



HAND TYING A QUILT

I must stress that this is the way that works for me. I'm sure there are many ways to approach this task. In this instance I am working on 5" squares and I have chosen to tie in the middle of each square. You can however tie in each corner or wherever you choose as long as you have enough *knots* to keep everything together when you wash your quilts. Mine is only a small quilt which would be perfect for as a baby girl quilt. For this particular quilt I have chosen to use red Anchor stranded cotton. I started by layer up my quilt in this order. First I layer was the wadding, then on top of the wadding I put the backing fabric right side facing up and then the quilt top wrong side up. I smoothed until I decided all three layers were to my liking. Then I pinned the edges and sewed all the way around on the sewing machine using the walking foot. I left an opening approximately 6". Now you're probably thinking that I have lost the plot. This is small quilt and by bagging it out I can skip the binding part. And besides it makes a change from the normal way I deal with quilts. So now I clipped the extra fabric in the corners and turned the quilt right side out and smoothed to my hearts' content to be sure that all the layers are smooth as can be. I pinned every square and all around the edges and then started tying.



It's exactly as the word implies. You simply tie using thread in each square. I used three strands of Anchor. I found the centre of the first square, poked my needle in and thru to the back and out back thru the front no more than 1/8" away.



Leave a thread tail approximately 1-1/2" to 2" long. Poke your needle in again and out thru the front and before cutting the thread make a knot. I knot three times before cutting the thread.



And I leave a generous thread tail of approximately 1/4"-3/8" long. As they say, it's as easy as that to tie a quilt.



For this particular quilt I have decided to do some naïve quilting in the borders. I am using two strands of Anchor and that is working rather well for me.



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