

Tutorial: How to Make Strip-Pieced Gradient Art Quilt Hangings


This step-by-step guide walks you through creating beautiful gradient quilt strips that hang in a cascading display. It's beginner-friendly and follows the exact process shown in the graphic, with extra detail so you can confidently complete the project from start to finish.

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MATERIALS & PREPARATION



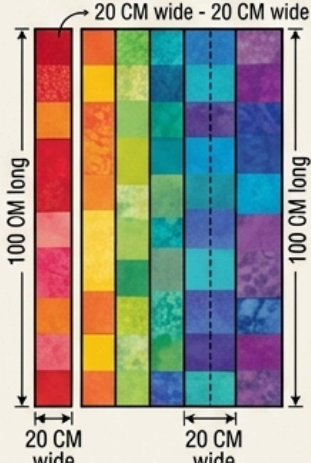
FABRIC: Assorted 10x10 CM patches (or equivalent for strips)

Thread

Rotary Cutter Cutting Mat Curtain rod

METHOD 2: STRIP-PIECING ASSEMBLY

Step 3A: Sew multiple patch blocks or fabrics of one color family end-to-end to form long strips.



20 CM wide - 20 CM wide

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Varying width strips (e.g., 10 CM, 15 CM, 20 CM) ensure a cascading effect.

STRIP 1 (Warmest): 50 CM long x 20 CM wide

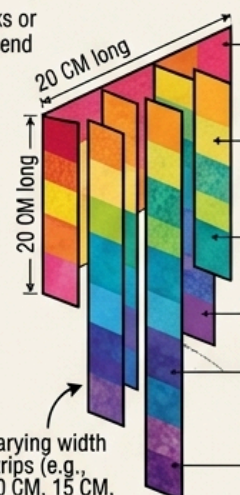
STRIP 2: 70 CM long x 15 CM wide

STRIP 3: 70 CM long x 20 CM wide

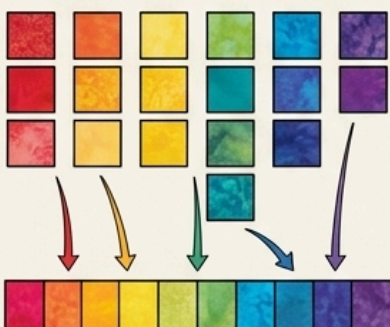
STRIP 4: 50 CM long x 20 CM wide

STRIP 5: 100 CM long x 20 CM wide

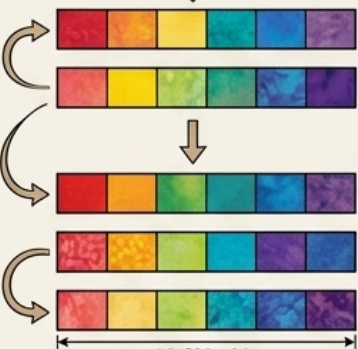
STRIP 6: 100 CM long x 20 CM wide



METHOD 1: COLOR GRADIENT PIECING



Step 2A: Sort patches by color gradient: Warm (Red/Yellow) to Cool (Blue/Violet).

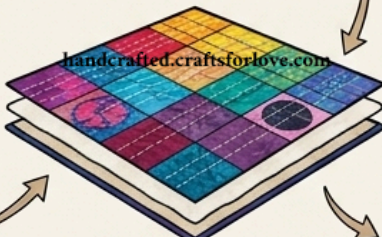


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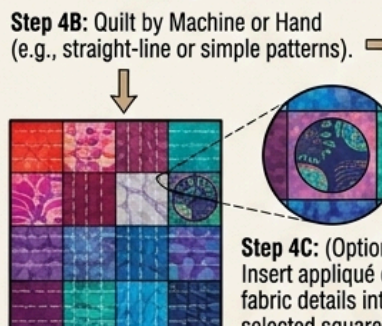
Step 2B: Stitch patches into short strips or rows (e.g., 20 CM wide, variable length).

METHOD 3: ART QUILT ASSEMBLY

Step 4A: Create the Quilt Sandwich (Quilt Top + Batting + Backing fabric).




Step 4B: Quilt by Machine or Hand (e.g., straight-line or simple patterns).



Step 4C: (Optional) Insert appliqué or fabric details into selected squares.


METHOD 4: FINISHING & HANGING

Step 5A: Bind the edges of each quilted strip individually. (A key feature of this project is the visible black binding).



Step 5B: Measure finished strips to confirm staggered lengths (e.g., confirming the cascading layout).

Step 5C: Attach curtain rod and clips to wall. Clip individual finished quilted strips to the rod.



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LEGEND: KEY US SEWING & QUILTING METHODS

- **Machine Quilting:** (Sewing through all layers on a machine)
- **Strip Piecing:** (Sewing fabric strips end-to-end or edge-to-edge)
- **Quilt Sandwich:** (Layering quilt top, batting, and backing)
- **Binding:** (Enclosing raw edges with fabric tape)
- **Appliqué:** (Sewing a piece of fabric onto another)
- **Cascading Layout:** (Hanging elements in a staggered, step-like)

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Materials & Preparation

Before starting, gather all your supplies:

- Assorted fabric patches (approximately 4 x 4 inches / 10 x 10 cm each, or equivalent strips)
- Thread (standard sewing thread matching your fabrics)
- Sewing machine (or needle for hand sewing)
- Rotary cutter
- Self-healing cutting mat
- Iron and ironing board
- Quilt batting (middle layer)
- Backing fabric
- Fabric for binding (black binding is recommended for contrast)
- Curtain rod
- Clips or rings for hanging

Tip: Choose fabrics that span a full color spectrum (reds, oranges, yellows, greens, blues, purples) for the gradient effect 🌈

Method 1: Color Gradient Piecing

Step 1A: Sort Your Fabric by Color

Lay out all your fabric patches and arrange them from warm to cool colors:

- Warm tones: red → orange → yellow
- Transition tones: yellow-green → green
- Cool tones: blue → indigo → violet

Try to create a smooth visual transition between each color. This is the foundation of the gradient effect.

Step 1B: Create Gradient Rows

Take your sorted patches and arrange them into rows, maintaining the color flow from left to right. <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**

- Each row should be about 8 inches (20 cm) wide
- Length can vary depending on how many patches you use

Step 1C: Sew the Patches

- Sew patches together side-by-side to form rows
- Use a consistent seam allowance (¼ inch is standard in quilting)
- Press seams flat with an iron as you go

Repeat this process to create multiple gradient rows.

Method 2: Strip-Piecing Assembly

Step 2A: Join Rows into Long Strips

Take your completed gradient rows and sew them end-to-end to form long vertical strips.

- Keep colors within the same family aligned vertically
- Each strip should be approximately 8 inches (20 cm) wide
- Aim for lengths around 40 inches (100 cm), but variation is encouraged

Step 2B: Cut Strips into Different Lengths

To create the cascading effect, cut your strips into varying lengths:

- Strip 1 (warmest colors): 20 in long × 8 in wide
- Strip 2: 28 in long × 6 in wide
- Strip 3: 28 in long × 6 in wide
- Strip 4: 20 in long × 8 in wide
- Additional strips: up to 40 in long × 8 in wide

You can vary widths (4 in, 6 in, 8 in) to enhance the visual layering effect.

Tip: Staggered lengths create a waterfall-like display 💧

Method 3: Art Quilt Assemblage

Step 3A: Create the Quilt Sandwich

Each strip will become its own mini quilt. For each strip:

1. Top layer: your gradient strip
2. Middle layer: quilt batting
3. Bottom layer: backing fabric

Align all three layers and smooth them flat.

Step 3B: Quilt the Layers Together

Sew through all three layers using one of these methods:

- Straight-line quilting (easy and clean)
- Simple decorative patterns (waves, grids, etc.)
- Hand quilting for a handmade look

Make sure stitches are evenly spaced to secure all layers.

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Step 3C (Optional): Add Decorative Details

Enhance your quilt by adding:

- Appliqué shapes (circles, patterns, motifs)
- Fabric overlays
- Textural stitching <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS

This step is optional but adds artistic flair 🎨

Method 4: Finishing & Hanging

Step 4A: Bind the Edges

Finish each strip individually by adding binding:

- Fold binding fabric over raw edges
- Sew it down securely
- Black binding is recommended for a bold outline effect

Step 4B: Confirm Lengths

Lay all strips side by side and check:

- Lengths are staggered
- The gradient flows nicely across strips
- Adjust trimming if needed

Step 4C: Attach to Curtain Rod

- Install a curtain rod on your wall
- Use clips or rings to attach each strip individually
- Arrange strips from shortest to longest (or vice versa)

Make sure spacing is even and visually balanced.

Helpful Tips for Success

- Always press seams after sewing for a clean finish
- Use sharp rotary blades for precise cuts
- Keep consistent seam allowances
- Step back occasionally to check the gradient flow
- Don't stress about perfection—slight variation adds character

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Final Result

You'll end up with a stunning, modern quilt wall hanging featuring:

- Smooth color gradients
- Layered, cascading strips
- A mix of structure and artistic expression

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