

## **Daisy's Quilt as you Go!**

1. I would suggest a block that would finish no larger than 10". Remember, you are quilting the batting to the top but not to the back right away. The biggest block I have done is 9" block finished.
2. Piece your block like normal. Note: quilting could change the size of the block or make it "uneven on the edges".
3. Do not trim unless really out of square.
4. Cut batting about 1+" bigger than the block. ( I used Warm & Natural cotton batting and did not have an issue with the feed dogs). I would not use a puffy batting. This extra width allows for maneuvering room during the quilting process
5. Quilt in the desired pattern. I used a regular presser foot as there is only 2 layers.
6. Used a 2 1/2" stitch length on both my quilts using this method. For the jeans quilt (The West Down-under I used 28wt thread). You can stitch off the edge where possible.
7. Square the block which may mean the batting is square and the block may be off a bit. This happened to me in the middle where I had more quilting. The "off" was less than an 1/8".
8. Add 1/2" sashing and press towards the sashing. This fills out the sashing.
9. Cutting backing bigger than the "sashed" top. If adding a border, cut it backing large enough to handle the border.
10. Stitch the sashing. I stitched 1/8" from each edge of the sashing. A single stitch down the middle would not catch the batting. A serpentine would work nicely.
11. Note: I added borders to one of my quilts. The West Down Under did not have sashing/border around the outside, just binding. The star quilt, I added sashing on the outside but did not stitch until I added the outer border. You could also cut the outer border and outer sashing and sew those together and sew them to the main top. I added batting to the border and the outside sashing. Note: I switched to my walking foot to add the sashing/border due to the number of layers.
12. Quilt the border and outer sashing. I matched the quilting on the outer sashing with the inner sashing design.