

Sweet Houses

50" x 77"

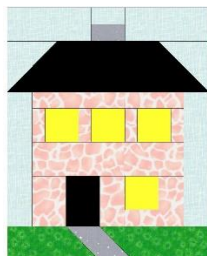


To make the quilt pictured:

You need:

- 1 yard of various pink 2.5" strips for the main house colors (1 strip 2.5"xWOF will make the main part of a house)
- 1/4 yard of yellow or other color for windows – I used 2.5" strips of white, blue, yellow
- 1/8 yard gray for sidewalks
- 3/8 green for grass
- 7/8 yard something light for background of the houses
- 1-3/8 yards white for background of sashing strips
- 1/2 yard black for roofs and doors
- 1 -1/4 yard of various pinks for sashing, cornerstones and binding

This center of the quilt is made up of a single house block which is 12.5x15.5" before being sewn into the top:

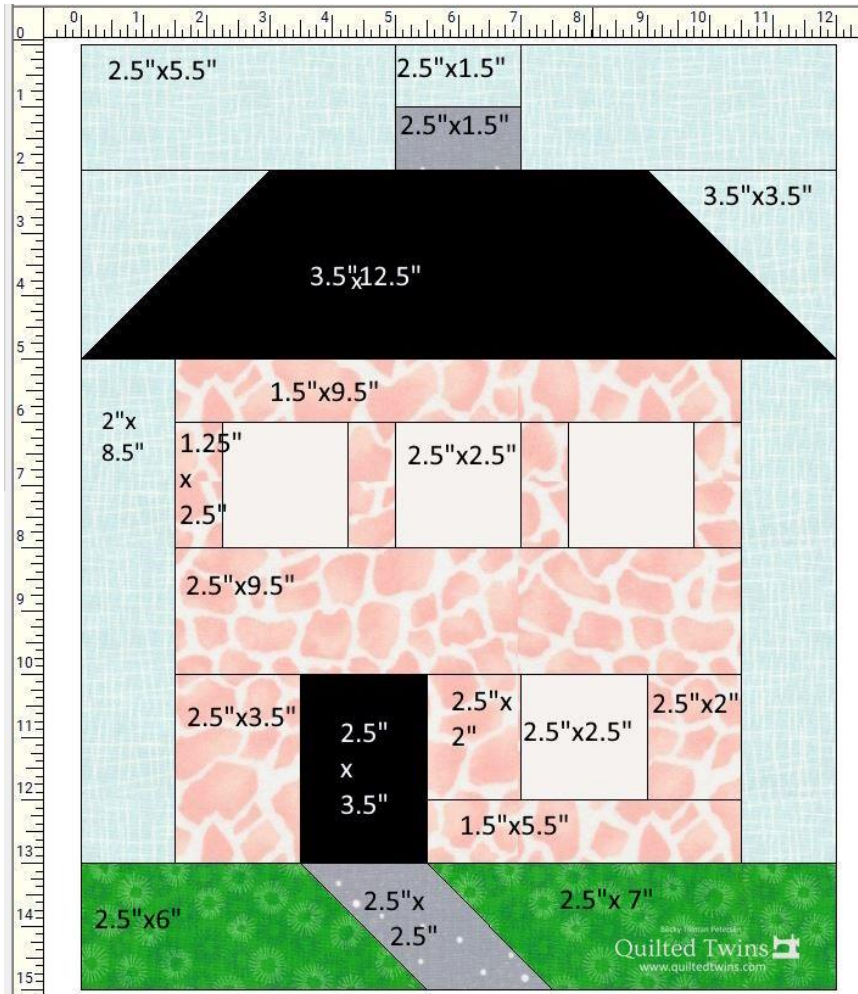


Note: Use 1/4" seams throughout. When long strips are needed, piece as needed to make length needed.

WOF = width of fabric

Cut:

For each block:



From pink for main part of house – from a strip of 2.5”xWOF

- 2.5”x9.5”
- 2.5”x3.5”
- 2.5”x2”
- 2.5”x1.5”
- 1.5”x9.5”
- 1.5”x5.5”

From yellow, white, blue for windows – also can use a 2.5” strip

- (3) 2.5”x2.5”

Gray for chimney and sidewalk

- (1) 2.5”x4.5”
- (1) 2.5”x1.5”

Black for roof and door

- 3.5”x12.5”
- 2.5”x3.5”

Green for grass

- 2.5”x6”
- 2.5”x7”

Light for background of each house

- (2) 3.5"x3.5"
- (2) 2"x8.5"
- (2) 2.5"x5.5"
- (1) 2.5"x1.5"

For cornerstones and sashings for a quilt of 12 blocks: (20 cornerstone blocks and 15 short sashing blocks and 16 longer sashing blocks)

For cornerstones:

From white:

- (4) 1.5" x WOF strips

From pink:

- (5) 1.5" x WOF strips

For sashing pieces:

From various whites:

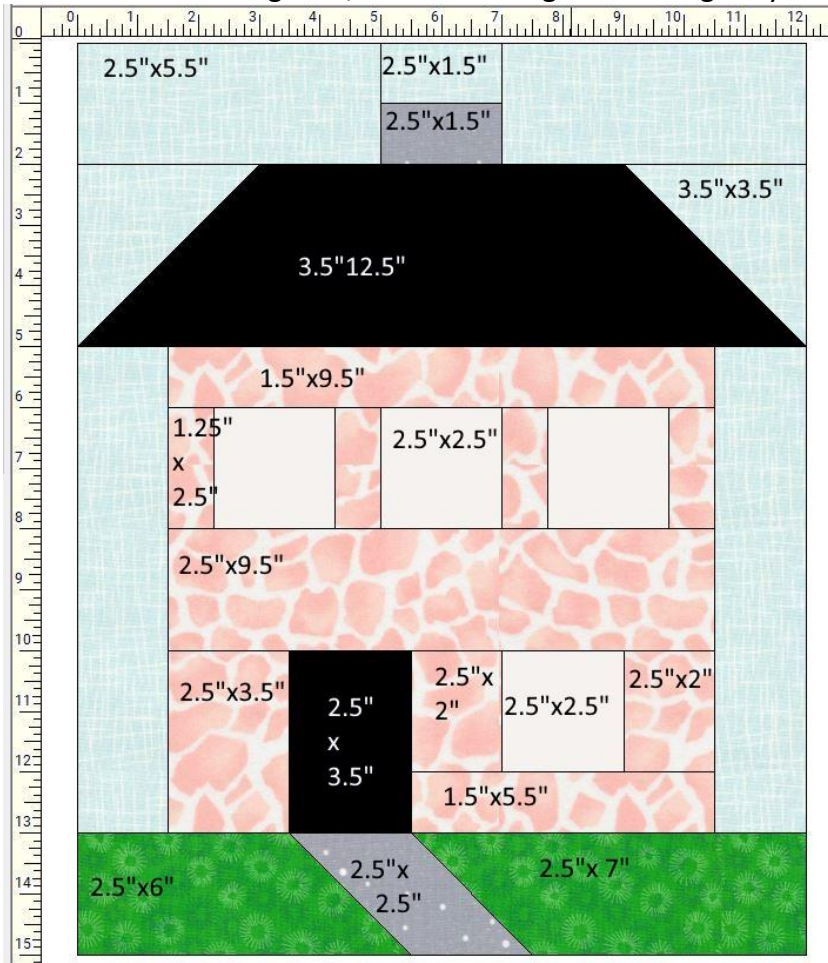
- (30) 1.5"x12.5"
- (30) 1.5"x15.5"

From various pinks:

- (15) 1.5"x12.5"
- (15) 1.5"x15.5"

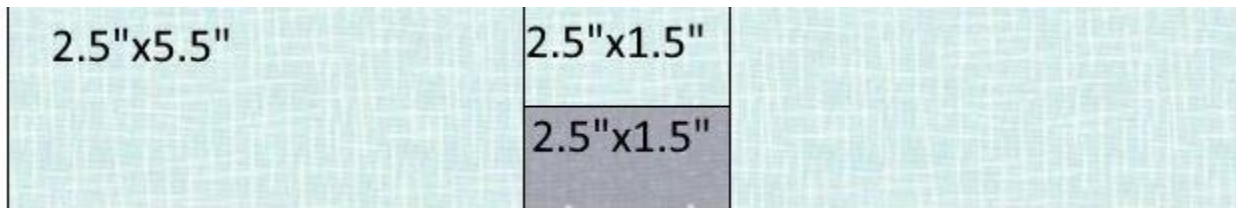
Construct blocks: (Make 12)

I work best with diagrams, so I am making this one big for you!

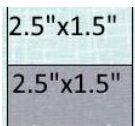


To make these houses, make each block in sections.

Sky section:

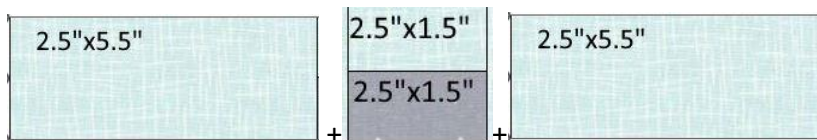


Sew the 2.5"x1.5" blue piece to the same size gray piece.



Press seam – either open or to the gray. In general, you can either press open or to one side for this entire house block.

Add the light blue 2.5"x5.5" piece to each side of the piece you just sewed as shown:



Make one of these sections for each house.

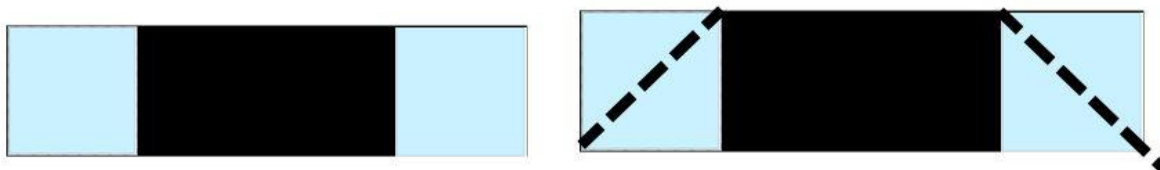
Roof section:



Main house and side sky section:

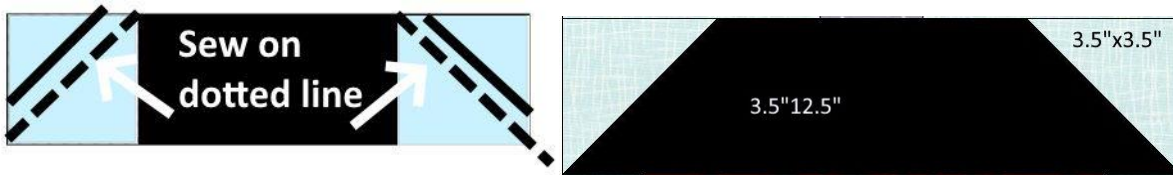
On the back of a lt. blue 3.5" square, draw a diagonally across it with a pencil or erasable pen.

Place the 3.5"x3.5" lt blue square over the edge of a black rectangle that is 3.5"x12.5" with the corners lined up. Sew across on the line you already drew.





Flip the fabric back and check to make sure it is even with the edge of the black rectangle. Once satisfied, trim away the light blue fabric from behind the black that is extra.

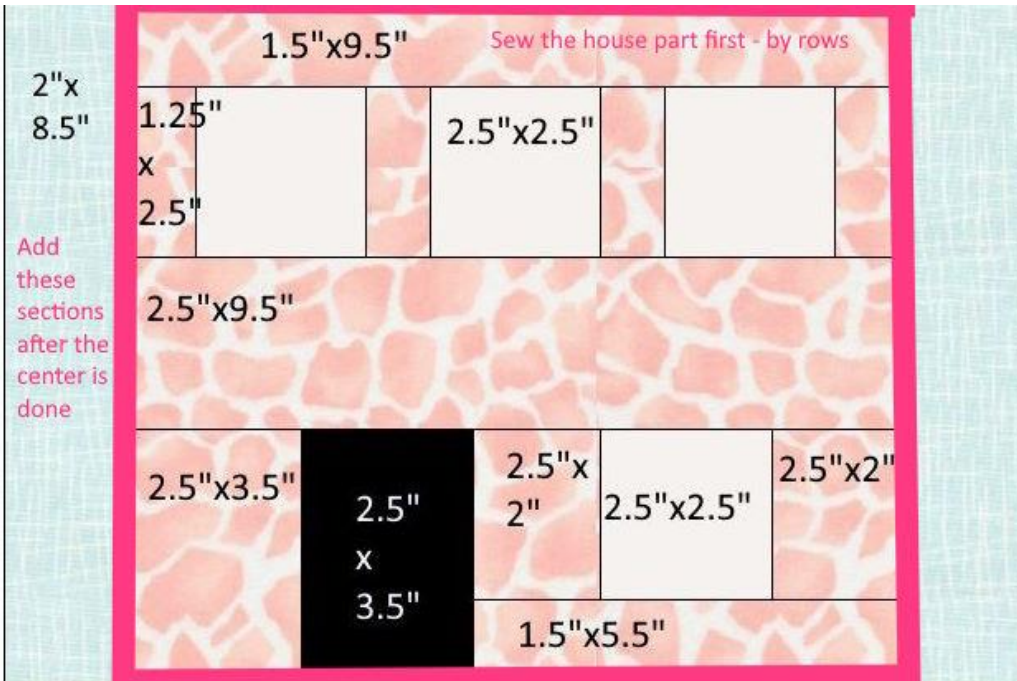


The entire roof/sky section should be 3.5" x 12.5" at this point.

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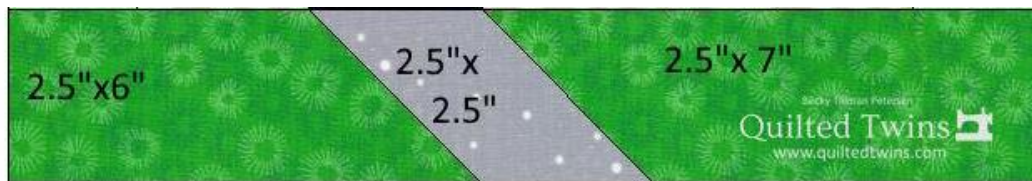
The main house section:

Using the diagram below, sew the rows of the house block together as indicated with the hot pink lines. Once sewn together, add the side sky fabric pieces (2.5x8.5"). Press well.

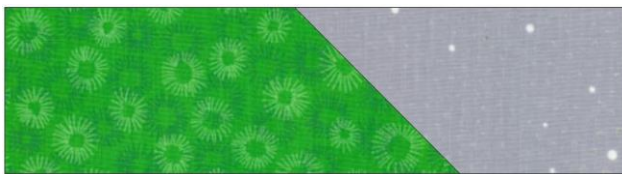


This entire section will be 8.5" tall x 12.5" wide at this point. For this quilt, make 12.

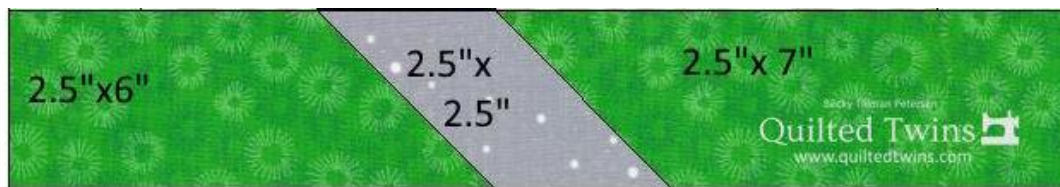
Grass section:



To the gray 2.5"x4.5" rectangle, add the 2.5"x6" green piece as shown.



Add the 2.5"x7" to the other side of the gray.



You now have the sidewalk and grass sections. This section will be 2.5"x 12.5" wide at this point.

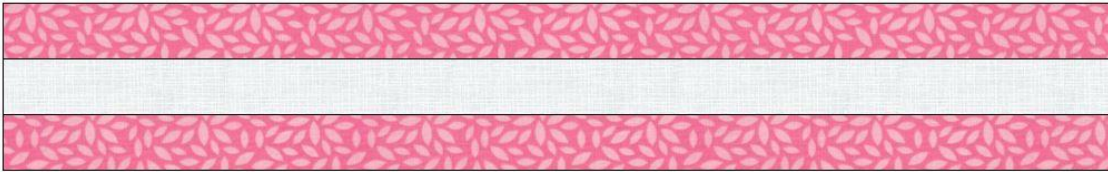
For this quilt, make 12 grassy/sidewalk areas. Feel free to go scrappy – maybe a floral fabric instead of the grass? Or gravel and a dirt pathway?

Sashings and cornerstones: *(in the photos below I'm using a variety of pinks – as I used many different ones in my quilt.)*

Cornerstones are a simple 9 patch with the pink in the corners and white in the center.


Each cornerstone 9 patch finishes at 3.5"x3.5" before being sewn into the quilt.

Sew together 2 pink 1.5"xWOF strips to a white 1.5"xWOF strip to form a unit that looks like this: Make 2 strip units like this:

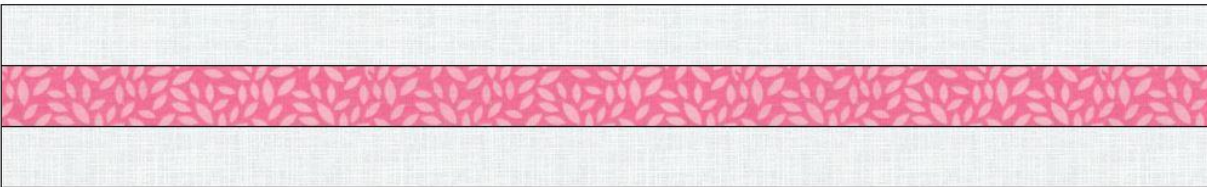


Cut off 40 segments at 1.5" as indicated in this diagram:

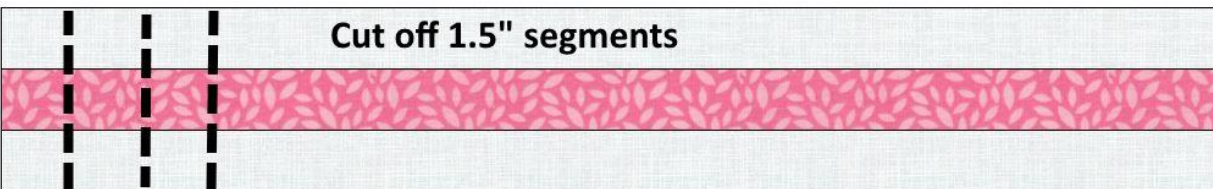



Each little segment will measure 1.5"x3.5" and look like this: 

Sew 2 white 1.5" strips PLUS 1 pink strip like this: Make 1 strip set as shown

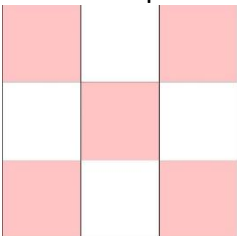


Cut off segments as shown:



Cut off 20 segments as shown:  It will measure 1.5"x3.5" at this point.

Make 20 9 patches which are 3.5"x3.5" at this point. These are your cornerstones.



Sashings are a simple rail fence with a white/pink/white strip.

Using your pieces that are 1.5"x 12.5" and 1.5"x15.5" long make sashing pieces that look like this: Make sure to put the pink strip in the center and a white strip on each side.

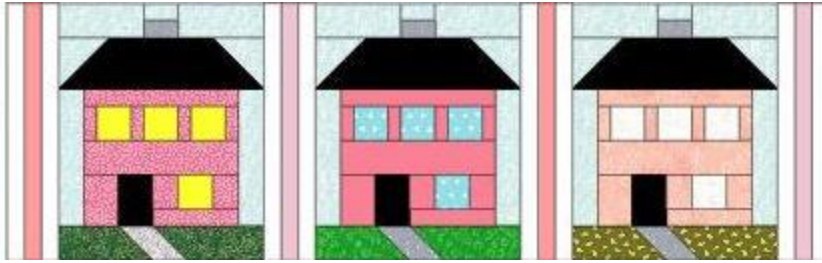


Make 15 – 3.5"x15.5"

Make 15 – 3.5"x12.5".

How to put together this quilt:

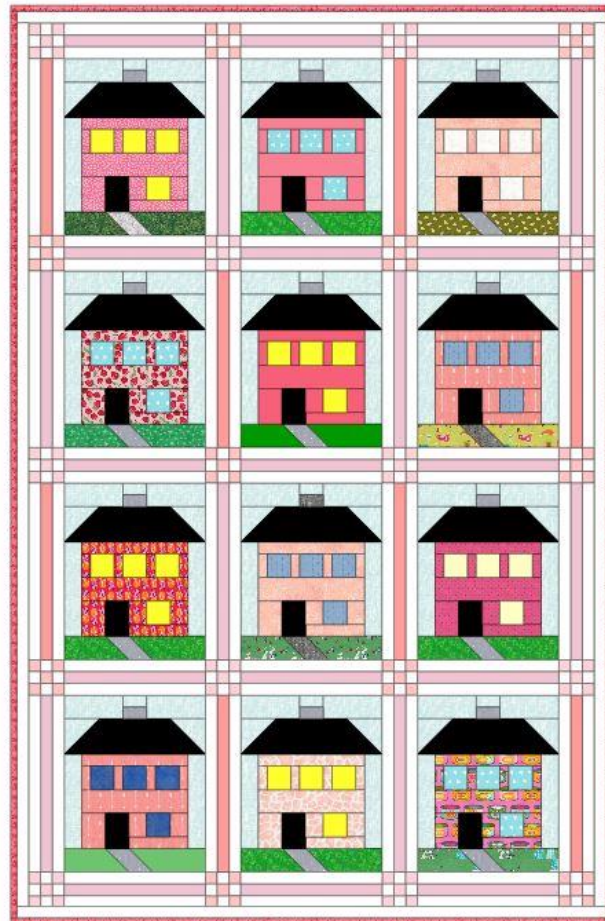
1. **Make blocks** as described above.
2. **Using this diagram, put your rows together.**
 - First decide which house goes where and put the sashing/house/sashing/house/sashing, etc. Make 4 rows.



- Then make rows of cornerstones/sashing/cornerstone/sashing. Make 5 rows.



Sew the center of the top together Note: diagram below shows the white border and indicates binding.



3. Add Border: white

Cut (2) 1.5"x75.5". Add to sides.

Cut (2) 1.5"x50.5". Add to top and bottom.

- 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! This quilt really can be fun. Change up colors of anything you can!



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