

Country Roads

85" x 99"

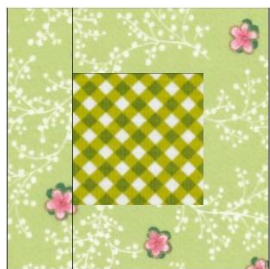
To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- 3 yards of lt blue for sashing
- ½ yard of medium blue for cornerstones
- 2 ¼ yards of green checkered fabric for block centers
- 6 yards of various green scraps for the granny square blocks – they need to be in 2½ " widths (good chance to use leftover 2.5" strips. This can be used for binding as well.

Note: this quilt is made up of 1 - 8" finished in the block which looks like this:



Cut: (for one block) Total number needed for this quilt in parenthesis ()

For block:

- From green checked fabric:
1 - 4 ½" square (112)
- From a floral with green in it:
2 – 2.5"x4.5" strips (224)
2 – 2.5"x 8.5" strips (224)

I cut strips for each block and made a few and then went back and did more until I had all 112 blocks.

For sashings/cornerstones:

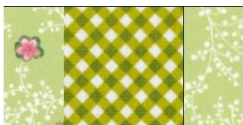
- From lt. blue:
168 – 2.5"x 8.5" strips
- From medium blue:
97 – 2.5" squares

Construct blocks:



Using the pieces you have previously cut, construct your block as follows:

1. Add the green floral 2.5"x4.5" strips to the sides of the green checkered 4.5" square as shown:



2. Sew a green floral 2.5"x8.5" strip to the top and bottom of this unit as shown:



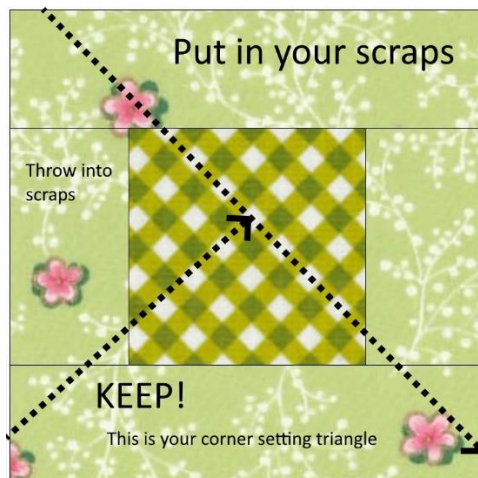
That's it! It's that easy! The block now should measure 8.5"x8.5". Make 112 if you want to make the same size quilt as I show.

Now make your side setting triangles and corner setting triangles. Warning – you will have bias edges when finished so please take care when handling. It is easy to stretch them out of shape.

I took 22 of the blocks and cut them in “almost half”. Instead of half diagonally, I cut them about $\frac{1}{2}$ " over half. Like this: These will be for the side setting triangles. Follow the diagram!



Then take 4 more blocks and do the same as this step, but then cut one more time for the corner setting triangles:



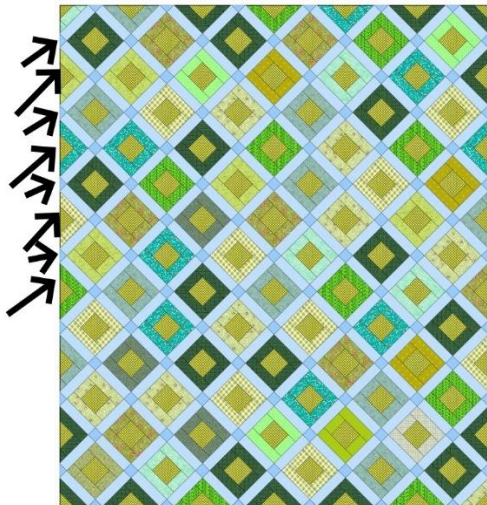
Now you have 22 side setting triangles and 4 corner setting triangles and 86 complete blocks which you did not cut up. Now you can lay out your quilt top.

How to put together this quilt:

1. Sew together in rows. Use the layout as shown:



This will be put together in rows as I showed with arrows:



The rows that go between the blocks are made of sashings and cornerstones: Put together the rows as shown:

The rows are on the diagonal. I did mine like this:

I laid it all out on the floor.



Since the sashings were all the same, they aren't so important. I put the side and corner setting triangles in place as shown.

Then I took individual rows to the sewing machine and sewed a sashing strip between each block.



I kept each row marked with a paper with the row number on it. I sewed all the rows of blocks and sashing pieces together first.

I then sewed rows of a cornerstone/sashing/cornerstone/sashing, etc. I then attached the row of cornerstone/sashing/cornerstone/sashing to each row – one at a time making my top larger and larger. Until it was as shown: (There is a little bit of the blue cornerstone hanging over the edge – I trimmed those off after quilting.)



3. **Press well.**
4. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
5. **Quilt** as desired. After quilting and before binding, trim to exactly $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the middle of the cornerstones. Use your ruler.
6. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished! Enjoy!

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I quilted mine with swirls.

