Coral reef

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Approximately 46”x 46”

Skill level – beginner, intermediate

Do You know that a 9-patch block can disappear?

Have a look and try!

Materials

- background fabric – 2½ yards
- assorted black/white prints – ½ yard
- backing – 2 yards
- batting – 2 yards
- for binding – ½ yard

Cutting instructions

From the background fabric cut:

20 squares 4-1/2”x 4-1/2”

4 squares 6-1/4”x 6-1/4”

4 squares 8-3/4”x 8-3/4”

8 squares 5-1/2”x 5-1/2”

12 rectangles 3”x 6-1/4”

4 rectangles 3”x 8-3/4”

8 rectangles 2-1/2”x 8-3/4”

4 stripes 3-3/4”x wof for outside borders

From black/white prints cut:

25 squares 4-1/2 “x 4-1/2”

1 square 6-1/4”x 6-1/4”

1 square 8-3/4”x 8-3/4”

Step 1

Piece 3 nine-patch blocks from the following 4-1/2”x 4-1/2” squares.

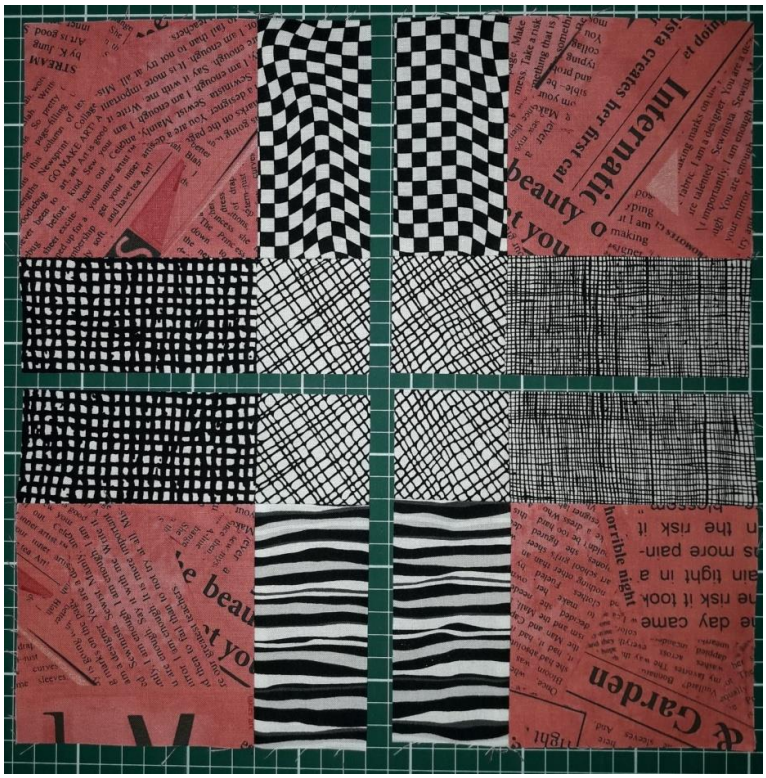
Block A

Cut the block in four squares through the center.

Piece 2 nine-patch blocks from the following 4-1/2”x 4-1/2” squares.

Block B

Cut the block in four squares through the center.



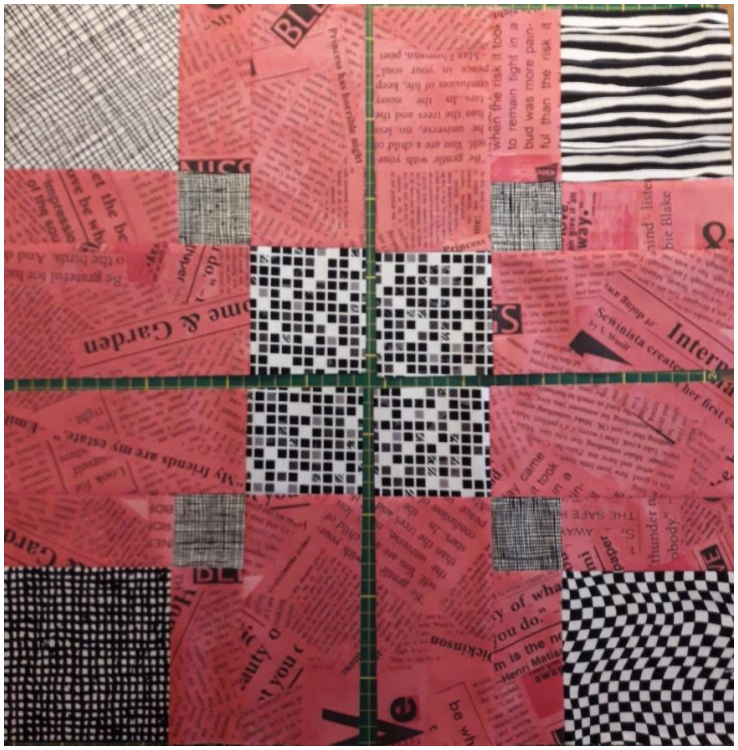
Trim all squares to 6-1/4”x 6-1/4”.

Step 2

Sew together 1 nine-patch block from 6-1/4”x 6-1/4” fabric squares and 4 quarters of block A as shown below.

Block C

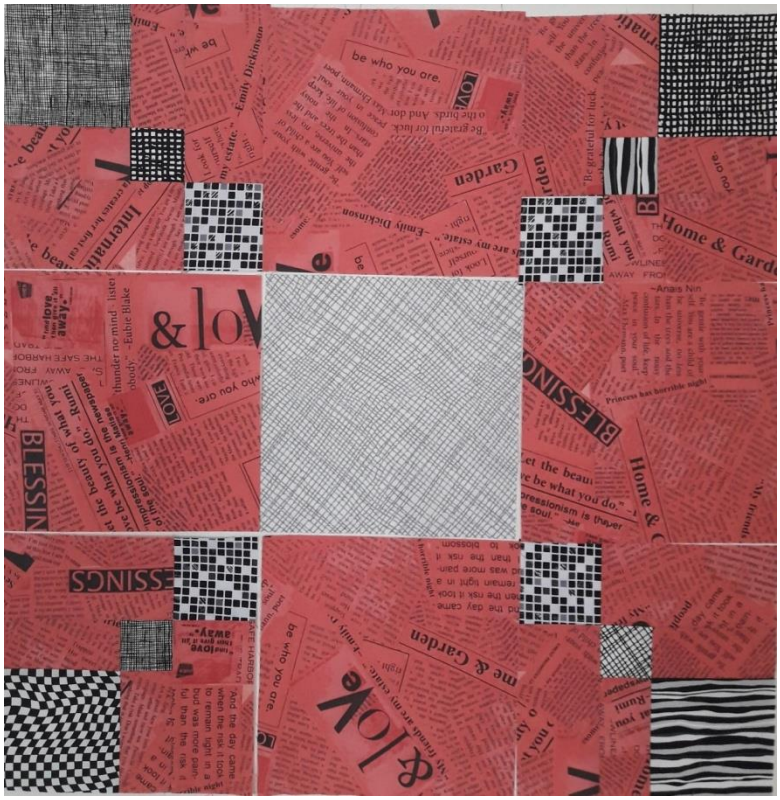
Cut the block in four squares through the center.



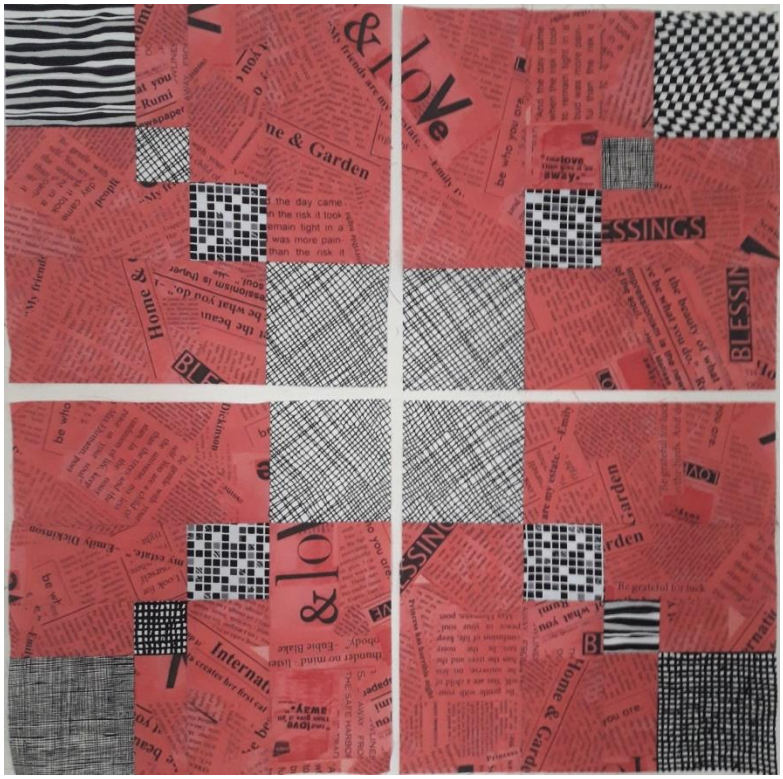
Trim the squares to 8-3/4”x 8-3/4”.

Step 3

Piece 1 nine-patch block from 8-3/4”x 8-3/4” fabric squares and 4 quarters of block C.

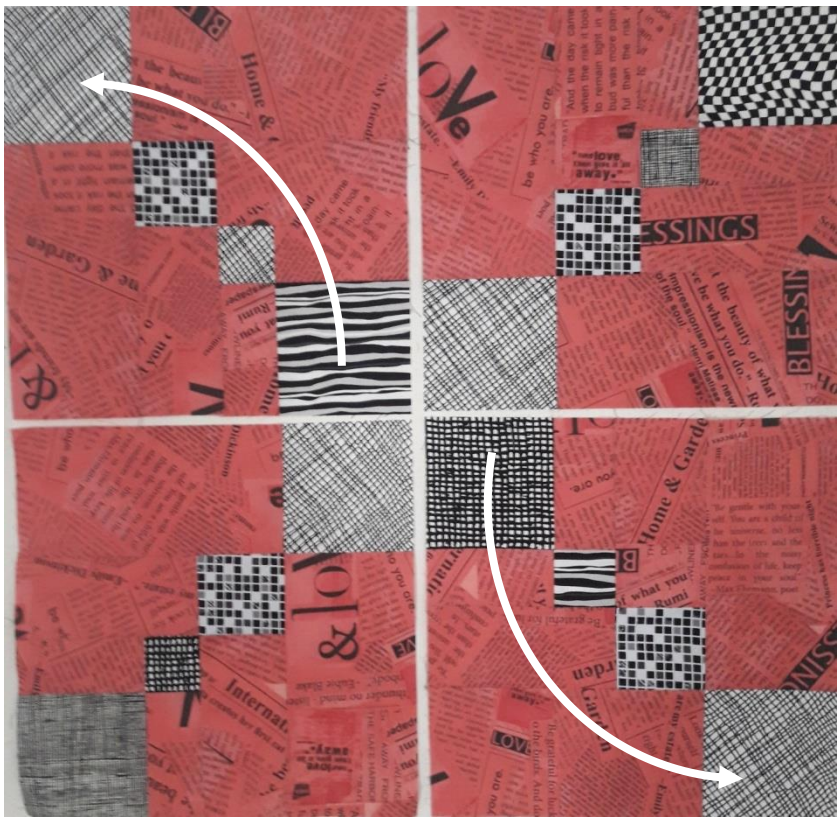


Cut the block in four squares through the center.

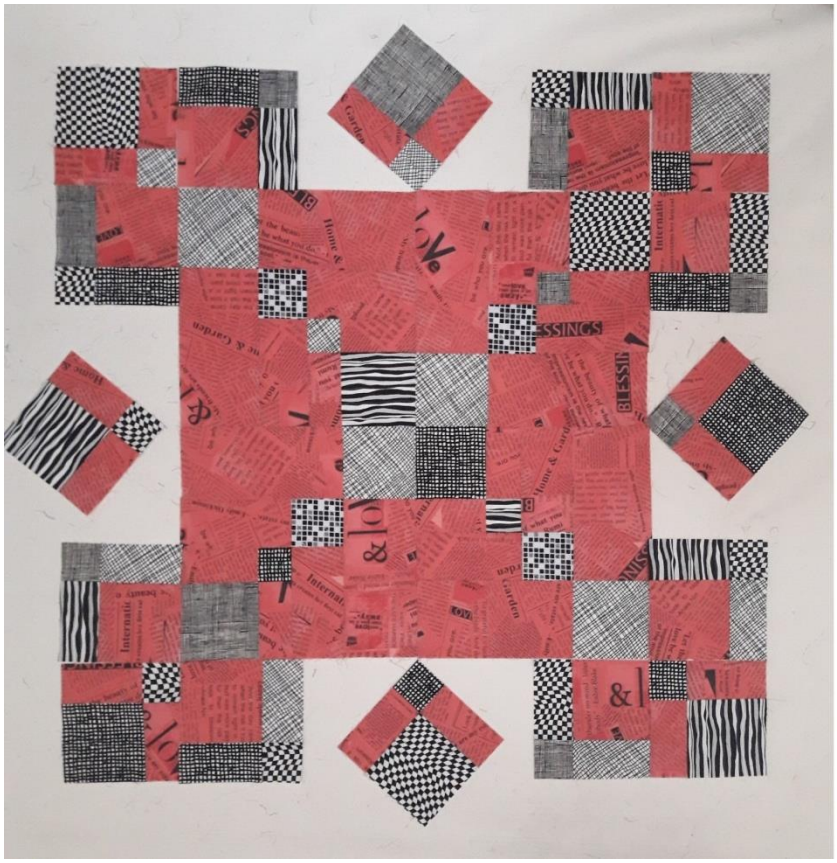


Trim the squares to 12-1/2”x 12-1/2”.

Turn the squares of the opposite corners (top left and bottom right) to 180 degrees and join them to a center block of the quilt.



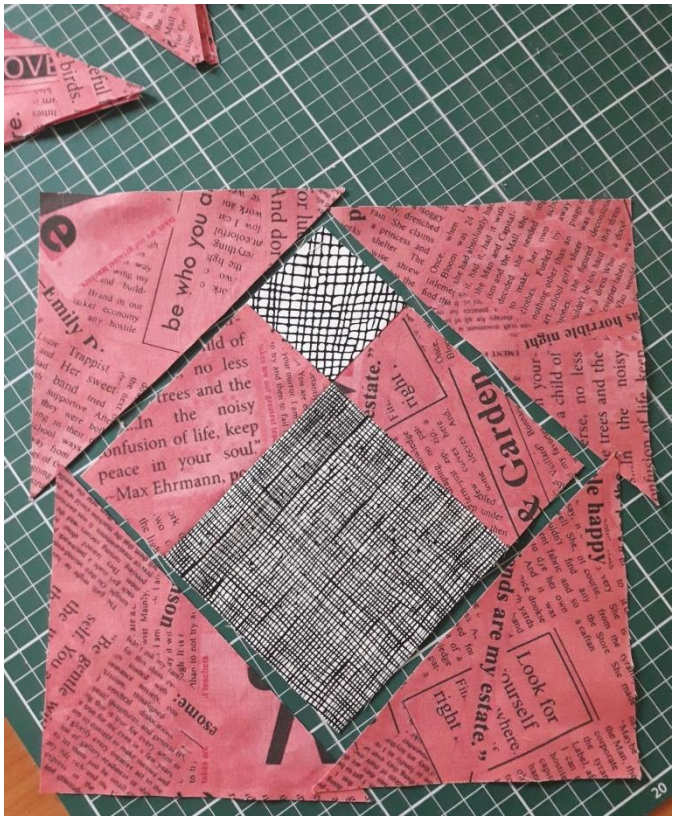
Make a preliminary layout before working further.



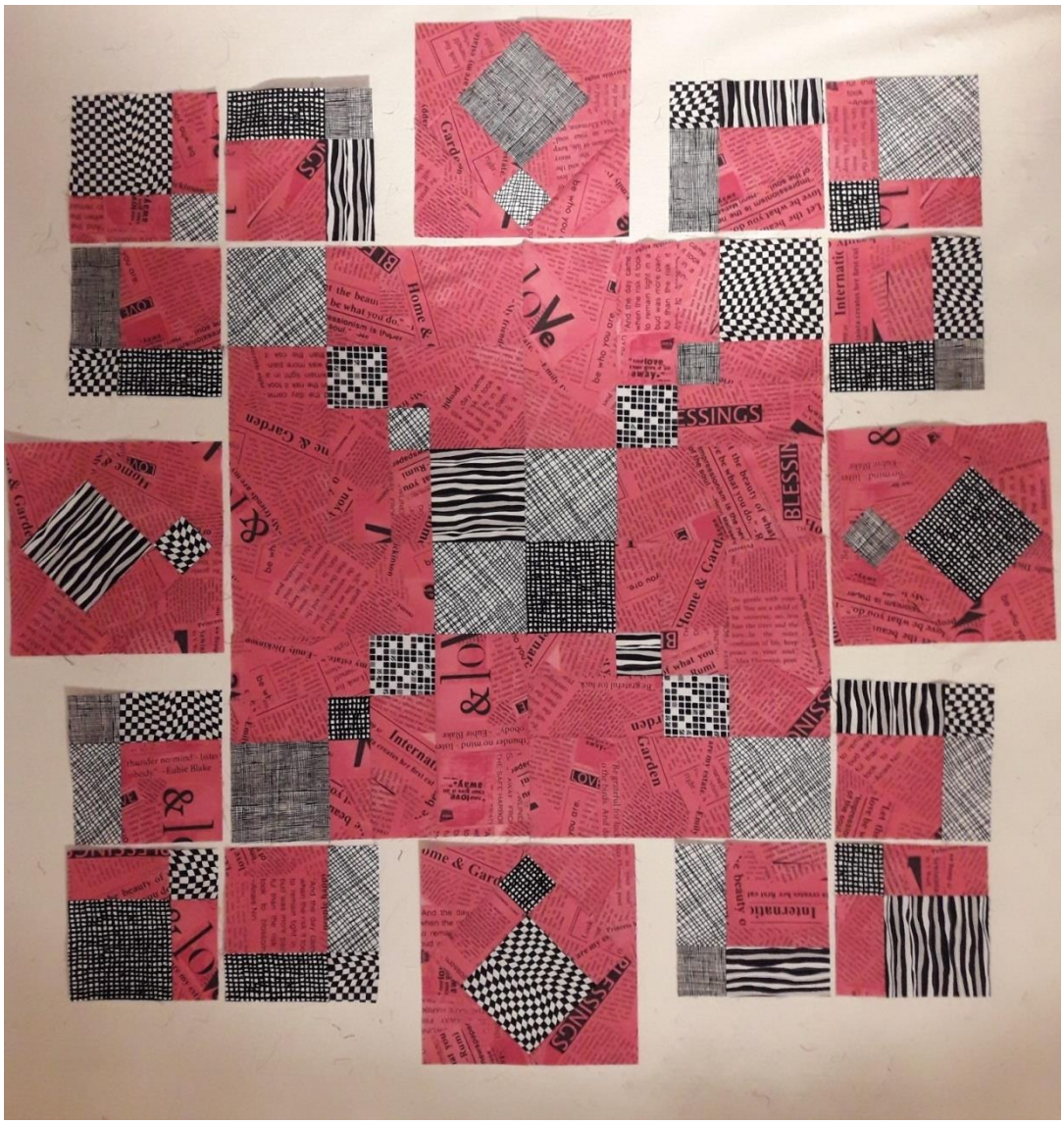
Step 4

Cut eight (8) 5-1/2”x 5-1/2” squares in two triangles.

Join the triangles to a quarter of block A; trim to 8-3/4”x 8-3/4”. Make four units.



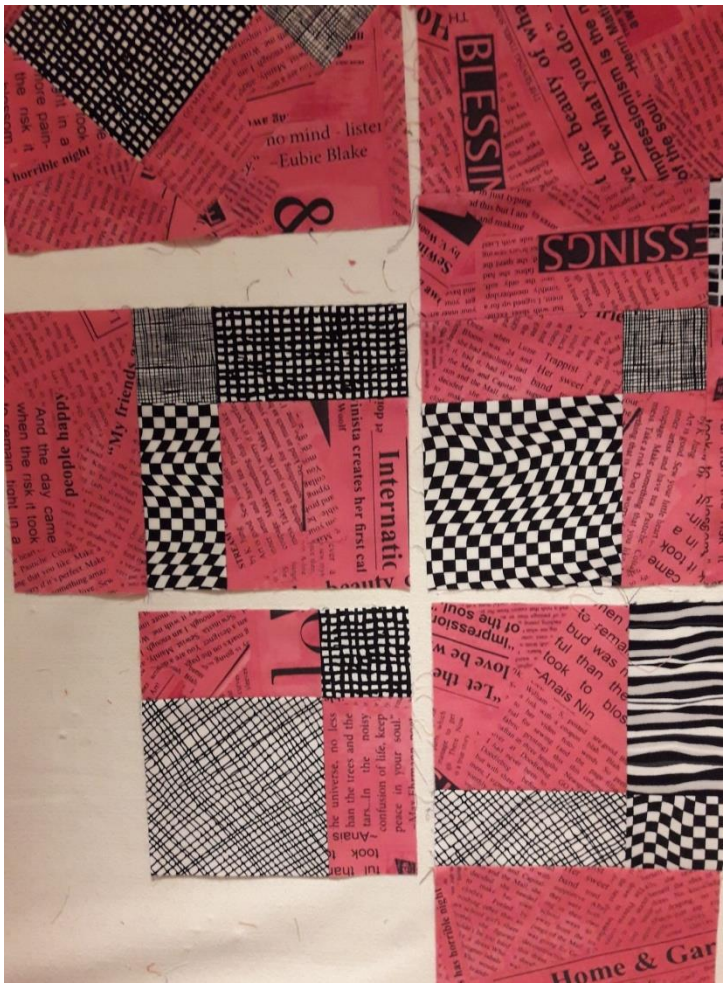
The layout now.



Step 5

For the corners join 3”x 6-1/4” rectangles to the quarters of block B as shown.

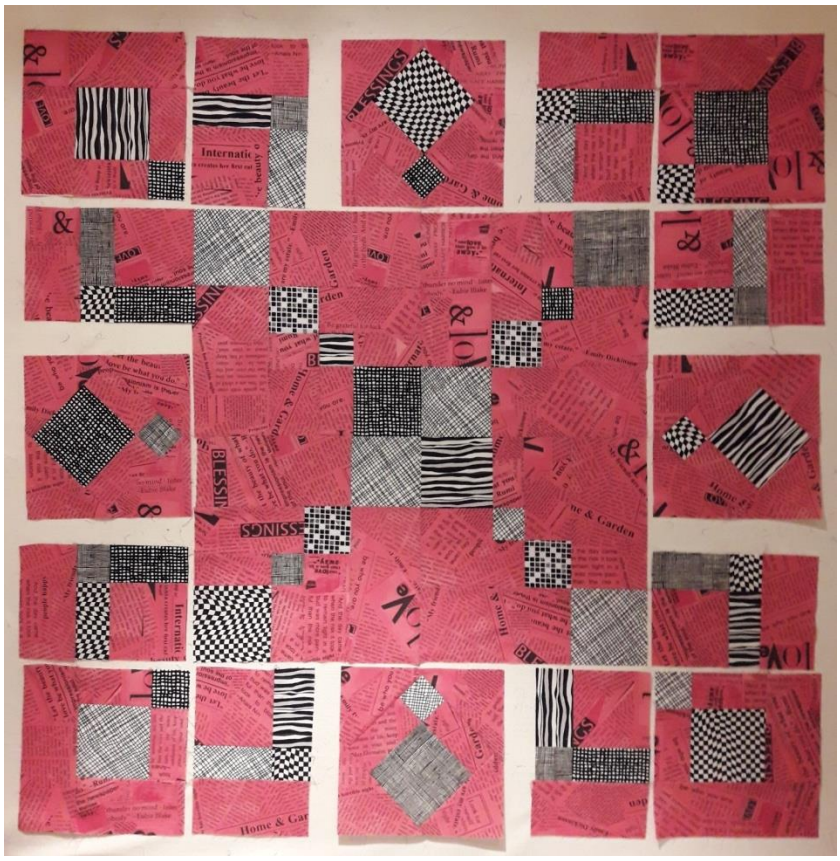
Make four pairs for all four corners and place them in the layout.



To complete the corners, join 3”x 6-1/4” and 3”x 8-3/4” rectangles to four quarters of block A.

Trim to 8-3/4” x 8-3/4”.

Check the layout.

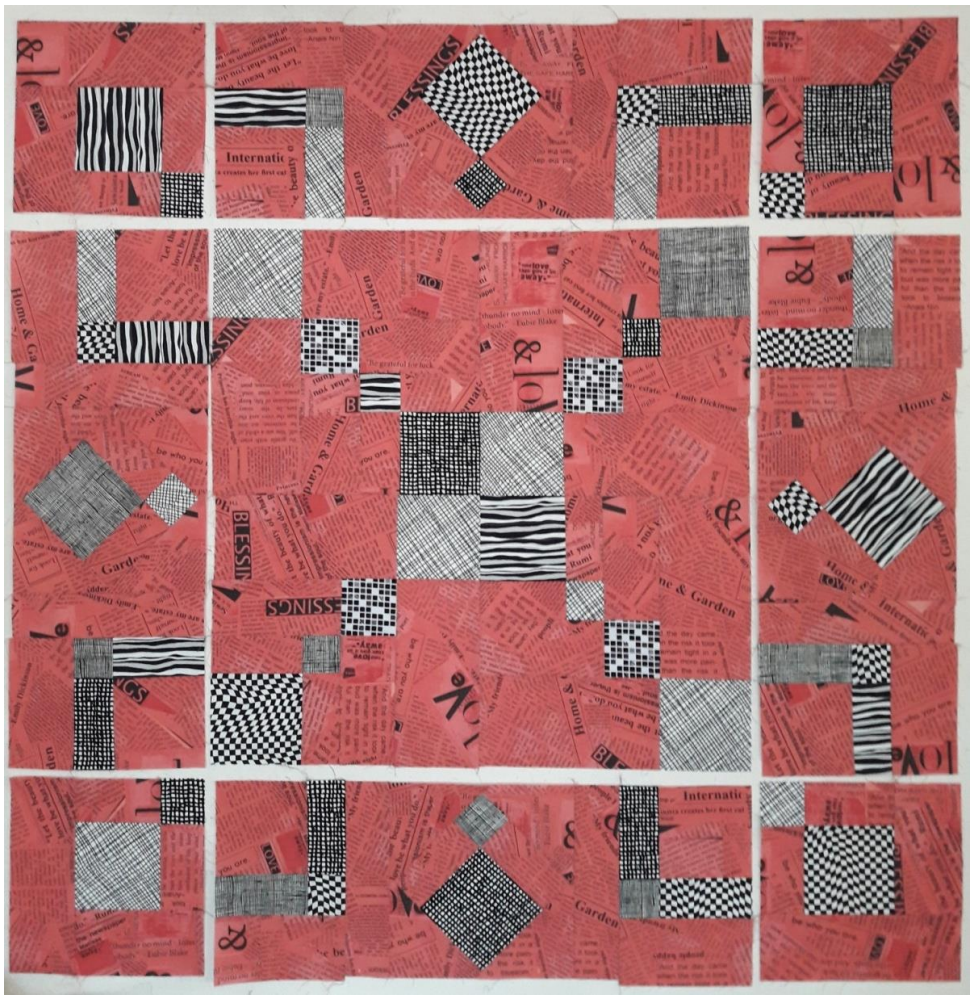


Step 6

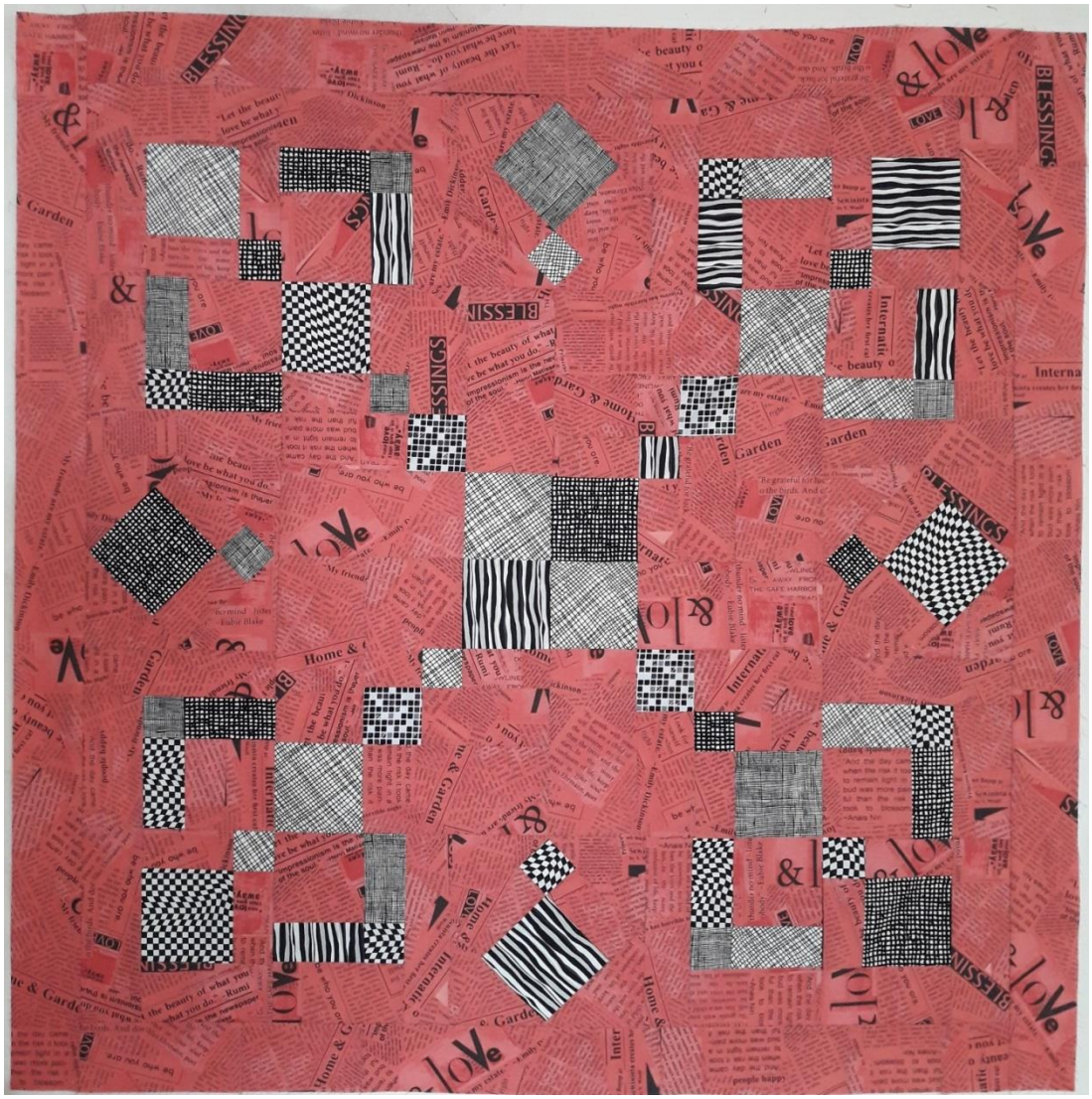
Fill the space between the units in the inner border with 2-1/2”x 8-3/4” rectangles.

Step 7

Now You can complete the center of the quilt.



And add the outside 3-3/4” borders.



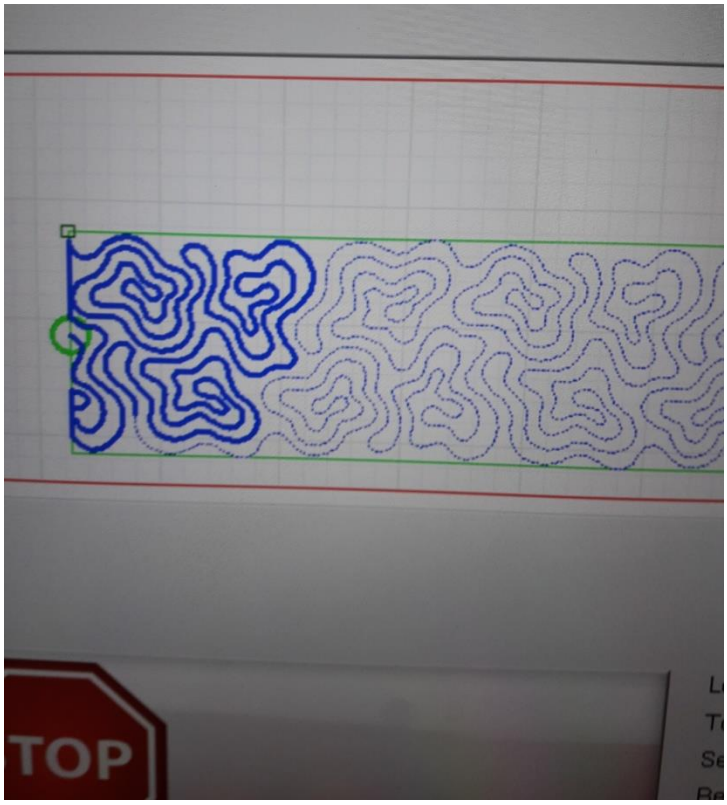
Quilting, finishing

Put three layers together– top, batting and backing, quilt as desired, trim the edges.

Bind and add the sleeve.

Enjoy Your quilt!

I quilted my Coral Reef on my Millennium APQS-machine using Quilt Path.



If You like other colors, just try it!