

Big X

98"x98"

To make the quilt pictured:

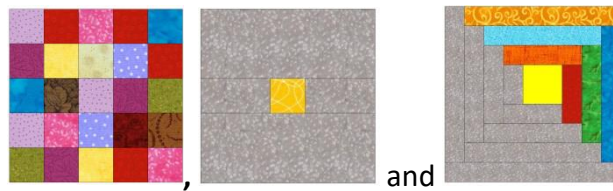


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You need:

- About 5 yards of scraps and 2" squares in order to make your blocks from. I used already cut up 2" and 1 1/2" strips
- 1/4 yard – bright yellow for middle squares of log cabin blocks
- 1 yard of red for inner border
- 4 5/8 yards of black
- About 3/4 yard of fabric for the binding.

Note: This quilt consists of 3 blocks (plus some plain borders): (Black is shown as gray.) I will call the blocks – 25 patch, black square with colorful center, and log cabin block:



Cut:

For the 25 patch blocks: (64 blocks needed)



- You will need 1600 2"x2" squares in 320 strips of 5. You may cut them individually if you wish, but I don't. I make my strips of 5 like this:

I sew 5 strips together like this from my already cut up 2" strips: (of course they aren't that even on the ends!)



Then, I press seams all in one direction. Then, I cut off 2" segments like this:

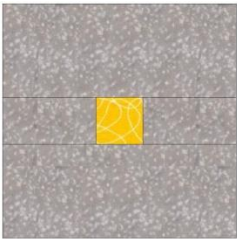


Now you have strips of 5 squares together that looks like this:



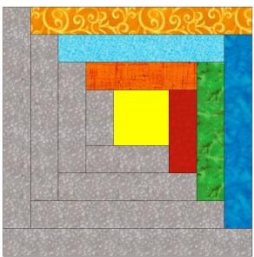
Do this a multitude of times to get 320 such strips in a variety of color combinations.

For the black square block with colorful center: (17 blocks needed)



- From black:
34 – $3\frac{1}{2}$ "x8" rectangles
34 – 2"x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- From colorful
17 – 2"x2" squares – for centers

For the log cabin block: (36 blocks needed)



- From black:
36 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "
36 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "
36 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "
36 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $5\frac{1}{2}$ "
36 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $6\frac{1}{2}$ "
36 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $7\frac{1}{2}$ "
36 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $8\frac{1}{2}$ "
36 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $9\frac{1}{2}$ "
- From bright yellow:
36 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ "x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "
- From bright scraps:
36 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "
36 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "
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Construct blocks:

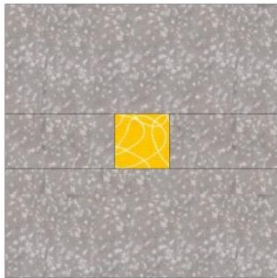
1. **The 25 patch blocks:** Block is 8"x8" before being sewn into the quilt top.



- Using your previously made 5 square strips, sew them together, nesting seams, until you have a 25 patch. First sew two strips together. Then sew a third onto those two, and then a fourth, then a fifth. Press. Sew half with the first row of seams pointing up and half with the seams pointing down.
- Make 64.

For the black square block with the colorful center:

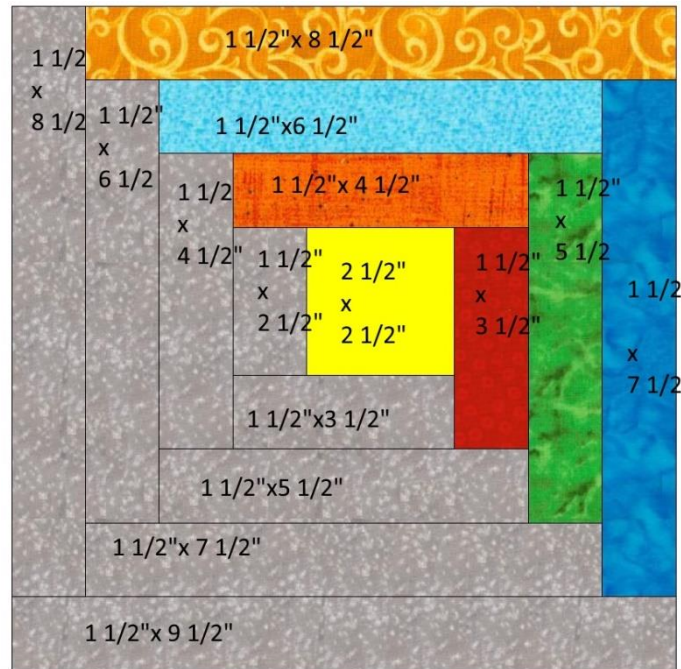
1. **The 25 patch blocks:** Block is 8"x8" before being sewn into the quilt top.



- Take your 2 black 2"x3½" strips and sew the colorful 2"x2" square to the middle like this:



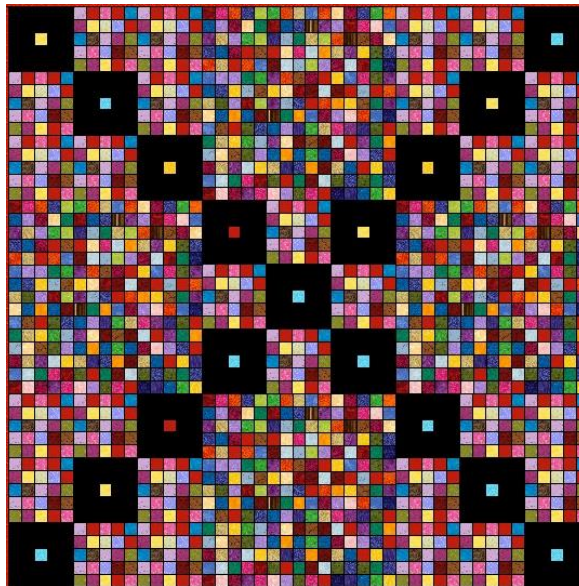
- Sew your two black 3½"x8" pieces to the top and bottom of this piece. Press.
 - Make 17.
2. **For the log cabin block:** (they finish at 9½"x 9½" before being sewn into the quilt top).



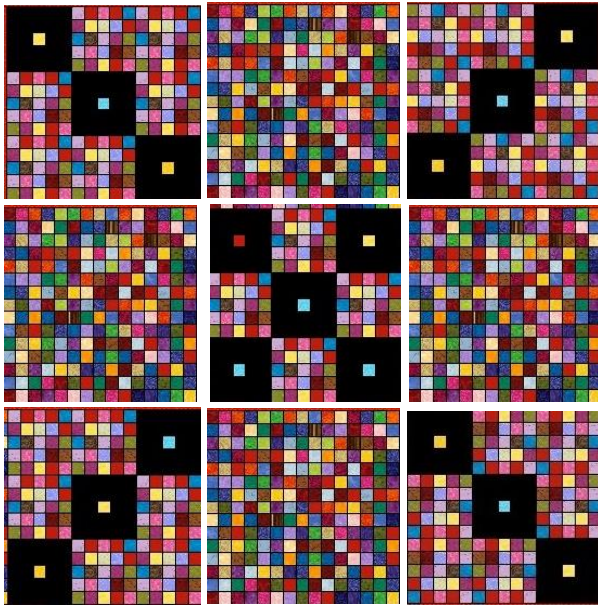
- Using this diagram, starting with the yellow and the $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ black strip, sew around in a counterclockwise direction and add “logs” until your square measures $9\frac{1}{2}'' \times 9\frac{1}{2}''$.
- Make 36.

How to put together this quilt:

1. Construct your blocks as described above.
2. Using the diagram below, lay out your blocks.



I made big “9 patches” first and then sewed those 9 patches together. So the quilt center went together like this:



Stop and admire. It looks pretty cool, right? *(When you sew those rows together you will find it nice for nesting if you make the blocks with some of them with the first seams going up and some with them going down.) It will measure 67 ½" x 67 ½" at this point.*

3. **Borders.** I am going to give you measurements for your borders as the red needs to be this size so that the log cabin blocks will fit.

First border: red:

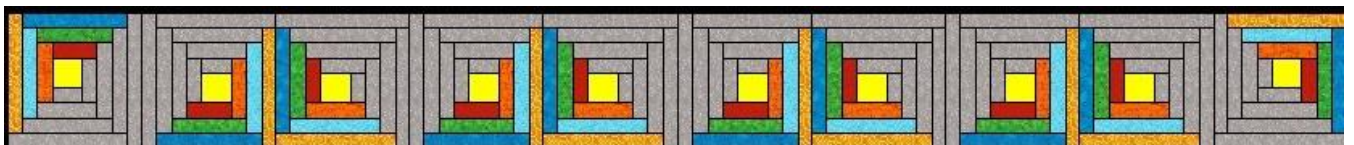
- Cut strips 2¾" x WOF and sew together until you have enough to cut 4 pieces –
- Cut 2 – 2¾" x 68. Attach to sides.
- Cut 2 – 2¾" x 72 ½" Attach to top and bottom.

Second border: log cabin blocks:

- Sew 8 log cabin blocks together as in diagram. Do this two times. Use the diagram to help you with layout. Attach to sides.



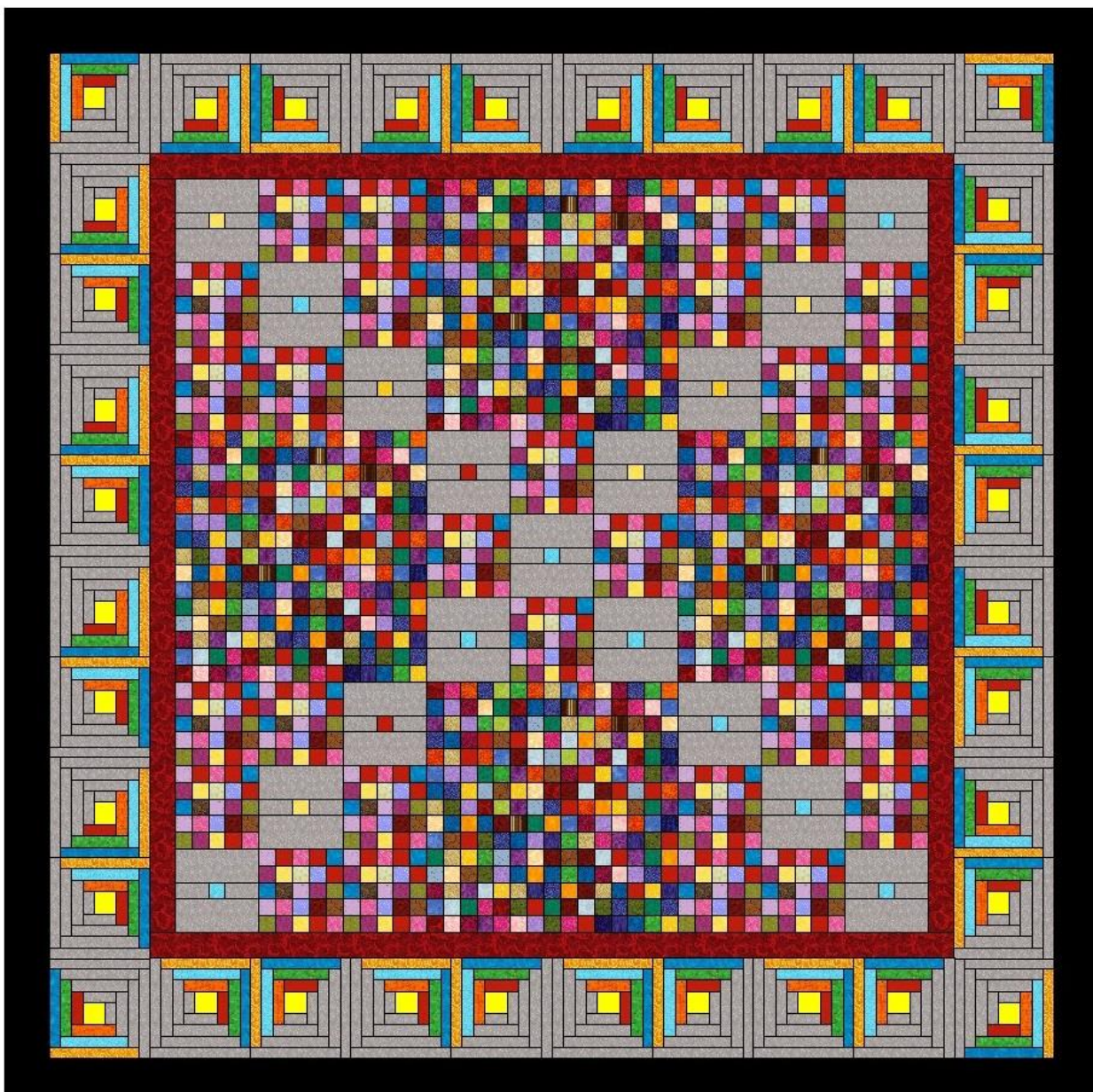
- Sew together 16 more log cabins as before, in two groups of 8. Then add the corner blocks in the direction as shown on the layout. Attach these strips of log cabin blocks to the top and bottom of the quilt.



Third border: black:

- Cut 4½" x WOF and sew together until you have enough length to subcut
2 – 4½" x 90 ½" Attach to sides.
2 – 4½" x 98 ½" Attach to top and bottom.

Complete layout: (remember – black is shown as gray)



4. **Press well.**
5. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
6. **Quilt** as desired. I did an all over meander:



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

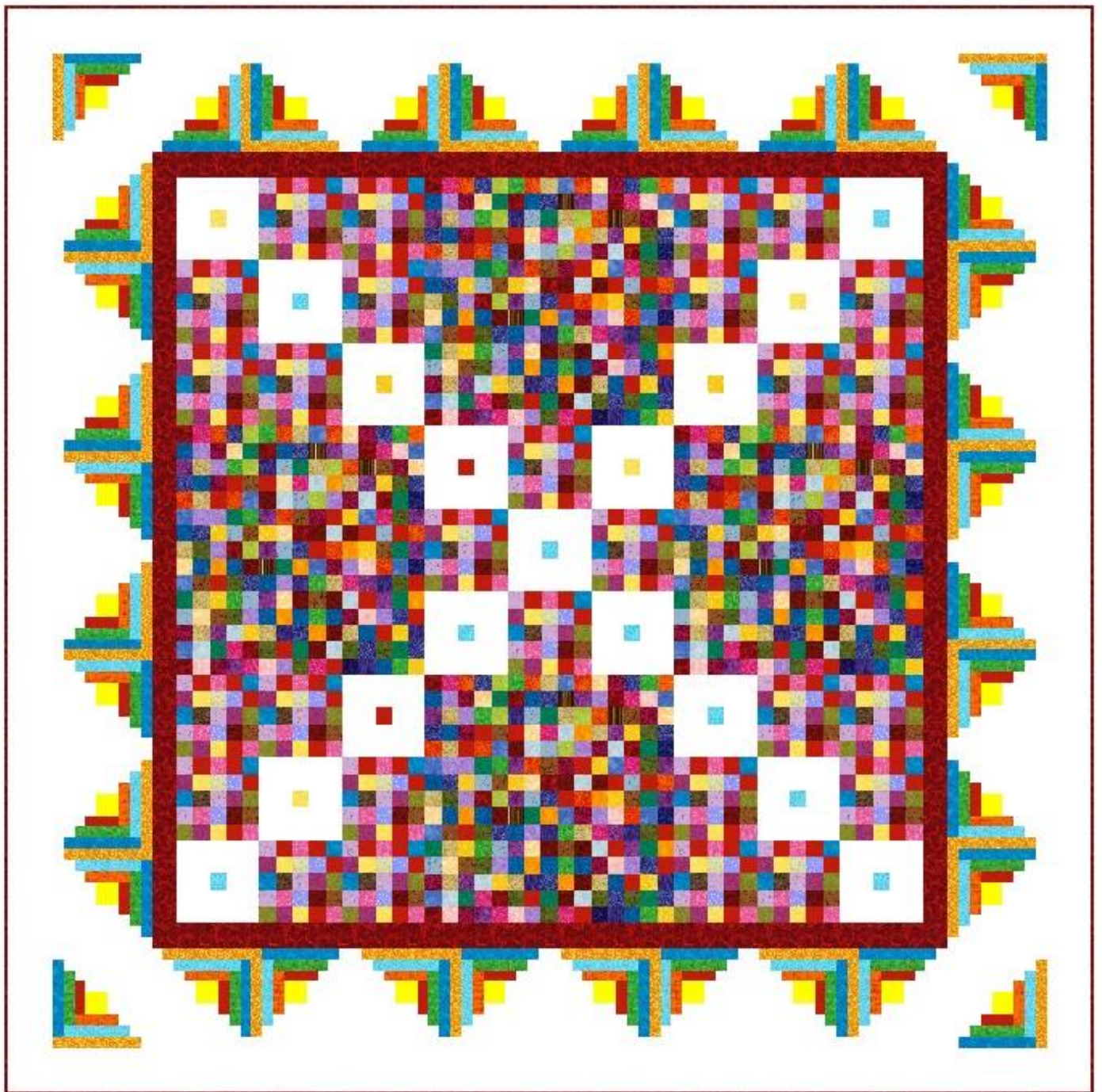
Congratulations!

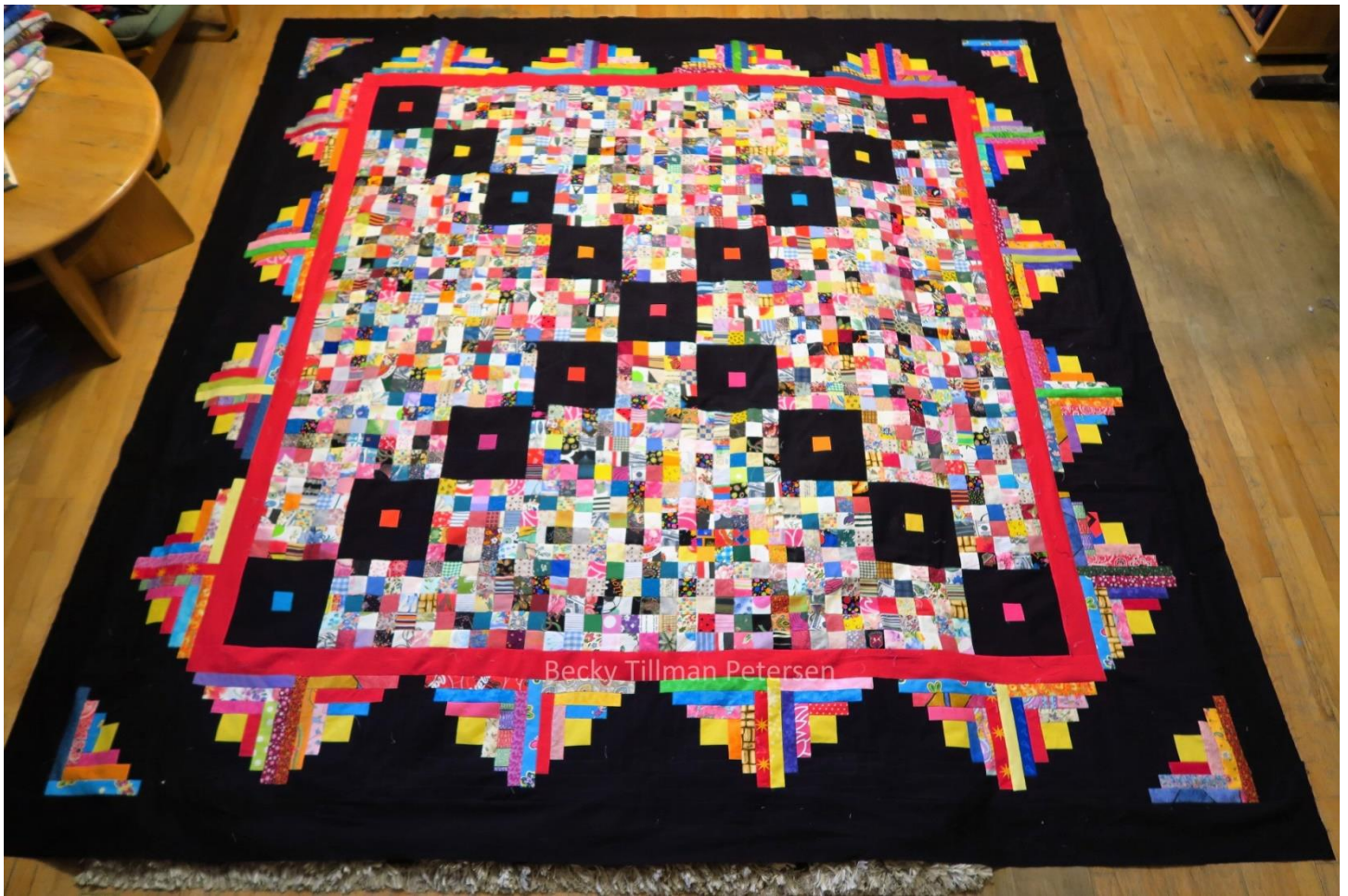
Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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This quilt would look nice with white too. Here is what the mockup of it is like with white and a red binding:





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