

Shades

93"x111"

To make the quilt pictured:



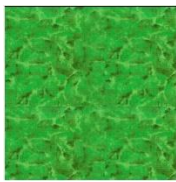
You need:

- About 2 1/4 yards of black
 - Various greens as numbered below
- Color 1 - 1/8 yard

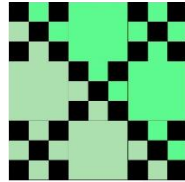
Color 2 – ½ yard
Color 3 – 7/8 yard
Color 4 – 1 yard
Color 5 – 1 3/8 yards
Color 6 – 1 3/8 yards
Color 7 – 1 3/8 yards
Color 8 – 1 yard
Color 9 – 7/8 yard
Color 10 – ½ yard
Color 11 – 1/8 yard

- 3/4 yard of your choice of fabric for binding – I used black

Note: this quilt is made up of two different 9" (9.5" unfinished) finished quilt blocks. They look like this.



and



They will be in various colorways. Explained below.

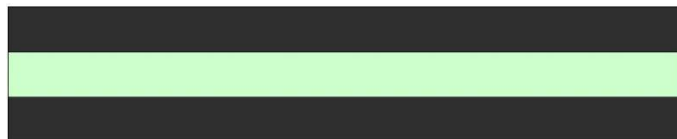
Cut:

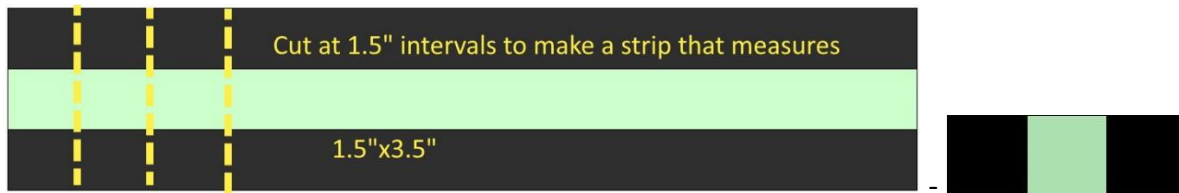
Note: I used strip piecing for making the little 1" finished sections of the 9 patches. I did not sew together individual tiny squares. When I made my quilt, I actually worked on it with two colors at a time- working my way up and across the quilt making blocks as needed. I tried to make the shades decidedly different so I could tell the difference as I worked on them.



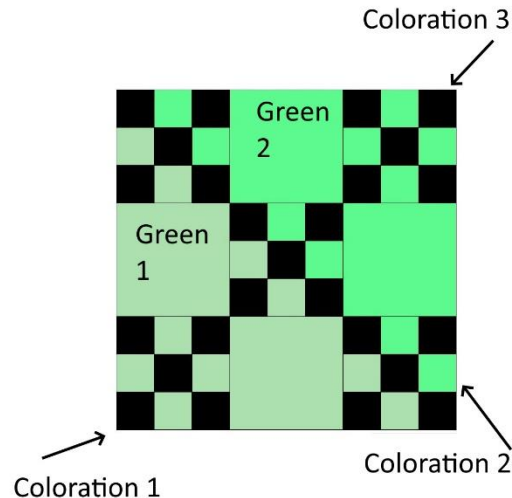
How to strip piece:

First cut strips of 1.5" of black and various greens as indicated. Sew together as needed and cut at 1.5" intervals.





Before we begin – please note that each of the larger 9 patch blocks is made up of plain 3.5” squares and small 9 patch blocks which end up being 3” square after it is sewn into the quilt. In each of the large 9 patch blocks there are 3 different colorations of the 9 patch blocks and will use 2 different green shades: Like this:



First – this is a general – “how to make the 9 patch block as shown”

For one basic large 9” - 9 patch block as indicated on the layout cut the following: You will work with 2 greens at a time in each block.

- From green 1 –
2 – 3½” squares
- From green 2 –
2 – 3½” squares

For the strip pieced segments:

Set 1:

- From black –
2 – 1.5” x 10” strips
- From green 1 -
1 – 1.5”x10” strip

Sew the above together in black/green/black layout and cut off 5 sets at 1.5” intervals to make these segments:

black/green 1/black:

Set 2:

- From black –
2 – 1.5” x 3” strips

- From green 1 -
1 – 1.5"x3" strip

Sew the above together in green/black/green layout and cut off 1 segment at 1.5" to make this piece:

green 1/black/green 1: 

Set 3:

- From black –
1 – 1.5" x 5" strip
- From green 1 -
1 – 1.5"x5" strip
- From green 2 –
1 – 1.5"x5" strip

Sew the above together in green 1/black/green2 layout and cut off 3 segments at 1.5" to make these pieces:

green 1/black/green 2: 

Set 4:

- From black –
2 – 1.5" x 10" strips
- From green 2 -
1 – 1.5"x10" strip

Sew the above together in black/green/black layout and cut off 5 sets at 1.5" intervals to make these segments:

black/green 2/black: 

Set 5:

- From black –
1 – 1.5" x 3" strips
- From green 2 -
2 – 1.5"x3" strips

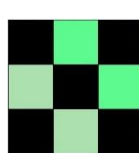
Sew the above together in green/black/green layout and cut off 1 segment at 1.5" to make this piece:

green 2/black/green 2: 

You can now take the segments you have cut up and make these little 9 patch blocks:

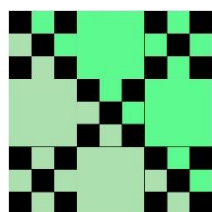
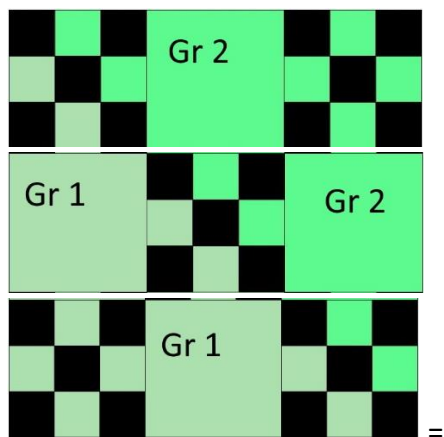
Green 1 – make 1: 

Green 2 – make 1: 

Combo – make 3: 

For this example – Now adding your 3.5" cut squares using green 1 and green 2, make the large 9 patch block:

First make rows as shown:



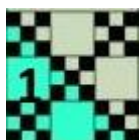
This is the general way that each of the 9 patch blocks are made. How many of each block will depend on how large the quilt is made. This one is made from 11 different shades of greens.

If using strip piecing is too complicated for you, then you can always just individually piece the little 9 patches, but you are working with very small squares (1.5") and sometimes they are squirrely.

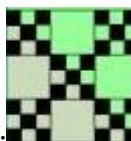
Following the layout shown, the layout below shows what you need to do.

Construct blocks:

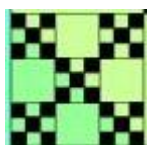
Using the diagram below and the instructions given above, make the following 9 patch blocks big blocks from the small 9 patch blocks using the method shown above:



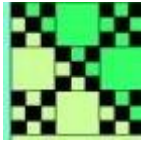
From greens 1 and 2 make 1:



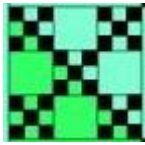
From greens 2 and 3 make 3:



From greens 3 and 4 make 5:



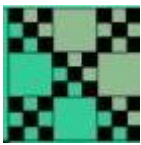
From greens 4 and 5 make 7:



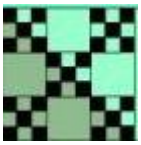
From greens 5 and 6 make 9:



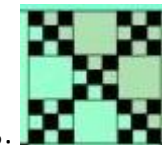
From greens 6 and 7 make 9:



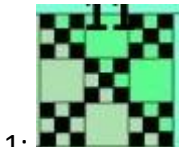
From greens 7 and 8 make 7:



From greens 8 and 9 make 5:



From greens 9 and 10 make 3:



From greens 10 and 11 make 1:

Cut from each green color # the following 3.5" and 9.5" squares

- Green 1 –
2 – 3.5"
- Green 2 –
8 – 3.5"
2 – 9.5"
- Green 3 –
16 – 3.5"
4 – 9.5"
- Green 4 –
24 – 3.5"
6 – 9.5"
- Green 5 –
32 – 3.5"

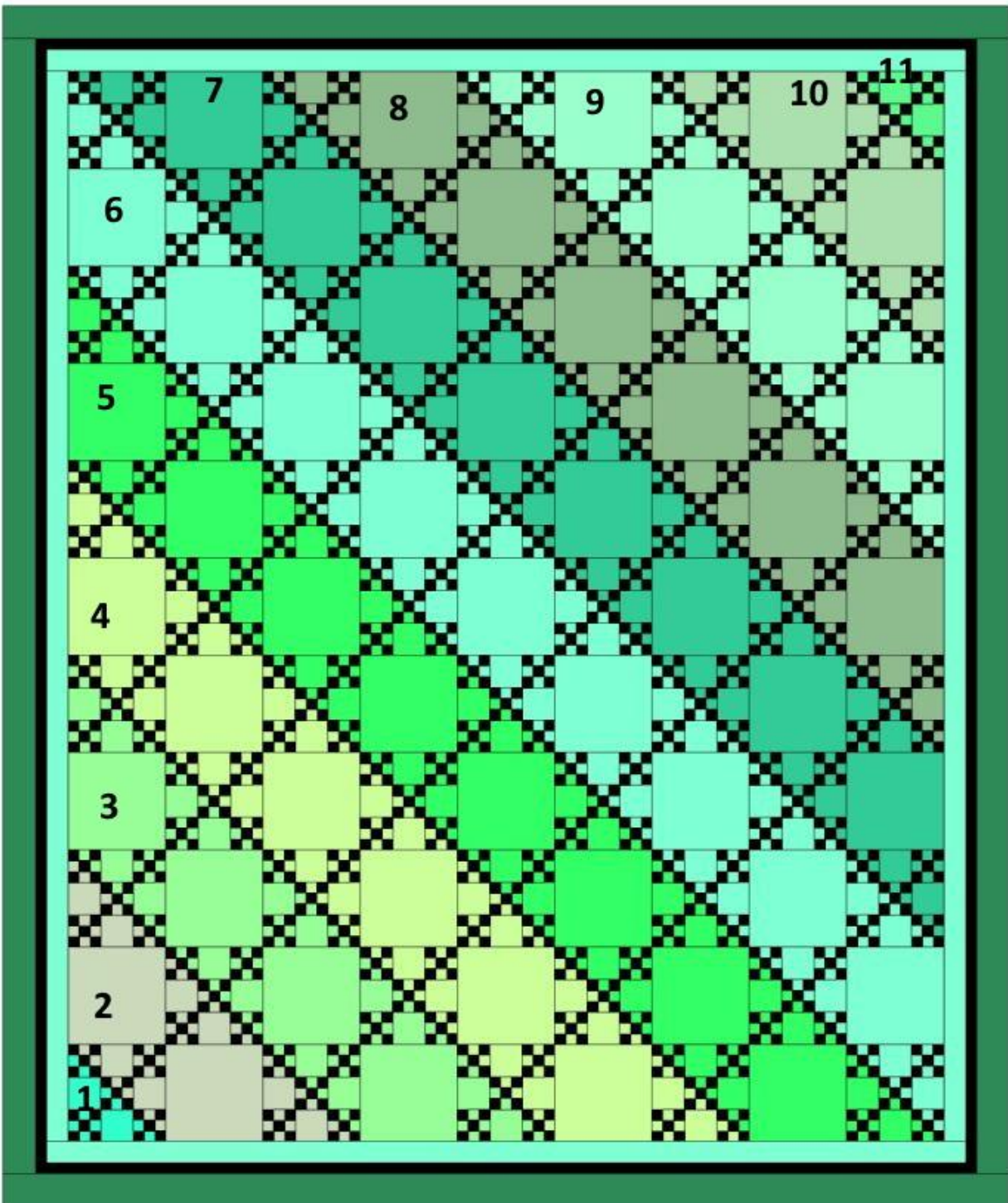
- 8 – 9.5"
- Green 6 –
36 – 3.5"
9 – 9.5"
- Green 7 –
32 – 3.5"
8 – 9.5"
- Green 8 –
24 – 3.5"
6 – 9.5"
- Green 9 –
16 – 3.5"
4 – 9.5"
- Green 10 –
8 – 3.5"
2 – 9.5"
- Green 11 –
2 – 3.5"

I hope this helps. You will also need to follow the layout and make the blocks closely following the layout. Each of the shades will need to be followed closely as to how many squares you have to make etc. If all written out, the numbers would be so confusing I didn't want to do it. If you choose to strip piece, you will need to make strips for each block – separately using the method I showed for the first one. It was necessary for me to make up two colors at a time – and no more. As I finished each 'strip' – of color – I moved to the next strip of color.



How to put together this quilt:

1. Once you have all the blocks sewn together and laid out how you you want as in the diagram, sew together in rows. When finished sewing the top center together it should be 81.5"x99.5".



2. Add borders. (For long borders – piece as necessary to get one long strip)
 - First border – light green
 - For sides – Cut 2 - 2.5"x99.5". Sew to sides.
 - For top and bottom - Cut 2 - 2.5"x 85.5". Sew to top and bottom.

- Second border – black
 - For sides – Cut 2 -1.5"x103.5". Sew to sides.
 - For top and bottom - Cut 2 - 1.5"x 87.5". Sew to top and bottom.
 - Third border – greens – I used a different green on each side but will give you directions for all the same color (I did not have enough of any one of my darker greens to make a whole border).
 - For sides – Cut 2 – 3.5"x105.5". Sew to sides.
 - For top and bottom - Cut 2 – 3.5"x 93.5". Sew to top and bottom.
3. **Press well.**
 4. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
 5. **Quilt** as desired. I used straight line quilting.
 6. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

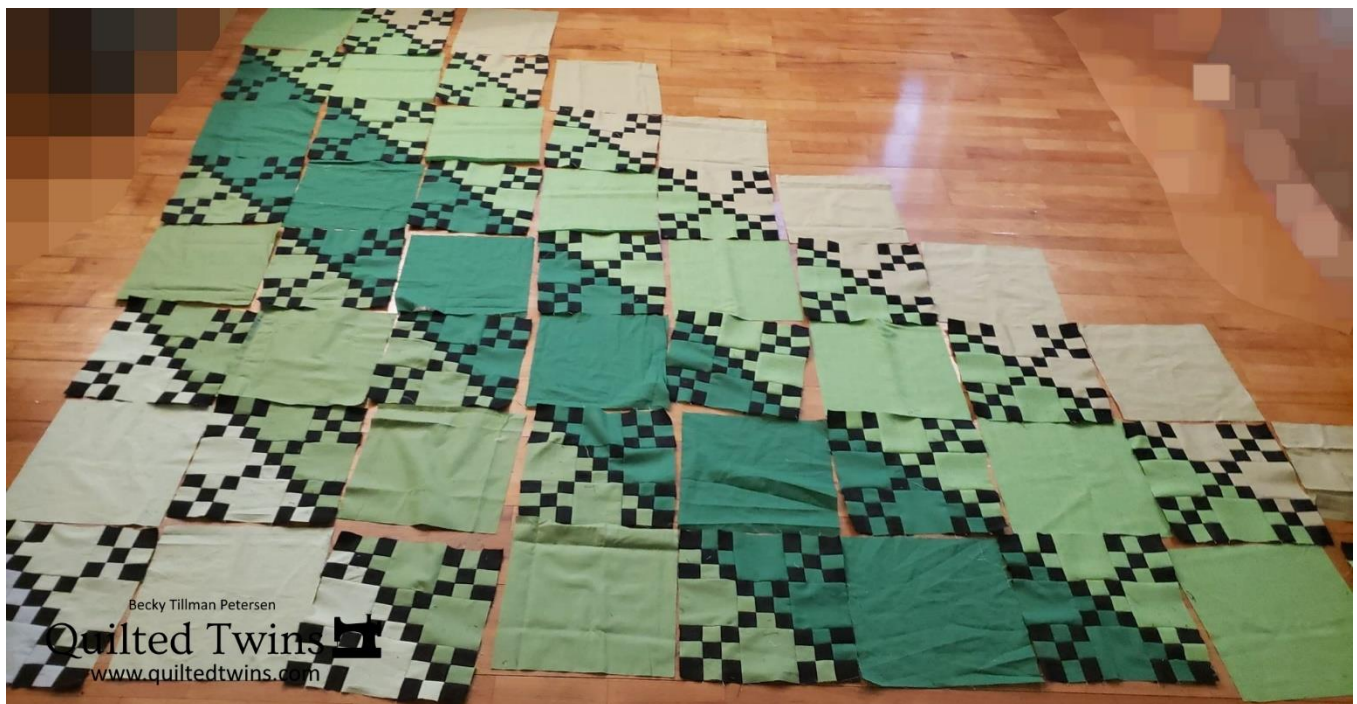
Congratulations! Your quilt is finished! Enjoy!

© 2022 Quilted Twins Becky Tillman Petersen



How I worked this one up:

I began working up blocks with the lower left and laid them out as I went.





After it was done

