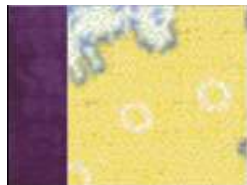


Sashing

You will need at least 3/4 to 1 yard of your sashing fabric for a baby size quilt. Often a solid, or a tone-on-tone fabric (subtle print or batik) works well. You can go to the store, taking your completed squares, and 'audition' fabrics to see what will work well for your quilt. Often, I choose the sashing and/or border fabric after I've finished the squares!

All seams are 1/4". Pin your pieces together before you sew, it helps keep everything aligned. An important step while you're making any quilt is to press frequently: it keeps your seams flat, and makes sure measuring is accurate! This is one method for sashing.

1. Cutting across the width of fabric, cut 2" strips, at least 5-6 of them. This example is for a quilt with 5 rows of 4 squares, and I'm using 2 colors of sashing in the pics to make it easier to follow. If you run out of sashing strips along the way, just cut a few more 2" strips.
2. Measure the height of your squares, and cut enough so there is one strip for each square, plus one extra strip for each square on the right side of the quilt. So if your quilt is 5 rows of 4 squares, you would need 25.
3. Sew one strip to the left side of each square, and an additional strip to the right side of 5 squares. Pin at the beginning and end of each square to keep everything aligned. Press. See the purple in the pictures.



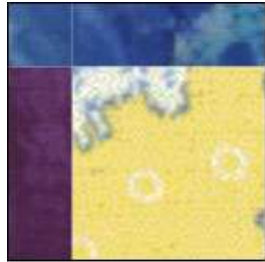
Sashing square A



Sashing square B

4. Let's call the squares with one sashing piece square A, and the squares with two sashing pieces square B, just to keep the instructions clear.
5. Press each square towards the sashing, then measure the width of each square A, including the sashing. Cut one strip for each square, plus one extra for each square on the bottom row. So in your quilt of 5 rows of 4 squares you would need 15 strips for square A. See the blue in the pictures at steps 7 and 8.
6. Now measure the width of each square B, including the sashing. Cut one strip for each square, plus one strip for the 4 squares on the bottom row. So in your quilt of 5 rows of 4 squares you would need 6 strips for square B. See the blue in the pictures at steps 7 and 8. Press.

7. Sew a sashing strip on the top of each square.



Sashing square A



Sashing square B

8. Sew an additional strip to the bottom of the bottom row of squares, as illustrated below. Press.



*Sashing square A
bottom row*



*Sashing square B
bottom row*

9. Next, assemble the completed squares, following the diagram below. There will be sashing between all of the squares, and all the way around the outside. Press the entire quilt top. The next step will be to add a border!

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