

Chinese Coin Charity Quilt Instructions

A Chinese Coin quilt can use any size “coins” and be any size you want – making it a perfect way to use up left over strips or scraps from other projects!



The instructions below are based on using $6\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ strips for a **finished size of 48 x 60**, but use what you have! Many quilters use strips of varying widths, creating a more modern look!

Materials Needed

- **Coins:** 140 $2\frac{1}{2}$ ” x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ” strips (5 rows of 28)
- **Border:** $4\frac{1}{2}$ ” wide
 - 2 strips that are 40” long for the top
 - 2 strips that are 60” for the sides
 - Total = $1\frac{1}{4}$ yards
- If you use corner blocks, those are $4\frac{1}{2}$ ” x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ”
- **Sashing:** $2\frac{1}{2}$ ” = $1\frac{1}{2}$ yard
- **Binding:** $2\frac{1}{2}$ ” = $\frac{1}{2}$ yard
- **Backing:** $3\frac{3}{4}$ yards
- **Batting:** Two craft or crib size battings
 - Or trim a twin size

Making your columns of coins: Cut your fabric into $2\frac{1}{2}$ ” x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ” strips – or sew several long $2\frac{1}{2}$ ” strips together, then cut them into $6\frac{1}{2}$ ” sections (**Note:** Add some additional strips when piecing the sections together to avoid each column being exactly the same.)

Assembling Your Quilt Top

- Assemble your single strips or blocks of strips to make 5 columns of 28 strips.
- Measure your columns and trim, if needed to make them all the same length.
- Sew your sashing to the first column of coins.
- Sew the next column of coins to the sashing and continue until you have sashing between all columns of coins
- Add borders – if you are using corner blocks, add those to your border first, before attaching your border to the coins!

Quilting: An all-over pattern works well and is the simplest. Another approach is to put a specific pattern in the border and use an all-over pattern for the rest of the quilt.

Thank you for contributing your time and skills to helping others through the Baltimore Heritage Quilt Guild’s charity quilting projects!