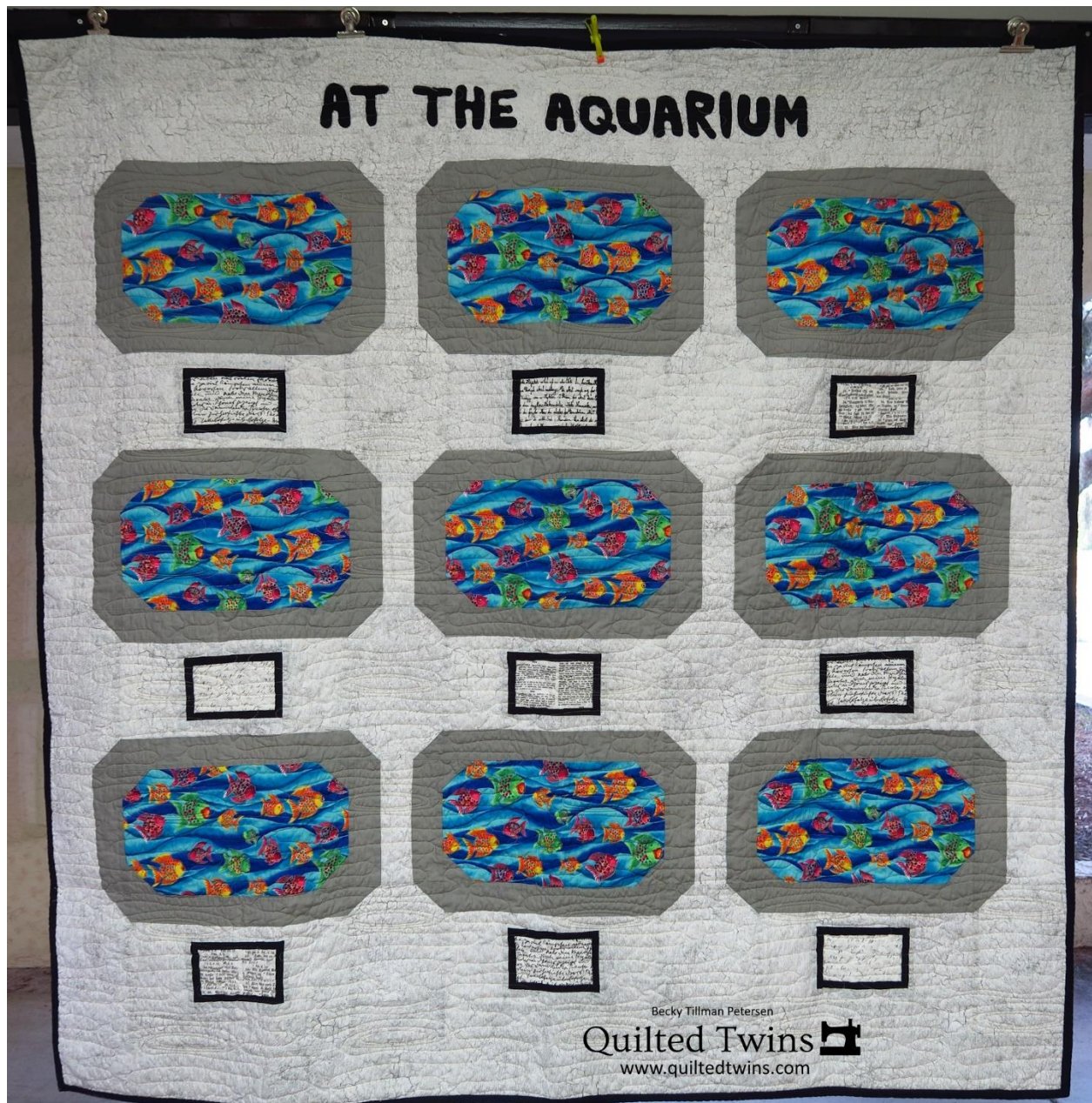


# At the Aquarium

66" x 66 3/4"

To make the quilt pictured:



## You need:

- 2 3/4 yards of background fabric
- 1/8 yard of words fabric – white background
- 1 1/4 yards of gray
- 1/4 yard black
- 1 1/4 yards of novelty fish fabric
- 1/2-yard of fabric for the binding.

## **Cut:**

From novelty fish fabric:

- 9 – 8.5"x 14.5" rectangles

From gray:

- 18 – 2.5"x14.5" strips
- 36 – 2.5"x2.5" squares for "snowballing"
- 18 – 2.5"x8.5" strips

From background/white

- 12 – 6.5"x8.5"
- 6 – 2.5"x8.5"
- 4 – 6.5"x8.5"
- 16 – 6.5"x10.5"
- 3 – 8.5"x14.5"
- 3 – 2.5"x14.5"
- 18 – 1.5"x6.5"
- 18 – 4.5"x6.5"
- 6 – 4.5"x8.5"
- 1 – 3.25"x66.5" for border along bottom

From words fabric:

- 9 – 3.5"x 5.5"

From black:

- 18 – 1"x3.5" strips
- 18 – 1"x6.5" strips

## **Construct blocks:**

Fish focus blocks:

1. Take your 8.5"x 14.5" blocks and "snowball" the corners s using a 2.5" square in each corner. Sew along the middle, trim and fold back so that it looks like this:



Make 9. It is 8.5"x14.5" at this point.

2. Notation block:

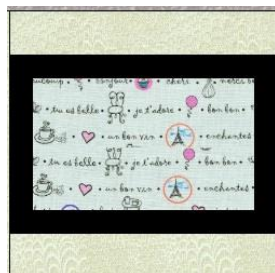




Take your 3.5"x5.5" white words fabric and put your black skinny borders on it. First apply 1"x3.5" black strips to the side and then the 1"x5.5" strips to the top and bottom.



Then add your 1.5"x6.5" white background strips to top and bottom of this unit:



Then add 4.5"x6.5" units to the sides of this:

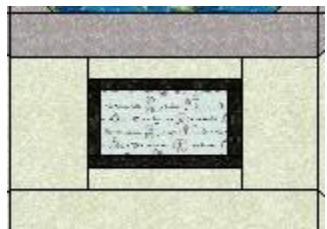


Now add your gray 2.5"x 14.5" strips to the top and bottom of this:



Make 6 like this.

Make 3 with a white strip across the bottom instead of gray:



You should now have 9 total "notation blocks".

3. Sashing blocks:

- Using 2 gray and 1 background white 2.5"x8.5" strips, make a block that looks like this:



Make 6. Measures 6.5"x8.5".

- Using 1 gray 2.5"x 8.5" and a white background 4.5"x8.5", sew together to make a block that looks like this.



Make 6. Measures 6.5"x8.5".

- Using a 2.5"x14.5" gray strip plus a 8.5"x14.5" white background piece, make 3 blocks that looks like this for the upper row of sashing blocks:



Make 3. Measures 10.5"x14.5"

4. Cornerstone blocks:

- Using your 6.5"x8.5" background blocks plus 4 gray 2.5" squares, "snowball" the corners so that the block looks like this:



Make 4. Measures 6.5"x8.5".

- Using your 6.5"x8.5" rectangles, and 2 gray 2.5" squares, snowball only one end of the rectangle so that it looks like this.



Make 4. Measures 6.5"x8.5".

- Using your 6.5"x8.5" rectangles, and 2 gray 2.5" squares, snowball only one edge of your block like this:



Make 4. Measures 6.5"x8.5".

- Using your 6.5"x8.5" rectangles, and 1 gray 2.5" square, snowball one corner of your rectangle like this:



Make 2. Measures 6.5"x8.5".

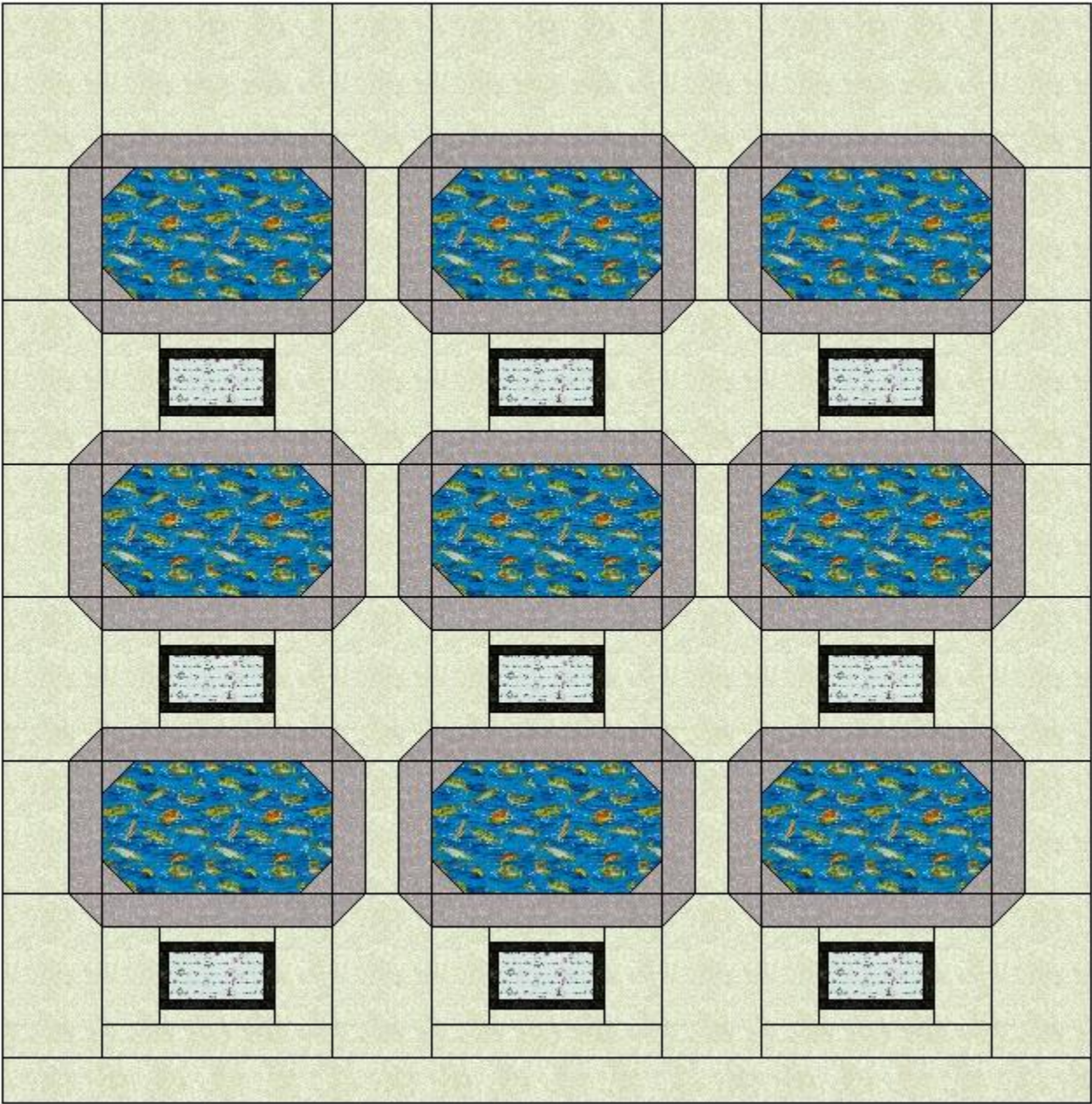
- Using your 6.5"x8.5" rectangles, and 1 gray 2.5" square, snowball one corner of your rectangle like this:



Make 2. Measures 6.5"x8.5".

## How to make this quilt:

1. Construct your blocks as shown above.
2. Place blocks as in this diagram,



3. Sew the blocks together in rows as per the layout.
4. Add the bottom border. Because I wanted the bottom white space to look like the top (before applique), I went ahead and added that border along the bottom. If you've followed my instructions, you have already cut it.
5. Applique the name along the top.  
Using the alphabet found here <http://www.fourtwinsisters.ca/quilting-alphabet-upper/>, print out the pattern, cut out your necessary alphabet pieces, press a piece of Heat n Bond to a piece of black fabric. Trace the cut out letters to the back of the Heat n bond. Cut out. Take off backing, put in place, centered as you'd like, and press down. Applique on to the top.



# AT THE AQUARIUM

It would be really cool to put the name of the child it is for. “Emily’s Aquarium” or “Emily’s Zoo” for example if you use things like lizards and fish.

6. **Press well.**
7. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
8. **Quilt** as desired.
9. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

It’s that easy!!!! Your quilt is finished! Enjoy!

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