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Sheree Schattenmann creates a child's patchwork duvet cover.

This is a fast and easy patchwork project…perfect for a beginner. It is a great way to use up large scraps pieces of fabric, or you can get pieces from a coordinating collection. It would be also great to use outgrown clothing to create an up-cycled treasure. Choose prints appropriate for babies, boys or girls to customize your project.

Materials Needed:
Nine 10-inch square pieces of cotton fabric in coordinating colors
Two yards of 45" wide white cotton muslin for the lining
One yard of coordinating fabric that is 45" wide
Matching thread
Velcro

Instructions:
Step 1: Decide how you want to arrange your fabric squares. Lay them out in 3 rows of 3 squares.

Step 2: Sew the squares together to create 3 pieced strips.

Step 3: Sew the strips together to create the patch-pieced front of the duvet. It should measure 28 inches by 28 inches

Step 4: From the coordinating cotton fabric, cut out a 28-inch square to use as the duvet back. With right sides facing, pin the patch-pieced front to the back along the two sides and the bottom edge, leaving the top edge open. Sew along these 3 sides using a ½-inch seam allowance. Clip the two corners to reduce the bulk. Set aside while you make the duvet lining.

Step 5: From the cotton muslin fabric, cut out two 28-inch square for the duvet lining. With right sides facing, pin the two squares together along the two side and the bottom edges, leaving the top edge open, as you did in Step 4 above. Sew along these 3 sides using a ½-inch seam allowance. Clip the two corners to reduce the bulk.

Step 6: Attach the lining to the duvet by pinning them together and then sewing, with right sides facing, along the upper open edge, leaving a 3-inch opening for turning ride side out. After turning right side out, pressed the duvet and then close up turning opening by machine top stitching around the top opening.

Step7: Place three 1-inch pieces of Velcro along the opening and sew in place for an easy opening, following the manufacturer's directions. You can also create a button close or add some ribbon ties if you prefer.

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