

Instructions: Disguising Ugly Fabric...version 1

This is a combination of two techniques: chenille and ragging. Color is the only important part of the fabric, as that is all you will see once everything is cut.

1. Make a standard quilting sandwich (backing fabric, light batting and top fabric) in about the size mat that you want. I tend to use approximately 22" by 24".
2. Layer on top of your sandwich an additional 4-5 fabrics, right sides up.
3. Stitch through all layers, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch apart, on the whole piece.
4. Cut the top fabrics in the ditch between stitching. **DO NOT CUT ANY LAYERS** of your original sandwich. Be Careful...
5. Cut in the other direction as in 'ragging' on all rows. It is really ugly at this stage.
6. Bind and cold wash/dry and it should fluff beautifully.

HINTS: Unwashed fabric works best. I like one layer of flannel and also a variety of types and weights. I generally use a color family, like blues or browns, etc. **DO NOT** wash with any other article as it does make a mess. Even the second washing I am careful.

Have fun and experiment. You never know what you will get until after the washing/drying!