

Gumdrop Geometry

Top finishes at 93" x 93"

To make the quilt pictured:



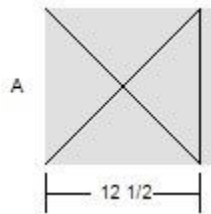
You need:

- 6 yards of white fabric scraps
- About 10 yards of colorful scraps
- $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{5}{8}$ yards for the binding (I use 2.5" scrappy strips from my bag of 2.5" strips if I can)

Note: This quilt is made up of one main (Gumdrop) block, a sashing rail fence block plus cornerstones and of course, the setting triangles.

Cut:

- From bright scraps:
 - 1 ½" x 8.5" strips for sashing – cut 144
 - Cut 5 different colored squares 12.5"x12.5" and cut twice like this for side setting triangles: This will give you 20 side setting triangles.



-Using 2 different colorful fabrics, cut 6.5"x6.5" squares and cut in half once like this for corner triangles. This will give you 4 corner triangles:

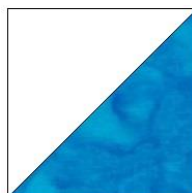


-3.5"x3.5" square for cornerstones – cut 84

Now....to the heart of the quilt....

-Make triangle HST blocks from colorful and white fabrics. I use paper and make 18 at a time. Get the paper from here. http://www.quiltingandwhatnot.ca/pdf_files/twoinfinhst.pdf

-I have a tutorial in my FB group showing how I did this. For each block you need 16 HST squares that are 2.5" as squares that are put together. If you use the paper linked, this will result in the right size. You will need to do this 55 times for this particular quilt! **You need 976 HST blocks! They look like this:**



They should measure 2.5"x2.5" at this point:

Summary: How I make the HST (half square triangle) block using paper.

1. Cut a piece of colorful fabric approximately paper size (9"x12")
2. Cut a piece of white fabric approximately paper size (9"x12")
3. Print out a sheet of paper that is linked above.
4. Sew on top of the lines of the paper indicated after that paper is placed on top of a piece of colorful and a piece of white fabric, right sides together.
5. Trim on the lines with rotary cutter.
6. Tear paper off.
7. Press HST open.

See "HST Post" in my group "Becky Quilts in the Old Country FB group.

Type in search--It is a post with lots of pictures. I am putting it as a pinned post for a few days after uploading this pattern so it will be easy to find.

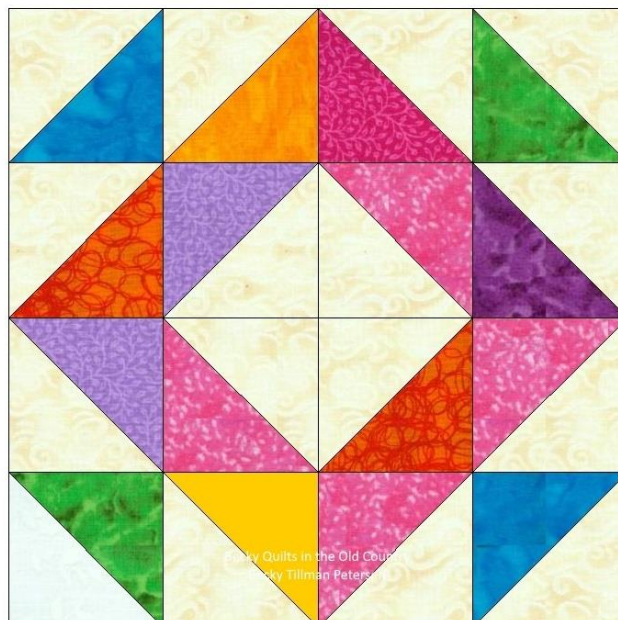
Why do I do it this way? It saves me from having to trim down later. I am not sure about you, but the thought of trimming over 900 blocks is daunting to say the least. I'd rather use paper and tear it off than trim 4 sides on over 900 blocks.

- From white:
1 ½"x8.5" strips for sashing – cut 288
You will also use white as the other part of the HST which is noted above.

Make blocks:

Use ¼" seams throughout.

- **Gumdrop Geometry block – an 8"x8" (finished in the quilt size) scrappy block**
It should measure 8.5"x8.5" at this point in the process.
Here is the block:



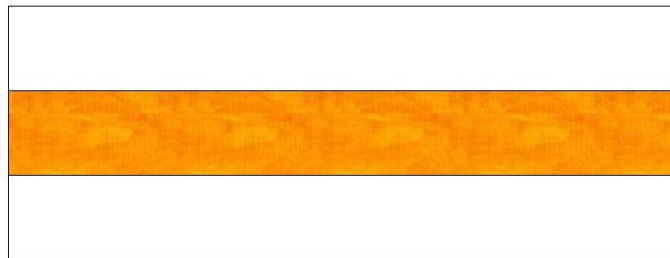
Using 16 of your previously made HST 2.5" at this point blocks, make the block. I pressed some of my colorful seams towards the whites (instead of all colorful seams towards colorful) so that the seams would nest.

(Because you will be sewing each of these blocks to a sashing strip, the actual final direction of pressing the seams doesn't matter.)

Make 61 Gumdrops blocks.

- **Sashing block – 3"x8" rectangle block (finished in the quilt size)**
You will need 2 white 1.5"x8.5" strips and 1 colorful 1.5"x8.5" strip.

Lay out according to this diagram:



Sew strips together as in diagram. Press.

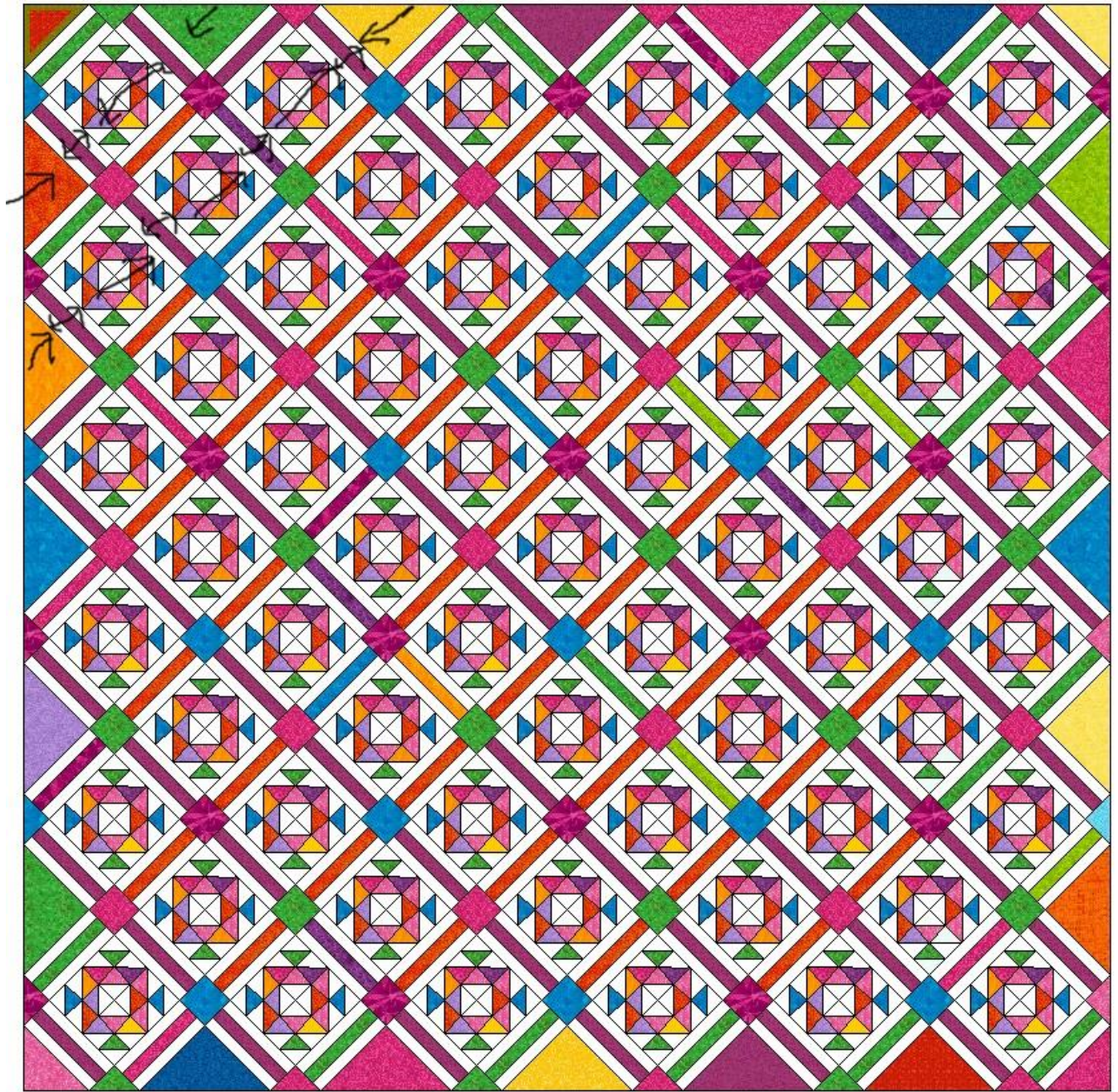
It should measure 3.5"x8.5" at this point.

Make 144 with various colored strips in the middle.

- **Cornerstone blocks**
These are cut 3.5"x3.5" square. Use various colors.
- **Side setting triangles:**
Already cut as directed in cutting
- **Corner setting triangles:**
Already cut as directed in cutting

How to make this quilt:

1. **Lay out your blocks according to this diagram.** Start with the arrow on the left side of the diagram, using a colorful side setting triangle, sew the triangle to a sashing block, then a gumdrop block, a sashing block and a side setting triangle. Follow the diagram and sew rows together first and then combine the rows. Every other row will be a row of only cornerstones and sashing strips. Sew the 4 corner triangles on last.



2. Sew together in rows.
3. Trim off excess cornerstones on edges.
4. Press well.
5. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
6. Quilt as desired. I did a loop de loop quilting



7. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations!

Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!