

patchwork shower curtain

Finished size: 72"wide x 80" long

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 1/2 yard each of eight different fabrics for patchwork
- 2 1/4 yard of fabric for borders
- 1 yard of fabric for ties
- 2 1/4 yard of extra wide lining fabric
(I like to use the 108" wide muslin quilt backing)

WHAT YOU DO:

All seam allowances are 1/2" unless instructed differently.

1. Cut two - 17" squares from each of your eight fabrics. These will make up the center patchwork portion of the shower curtain. You will have a total of 16 squares.
2. Cut two borders measuring 5" wide x 65" long. These will be your side borders.
3. Cut two borders measuring 9" wide x 73" long. These will be your top and bottom borders.
4. Cut 12 ties measuring 2" wide x 34" long.
5. Lay out your 16 squares in a 4 x 4 arrangement that is pleasing to you. Have fun with this! I like to lay them out on the floor and keep switching them around until I find what I like best. Once you find the best arrangement, begin stitching the squares together in rows, beginning with the top row. Press all seams open. Continue sewing each set of four squares until you have four rows. Now, sew all four rows together. Again, begin at the top and stitch the rows together, matching seams where you sewed the blocks together. After sewing all the rows together, press all your seams open. You will now have a patchwork that measures 65" x 65".
6. Pin a 5" x 65" border strip to each side and sew. Now, pin a 9" x 73" border strip to the top and bottom and sew. Press open seams.
7. Now you are ready to sew your ties. Fold under 1/2" on each short end, and press the strip in half lengthwise. Now, press each raw edge of the long sides of the strip in to the center. Fold again and press to make each tie. Stitch close to all sides of the strip.



8. The ties will need to be placed evenly across the top. Fold one tie in half and place the folded edge on the raw edge of the top of the shower curtain 3/4" from the left edge. Pin in place. Then, place the others at 6.5" apart (from the center of each tie). Sew them in place, backstitching to secure each one, using a 3/8" seam allowance.

9. Lay backing fabric on a large surface (the floor), right side up, and smooth completely. With right side of the shower curtain facing the right side of the backing, lay on top of the backing, making sure it is completely even. Pin in place. Trim extra fabric even with outer shower curtain.

10. Stitch all the way around the shower curtain, leaving a 6-8" hole for turning in one of the side seams.

11. Clip corners close to stitching and turn right sides out. Press well and top stitch 1/4" away from the edges to finish and close up opening in side.

12. Tie your shower curtain on your existing rings, onto a separate rod from the liner, or to wooden rings you have painted to custom match your fabrics and put those onto a separate rod. I like making this shower curtain a little longer and fuller than the typical shower curtain you would buy at the store because it gives it such a custom look and you can hang it higher than you normally would a standard shower curtain.

**Experiment with your favorite fabrics and make your curtain match your décor and personality! I have also made this with a small ruffle sewn between the seam of the patchwork and the top border. Very cute! You are only limited by your imagination! Most of all, have fun with it!

