units, maybe rotated by 90°, onto other 8 – 10" strips then press and trim . . .

Cut into units and randomly sew units together to make blocks slightly larger than 6½" x 6½".

Iron the seams open, press well and trim the blocks to exactly 6½" x 6½".

Assembly:

Join blocks in rows with 2½" x 6½" sashing strips between them. Press.

Join the rows with 2½" sashing strips; **make sure that each strip is exactly the required length or it will go askew!**

I found I could prevent this problem by marking *across each strip* with registration points: eg for 5 blocks you need to mark at 6¼", 2", 6", 2", 6", 2", 6", 2", 6¼" along the strip.

Join all the rows then add the borders which can be between 3½" - 6" wide.
Layer up your quilt.

Quilting: Either in the ditch or I used random slightly waving lines across the quilt in a toning thread.

Make a double binding strip using 2½" strips joined together to fit size of quilt. And label it!

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