

"Frankenbatting" from 'Fresh Quilting' Season 3 Episode 8

I only learned the term 'Frankenbatting' a few days before I was asked to do this demo. 'Fresh Quilting' had it on a segment of their show. It means to sew scraps of batting together to make larger, usable size pieces. I've been doing it for the COTS charity group for a number of years. So, here goes.

1. Determine the front and back of the batting, so you sew them together facing the same way. One side usually has more texture than the other and it faces the fabric backing in the quilt 'sandwich'. Just remember "*Bumpy Bottom*" because it faces the bottom or back of the quilt.
2. Straighten batting edges, using a rotary cutter and your longest ruler.
3. Set your machine to the widest zigzag and a longer stitch length. Use a walking foot if you have one.
4. Lay the straightened edges *next* to each other, not overlapping. For long pieces, you can use pins to mark where to match up as you sew.
5. Sew, letting the machine draw the batting thru, making sure to keep the edges next to each other. Try not to push or pull at the batting, this could cause it to pucker.
6. Do this with enough batting scraps to make the size you need for your project.