

# Circling the Nines

Top finishes at about 95x95"

To make the quilt pictured:



## You need:

- About 5-6 yards of various purples and blues fabrics. I used 2" strips already cut up and in my bag. You will need some lightly hued ones for the rail fence blocks for a subtle effect.
- About 6 ½ yards of white
- About ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding. (I used scrappy 2.5" strips.)

Note: This quilt is made up of 2 blocks plus the border block: a 9 patch (though there are two colorways for the 9 patches) and a rail fence block.

For this quilt you will need

- 98 - 9 patch blocks with the darks in the corners, and
- 98 - 9 patch blocks with the whites in the corners
- 169 rail fence blocks with a pale lavender or blue as the center rail

### **Cut:**

**Note:** I used already cut 2" strips of purples and blues and various whites which I pulled out of a bag of already cut up strips.

### **For your 9 patch blocks:**

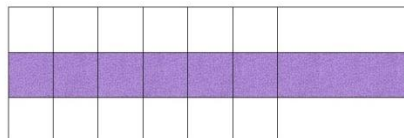
Using your scrappy strips, made strip sets, out of white, blue or purple, white and blue, white, purple. They should look sort of like this:



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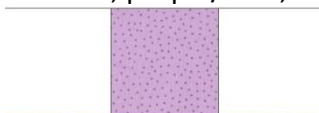
Cut off 2" segments. Like this:



and



You will need 294 strip sets with the colors -- white, purple/blue, white like this:



You will need 294 strip sets with the colors -- purple/blue, white, purple/blues like this:





### **For your rail fence blocks:**

Cut

- 169 light lavender or lt. blue strips, 2"x5"
- 338 white strips 2"x5"

### **For your white spacer blocks:**

- 56 white 5"x5" squares

### **For side setting triangles:**

- 14 - 8"x8" squares cut twice diagonally like this: - This will give you 56 side setting triangles. Mix up the colors a bit, choosing a variety of deeply saturated colors. (These will be a bit too big—you can trim off before you bind.)



### **For the corner setting triangles:**

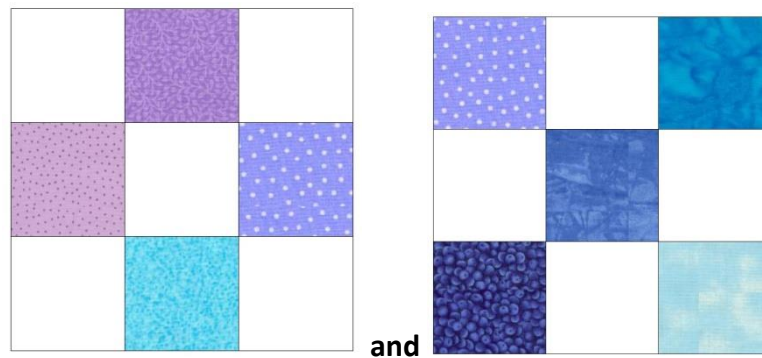
- 2 - 4 1/2" squares, cut once across on the diagonal. I used two different fabrics. This will give you 4 corners. They will be a bit too big. Trim after all is quilted and before you bind.



### **Construct blocks:**

**For the 9 patch**, using previously cut off strip sets as described above, construct your 9 patch blocks. They will be 5" at this point.

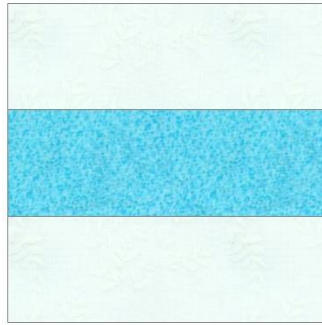
This is how your 9 patch block needs to look:



**Make 98 of each set.**

### **For your rail fence block:**

Sew 2 whites and a light blue or lavender to make this block: They also should be 5" at this point.

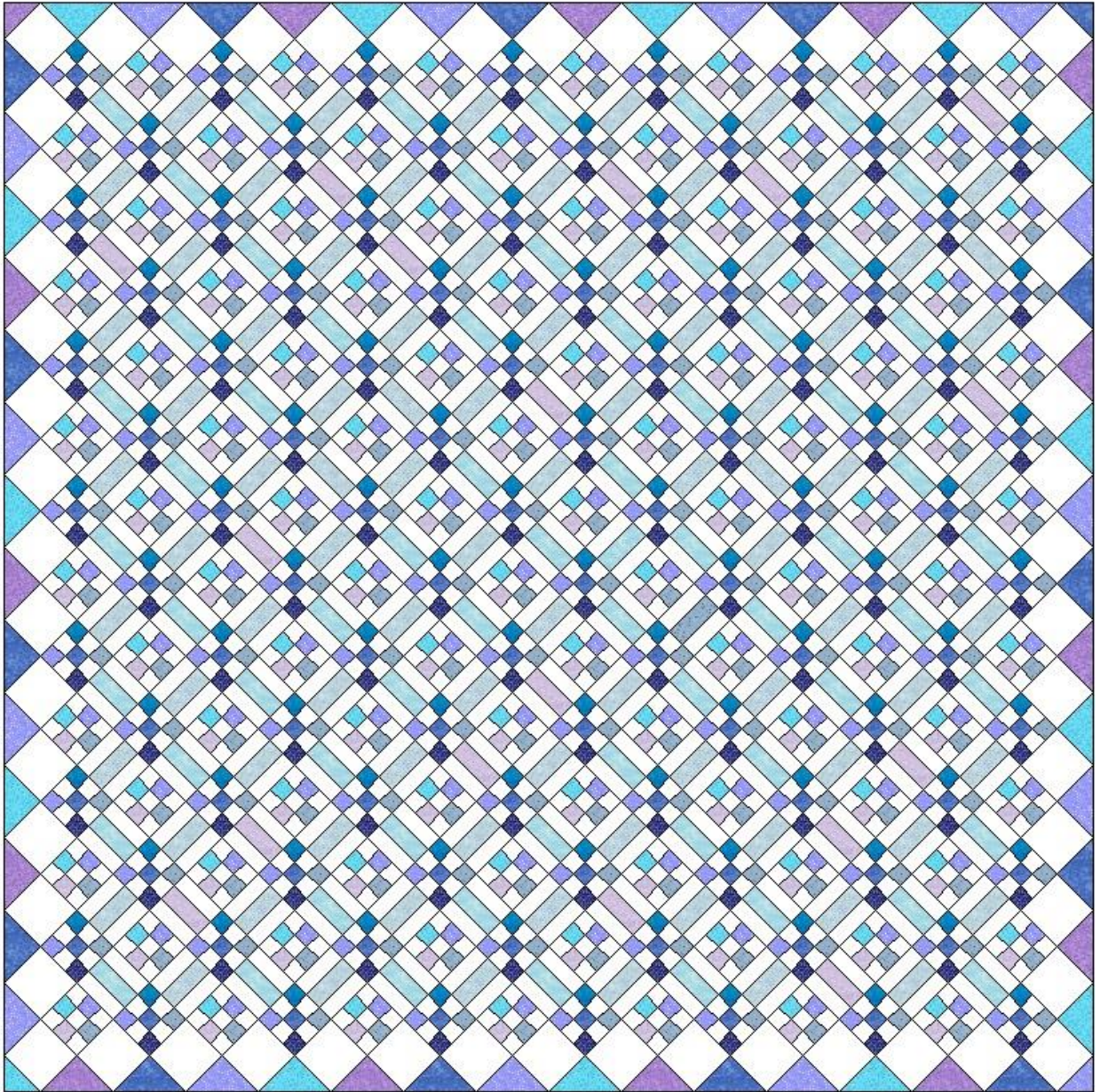


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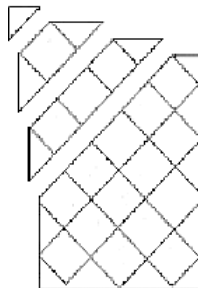
**Make 169.**

### How to put together this quilt:

1. Make blocks as described above.
2. To make the center, using the diagram below, lay out the blocks and sew together in rows. Watch the placement of the 9 patch blocks.



For constructing a quilt top on point use this drawing to help you. Start in the corner like this drawing shows and add one row at a time. I put the corners on last.





Here is a good article about putting blocks on point.

[http://www.mccallsquilting.com/content\\_downloads/Setting\\_Blocks\\_On\\_Point.pdf](http://www.mccallsquilting.com/content_downloads/Setting_Blocks_On_Point.pdf)

3. **Press well.**
4. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
5. **Quilt** as desired. I did an all over stipple as I did not want to distract all from the delicate design.



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

**Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!**

**Enjoy!**

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My quilt ended up being about 91"x91" after quilting and washing