## Stack and Whack Stash Pack quilt (48" x 80")



## Supplies needed:

- 6x 10 fabric stash packs - we used red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple but you can use different colours for alternative colour schemes.
- $1 / 2 \mathrm{~m}$ coordinating fabric for binding - we used Makower Spraytime R04 cherry red
- $52^{\prime \prime} \times 84^{\prime \prime}$ backing fabric
- $52^{\prime \prime} \times 84^{\prime \prime}$ quilt wadding
- Thread for piecing, quilting and embellishment


## Quilt construction:

1. Press the squares from each stash pack and group into piles of 5 of the same colour, all right side up (2 piles per stash pack).
2. Cut the fabric randomly 4 times - the number of cuts depends on the number of fabrics in the pile, always 1 less cut than the number of squares. This will leave you with 5 stacks of fabric (see figure 1).


Figure 1
3. The next step is to re-stack the fabric. Leave stack 1 alone. Take the top piece from stack 2 and place at the bottom of the stack.
4. Take the top two pieces from stack 3 and place at the bottom of stack 3 .
5. Take the top three pieces from stack 4 and place at the bottom of stack 4.
6. Take the top four pieces from stack 5 and place at the bottom of stack 5 . You should now have 5 stacks with the fabrics all in different orders, which will sew together to produce 5 different blocks (see figure 2).


Figure 2
7. Repeat this process for all 12 piles of fabric - it is easier to do each pile after sewing the previous pile to prevent the pieces getting muddled. Do different cuts for each pile for a more varied look.
8. Sew the pieces together, pressing each seam as you go. You should end up with 60 blocks.
9. You can leave the blocks as they are for a less fussy look, or to add interest you can use the decorative stitches on your sewing machine - just sew over some or all of the seams, we have used a variegated thread (Mettler Silk Finish Multi 50 colour 9824 prime kids) - see figure 3 for finished block.


Figure 3
10. Square up each block to $8.5^{\prime \prime}$ square.
11. Sew the blocks together in the order shown in the main picture. Sew the squares together in 10 strips of 6 squares, press the seams and sew the strips together.

Tip: When you press the seams flat on each of the strips, press them in opposite directions on adjacent strips so they butt up against each other - this should make it easier to ensure the squares are sewn accurately - see diagram below.

12. The quilt top is now complete! Sandwich the quilt top, wadding and backing together and baste or pin securely. Quilt as desired.
13. Trim the batting and backing to the size of the quilt top. Cut 7 width of fabric strips $\times 2.5^{\prime \prime}$ for the binding from the fabric of your choice, join together and bind the quilt. The quilt is now complete if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact us at Pelenna Patchworks!

