

Lilac Cottage Designs

French Braid Frenzy- Free Project.

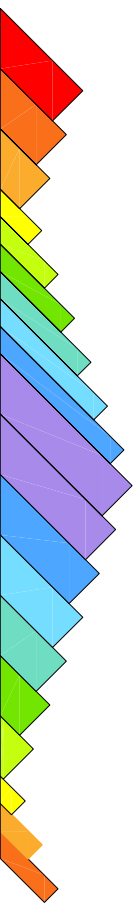
Use Up Your Scraps

Bonus- Free Project, French Braid Frenzy

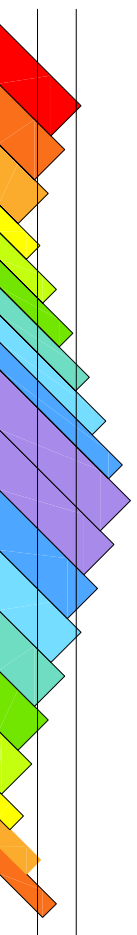
Once you make your French Braid Frenzy, you will have these colorful but strange shaped pieces leftover from when you trimmed down your table runner. As Quilters, we try not to waste anything if we can help it, so here's a project for you to use those leftover pieces.

Depending on whether you used the "Saves Fabric" method or the "Saves Time" you will have a different amount of scrap leftover at the end of the project. The Saves Time method has more leftovers since almost all of the pieces are cut the same size.

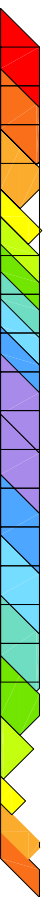
1. Take your leftover scraps from when you trimmed the table runner and lay them out straight.



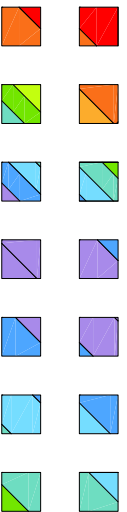
2. Cut the leftovers in $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.



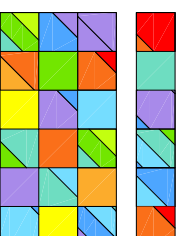
3. Once you have $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, cut the strips into $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares- as many as you can.



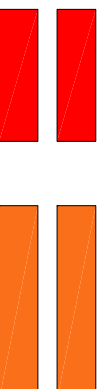
4. Once you have as many squares as you can get from your strips, count them and if you don't have at least 28, then cut enough squares from your leftover scraps of your fat quarters to make a total of (28) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.



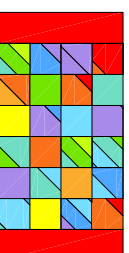
5. Once you have all (28) squares, set (4) aside for the corners, and begin sewing the remaining (24) together into (4) rows of (6) squares. Then sew the rows together to make the center.



6. Now Cut (2) pieces $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " from your scraps (the remains of your quarter yard pieces or fat quarters). Then cut (2) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. You can make the pieces all different colors, all the same or the short sides one color and the long sides another.



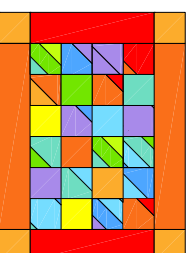
7. Sew the short pieces onto the ends of your center piece.



8. Sew your (4) leftover $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares to the long pieces, (1) to each end.



9. Now sew the long pieces with squares to the top and bottom.



10. Quilt as desired and then bind. Now you have a table topper/placemat to match your table runner. Enjoy! :)