

Block it Off

91" x 100"

To make the quilt pictured:



You Need:

- 4 ½ yards low volume fabrics
- 3 ½ yards black
- 2 ½ yards red

This quilt is made up of one 6" finished in the quilt block and it looks like this:



Note: use ¼" seams throughout. When longer than Width of Fabric (WOF) pieces are called for, simply sew together strips until you have the length needed.

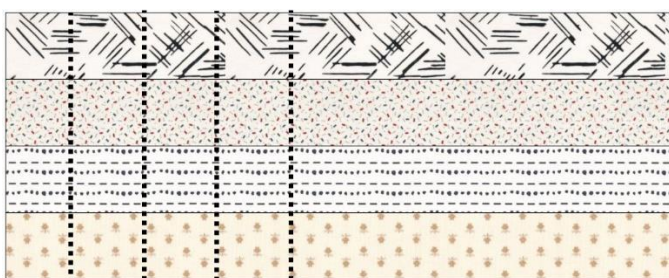
Cut:

For main block:



From low volume fabrics:

Cut into 2" strips. Lots and lots of them. Sew various sets of 4 together, press in one direction and cut off segments of 4 at 2" intervals.



For this quilt, cut off 360 such little groups of 4 like this:

Press all seams to one side.

For sashings:

From red:

- 161 – 1 ½" x 6 ½" strips

From black:

- 322 – 1 ½" x 6 ½" strips

For cornerstones:

From low volume fabrics:

- 72 – 1 ½" x 1 ½" squares

From black:

- 288 – 1.5" squares to 'stitch and flip' the corners

From red:

- 144 – 1.5" x 3.5" strips
- 144 – 1.5" x 1.5" squares

Borders will be dealt with under how to put together this quilt.

How to make blocks:

Main block:



Taking your strips of 4 low volume prints that you have already sewed together and pressed in one direction, sew together, alternating directions of the seam allowance so they nest and make the block.

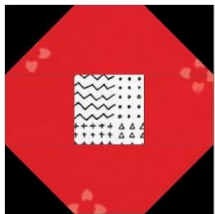
When finished it will be 6.5"x6.5" at this point in the process.
Make 90 blocks.

Sashing blocks:



Using the previously cut 1.5"x6.5" strips, sew together in a simple rail fence design and make the block shown:
It should measure 3.5"x6.5" Make 161.

Cornerstone blocks:



First sew the red/low volume/red 1.5" squares together.



(You could also strip piece this by choosing red 1.5"xWOF strips and some low volume 1.5" strips. Sew together in long segments and trim off at 1.5" intervals. However, you will not get as much variety this way with the center square – if that matters to you.

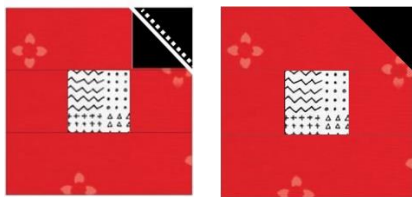
Once you get the middle segment finished, attach a red 1.5"x3.5" strip to the top and bottom. Press well.



Now add a 1.5" corner to this block by placing the black 1.5" square to the corner of the block RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER and sewing across diagonally on the solid line.



Trim off about ¼" to the outside of the sewing line on dotted line. Press "out" with the black corner.



Do this for all four corners.

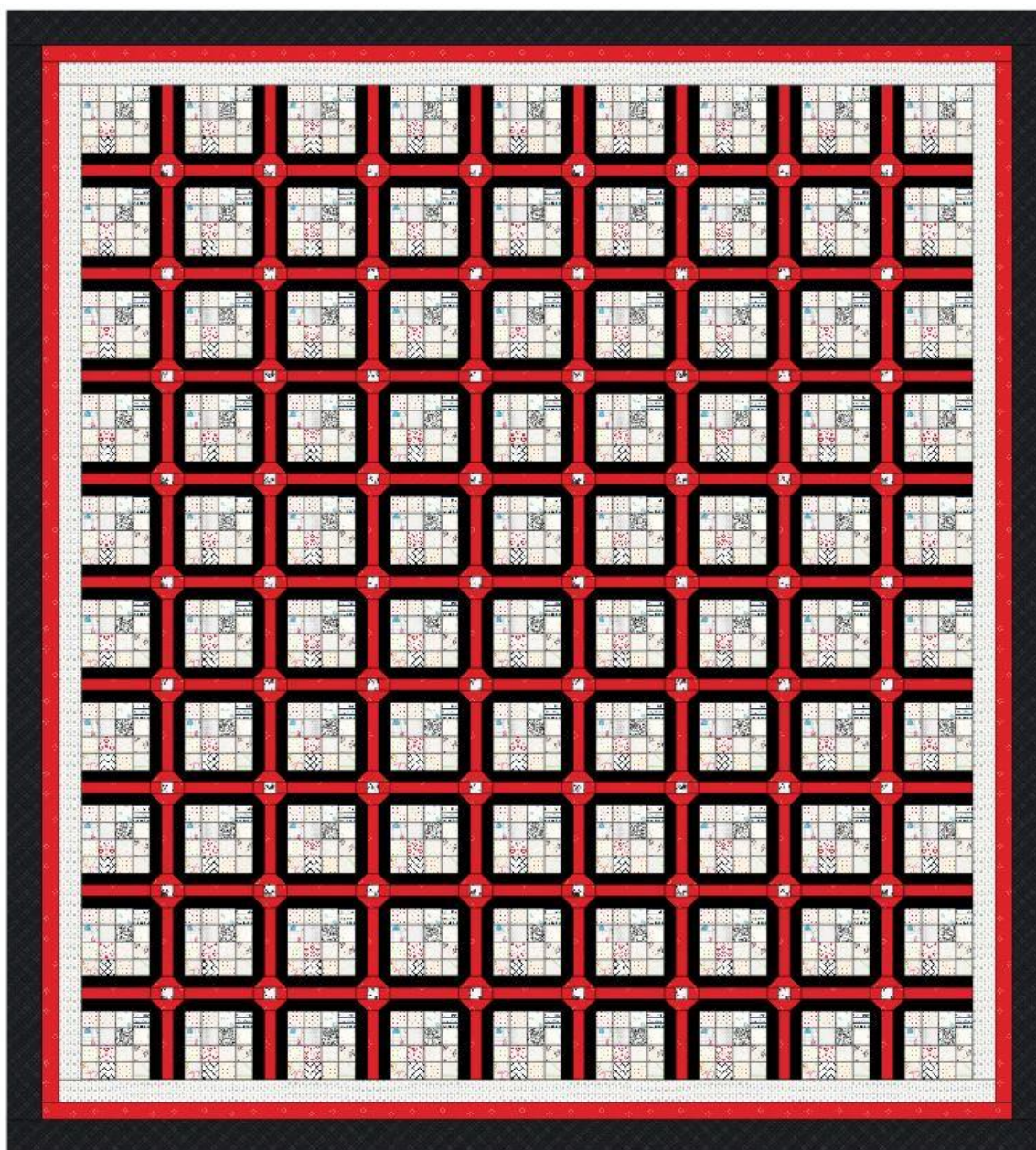
When finished you have a block that looks like this:



It should measure 3.5"x3.5". Make 72.

How to put together this quilt:

Here's the entire diagram for the quilt. To put the center together, focus on the part that doesn't include the borders:



1. Now, using the diagram as shown and using the blocks already made,

Make 9 rows that look like this. Be sure to insert a sashing block between the low volume blocks.



And 8 rows that look like this:



Sew together these rows as shown in the diagram.

2. **Add borders:**

A. First border: low volume

- Cut 2.5"x87.5". Attach to sides.
- Cut 2.5"x 82.5". Attach to top and bottom.

B. Second border: red

- Cut 2"x91.5". Attach to sides.
- Cut 2"x 85.5". Attach to top and bottom.

C. Third border: black

- Cut 3.5"x94.5". Attach to sides.
- Cut 3.5"x 91.5". Attach to top and bottom.

3. **Press well.**
4. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
5. **Quilt** as desired.
6. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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