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62” x 74” Finished Quilt

Fabric Requirements

Pieced Block
- 1 Layer Cake (40 - 10” x 10” precuts), divided into 20 dark and 20 light fabrics

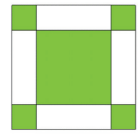
OR

- Fabrics that total 7/8 yard of darks and 3/4 yard lights

Background Squares and Setting Triangles
- 2 yards total for background and setting triangles

Borders
- 5/8 yard for narrow inner border
- 1-3/8 yard for outer border

As you can see, this is basically a nine-patch block. When you turn it on point it becomes much more interesting.



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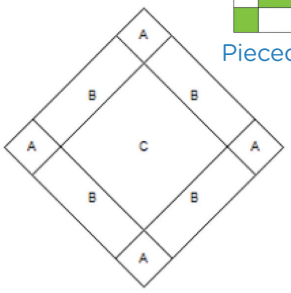


Fabric Placement Diagram

When constructing blocks, follow the fabric placement guide above.

You will make a total of 20 blocks.

Cutting Instructions

Hint: I stacked two 10-inch squares from the layer cake and pressed them with a little spray starch which allowed me to cut more than one layer at a time. Be careful not to distort the squares when pressing! Be sure to maintain contrast between the dark and light fabrics. I didn’t have very much contrast in a couple of my blocks and wish I had!

Pieced Blocks

From Dark Pieced Block Fabrics:
- Cut 80 assorted squares measuring 2 3/8” (Fabric A)
- Cut 20 assorted squares measuring 5 1/4” (Fabric C)

From Light Pieced Block Fabrics:
- Cut 80 rectangles measuring 2 3/8” x 5 1/4” (Fabric B)

Background Squares

- From background fabric, cut 3 strips measuring 9 inches wide by WOF (width of fabric).
  - Sub cut the strips into 12 squares measuring 9 inches.

Large Setting Triangles

- From background fabric, cut 3 strips 13 3/8” by WOF.
  - Sub cut these strips into 7 squares measuring 13 3/8”. Cut each square twice on the diagonal for a total of 14 triangles. You will have extra fabric left over from the strip to use for the small setting triangles.

Small Setting Triangles

- From the background fabric remnant from the large setting triangles, cut 2 squares measuring 7”. Cut each square once diagonally for a total of 4 triangles.

Inner Border

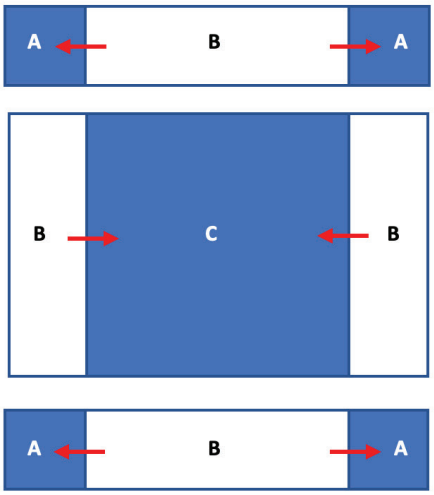
- Cut 6 strips 2-1/2” wide by WOF. *These will be pieced to complete the inner border.*

Outer Border

- Cut 7 strips measuring 5-1/2” wide by WOF. *These will be pieced to complete the outer border.*

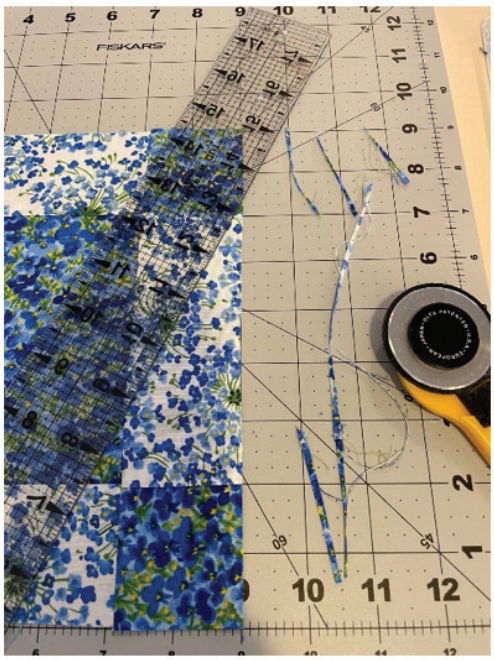
Block Construction

Sew the 20 blocks together as shown below using a scant 1/4” seam, pressing seam allowances toward the dark fabric as shown by the red arrows.



Prior to assembling the quilt, square up your blocks. They go together much better when squared up!

The blocks should trim to 9” (finished blocks will measure 8 1/2”.)



Assemble the Blocks

Hint: A design wall is very helpful at this stage. Choose the color layout for the blocks. A coloring sheet is included to help you plan your fabric layout.

Assemble the blocks into eight rows. You will sew the blocks in straight rows along with the setting triangles, but the quilt is assembled on the diagonal as shown in the diagram below.

Pressing the seams in alternating directions allows the seams to nest.

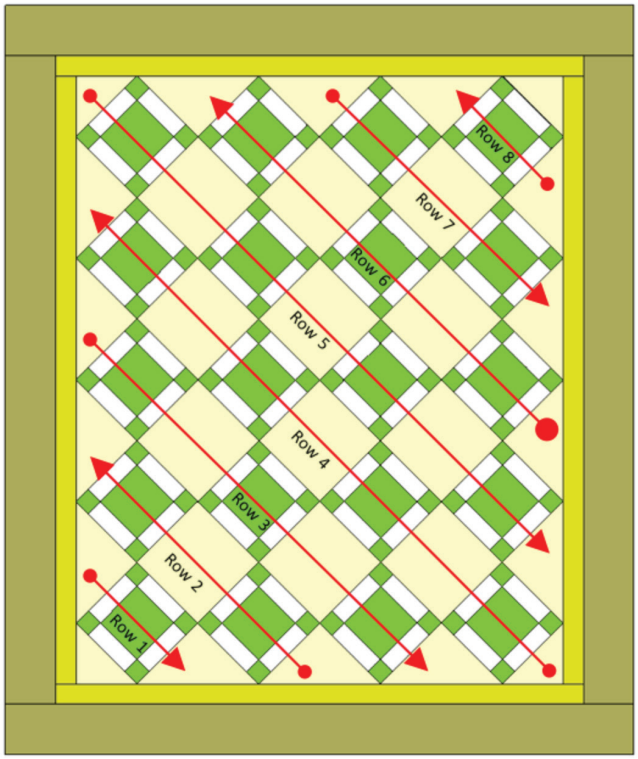
Example (shown by arrows):
Row 1 press seams to the right.
Row 2 press seams to the left.
Row 3 press seams to the right and continue in this manner. Your quilt will lay nice and flat.

The first row has one block with triangles on the sides. Row 2 has three blocks with two triangles. Continue placing the blocks and triangles following the diagram.

Rows 4 and 5 will each have one of the small setting triangles on the ends.

Add the remaining two small setting triangles to the opposite empty corners to make the center section complete.

It looks harder than it is and it's so much fun!



Add the Borders

Inner border

Measure the interior of the quilt before making final cuts on the border strips and adjust as needed.

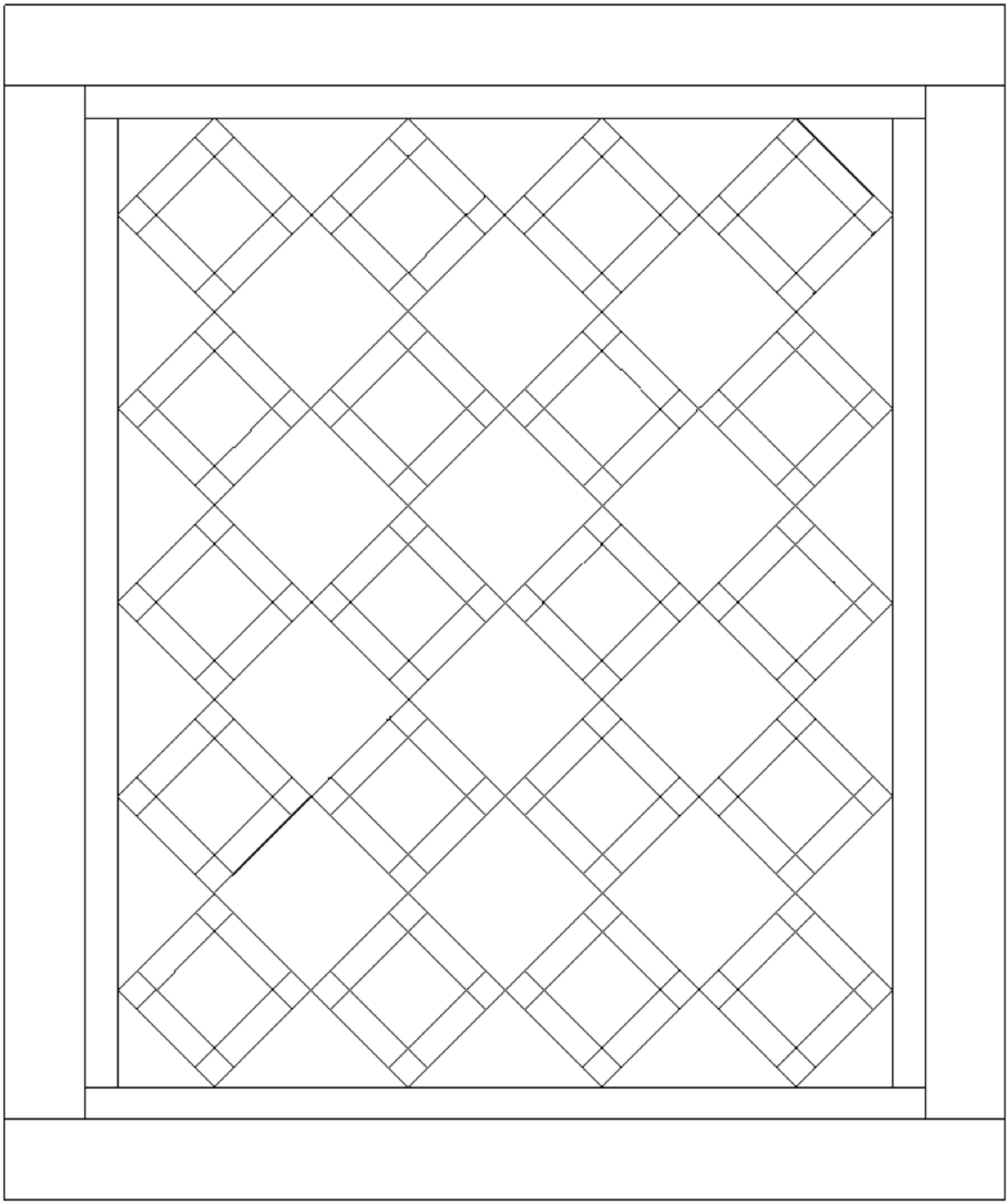
Sew the inner border strips together to create one long strip. Press seams open.

From this strip, cut two strips measuring 60-5/8" X 2-1/2" for the side borders, adjusting the final cut as needed to match your quilt's center dimensions.

Cut 2 strips measuring 52-5/8" X 2-1/2" borders for top and bottom of the center section, again adjusting the final cut as needed to match your quilt.

Outer Border

Measure the interior of the quilt to verify you have the correct measurement before final cuts are made. Adjust as needed. You will have extra fabric left from the strips.

Assemble strips as described for the inner border. From this long strip, cut 2 strips measuring 64-1/2" X 5-1/2" strips for side borders.

Cut 2 more strips measuring 62-1/2" X 5-1/2" for top and bottom border.