Welcome Blanket- Adapted for Quilters

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Size: approximately 40 " square (this may vary slightly due to width of fabric after trimming)

This pattern uses a quick method of making eight half-square triangle units at a time. You can arrange your units to make a variety of quilts. Before you start, you may want to read "How to
Make 8 Half-Square Triangles at Once: The Magic 8 Method" on the Craftsy blog to familiarize yourself with the technique used here.
https://www.craftsy.com/blog/2014/01/how-to-make-half-square-triangles/

Materials: $100 \%$ quilt cotton, 45 " wide
$5 / 8$ yard each of Fabric A and Fabric B
$3 / 8$ yd of fabric for binding (can be A, B, or a third fabric)
$11 / 4$ yards for backing
$45^{\prime \prime} \times 45$ " low loft batting
Thread to match one of the colors in the quilt top
Basic rotary cutting equipment and sewing machine
Sharp pencil
Yardstick

## Directions:

1. Trim selvages from your $5 / 8$ yard pieces of fabric. Measure width after trimming, divide measurement in half, and carefully cut each fabric into two squares of that measurement (for example, if fabric measures $431 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wide after trimming, cut two squares $21 \frac{3}{4}$ " from each fabric).
2. Layer A squares and a B squares, right sides together with the lighter color fabric on top. Align edges neatly.
3. Carefully draw diagonal lines on the top fabric. You may choose to use a few pins at this point to hold your pieces together.

4. Sew a scant $1 / 4$ from each side of both drawn lines (dashed lines in illustration). Repeat for other pair of squares.

5. Without moving fabric (turn cutting mat as needed) cut in half vertically and horizontally. Cut along drawn lines. Repeat for other pair of squares. Sixteen half-square triangle units made. Press seams toward darker fabric; trim "dog ears".


Half-square triangle unit
6. Press seams toward darker fabric, then choose one of the following layouts or make your own. Arrange four rows each of four half-square triangle units. Sew rows; press seams in rows 1 and 3 to the right; press seams in rows 2 and 4 to the left. Join rows; press seams in one direction.

7. Layer backing, right side down, batting and quilt top, right side up. Pin or spray baste and quilt as desired.
8. Cut binding fabric into five strips $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x}$ width of fabric. Sew with diagonal seams into one long strip. Press seams open, trim "dog ears". Press in half lengthwise. Bind, using favorite method.

