

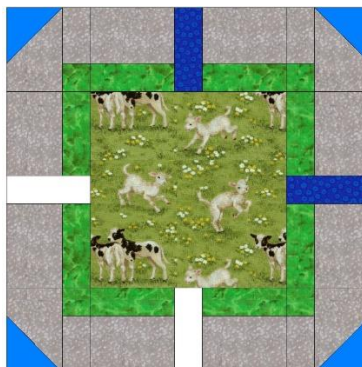
# Connect the Boxes

60½" x 75"

To make the quilt pictured:



This quilt is made up of one block – 13.5" (before sewing into the top) and looks like this:



## You need:

- 7/8 yard of feature fabric – mine is wolves and is a directional fabric
- 7/8 yards of bright blue for the dotted lines
- 2 5/8 of gray
- ¼ yard of white
- ¼ yard of light blue
- 7/8 yards of green
- 1/2 yard of your color choice for the binding.

## Cut:

### **For 20 Blocks:**

From novelty fabric – this pattern is for fabric that has a directional print:

- 20 – 7½" squares

From royal blue:

- 40 – 1½" x 3½" strips

From white:

- 40 – 1½" x 3½" strips

From green:

- 160 – 1½" x 3½" strips (I recommend strip piecing these) Do not cut these if strip piecing – see below
- 80 - 1½ squares (I recommend strip piecing these) Do not cut these if strip piecing – see below

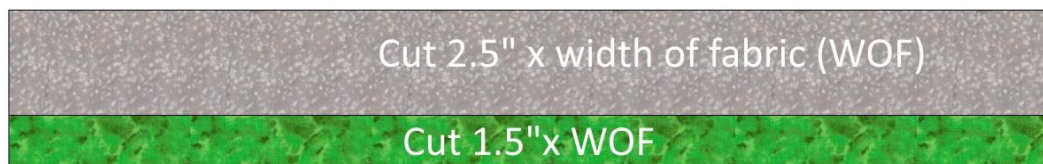
From gray:

- 80 – 2½" x 3½" strips
- 160 - 2½" x 3½" strips (I recommend strip piecing these – that's why they are listed separately) Do not cut these if strip piecing – see below
- 80 – 1½" x 2½' strips (I recommend strip piecing these) Do not cut these if strip piecing – see below

From light blue:

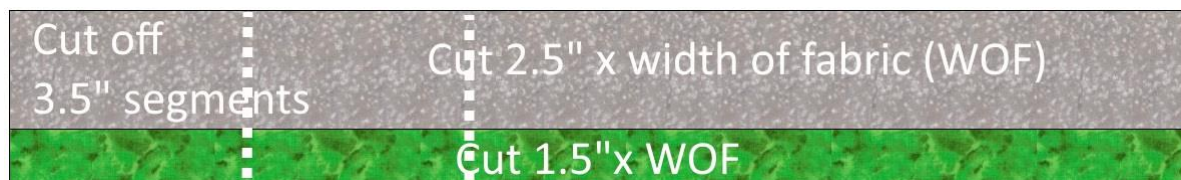
- 48 – 2½" squares

**To strip piece the needed gray/green segments do it like this:**



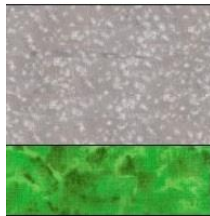
Sew together cut strips of 2.5" gray and 1.5" strips of green as shown. Press seam allowances towards the GREEN.

Make 14 strip sets like this and cut off 3.5" sections. (figuring 40" long strips)



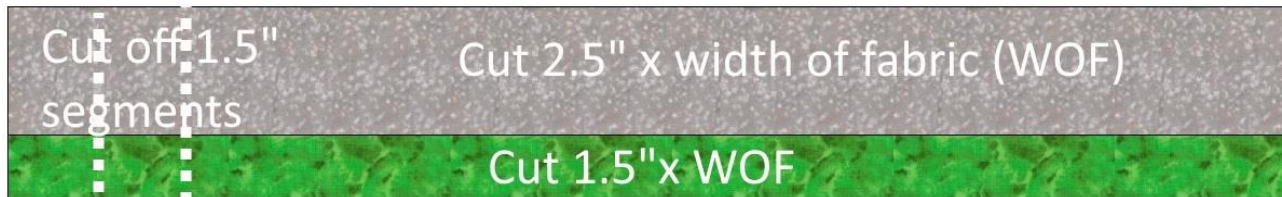


Cut 160 segments like this:



Sew together 3 more strip sets like this:

Repeat for smaller segments, only Press strip sets towards the GRAY:



Make 80 segments like this:



### For sashings and cornerstones:

From gray:

- 31 - 2" x 13½"

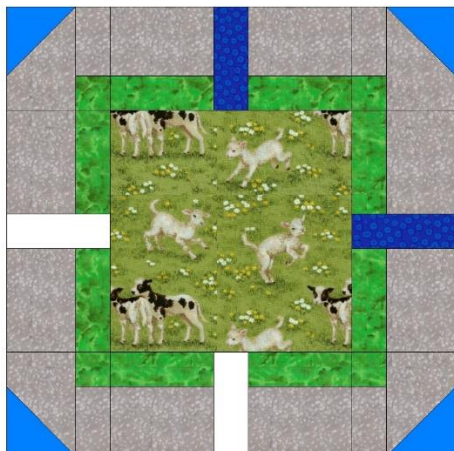
From medium or dark blue:

- 12 - 2" squares

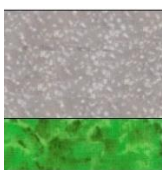
**Borders will be dealt with later under "How to make this quilt"**

### How to make these blocks:

There will be a variety of these blocks if you want to make them exactly like mine – but they are all a variation of this block:



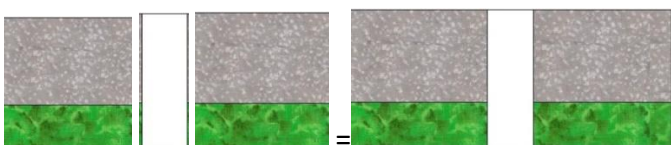
1. Make these segments: *if you chose to strip piece, ignore step 1* as they already made!



Sew a 1.5"x3.5" green strip to a 2.5"x3.5" gray strip like this:

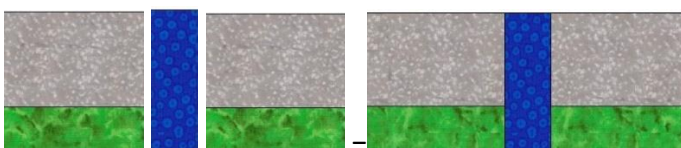
Repeat to make 8 segments.

2. Add a white 1.5"x3.5" strip to the center to create this segment:



Make 2 for each block

Add a blue 1.5x3.5" strip to make 2 more for each block



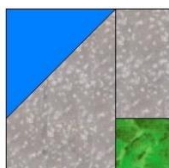
3. Locate your previously made strip sets with a 2.5" gray and a 1.5" green –



4. "Snowball" the corner of your gray 2.5"x3.5" rectangle with a 2.5" blue square by sewing across the middle of the blue which has been placed right sides together on top of the gray corner and sewn from corner to corner diagonally, trimmed, flipped back and pressed.



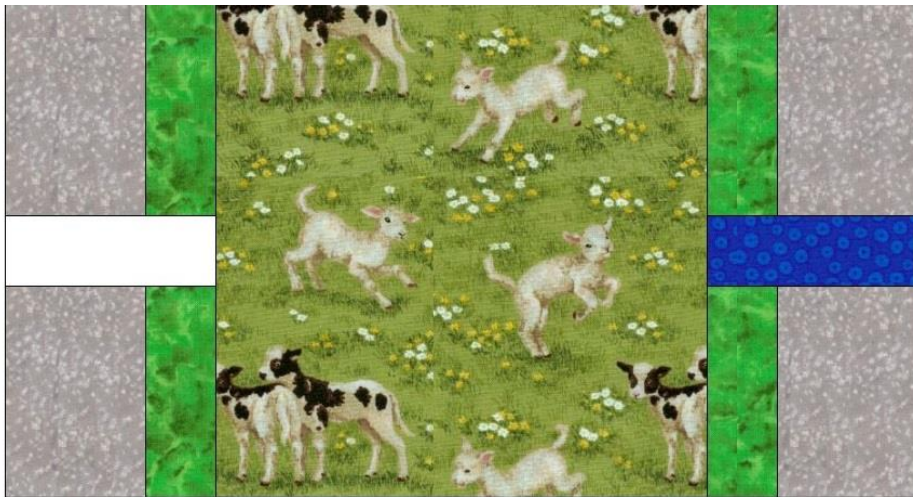
5. Add the segment in step 3 to the segment in step 4 to create this segment:



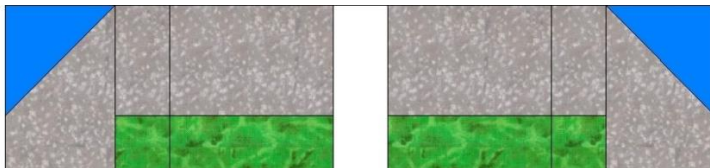
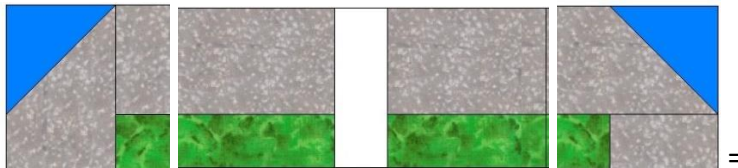
Now you will be able to put together your block:

Following the pictures as needed, add the colored segments

To the center 7.5" square, add the previously created segments like this:

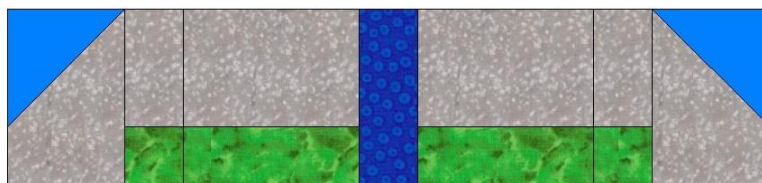
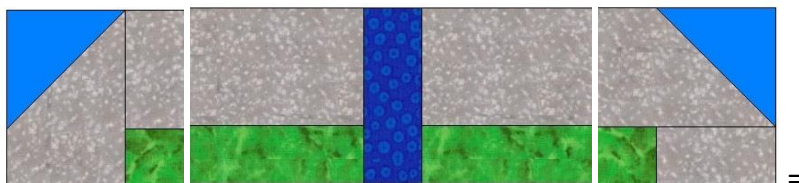


For the top and bottom, create a strip set like this:



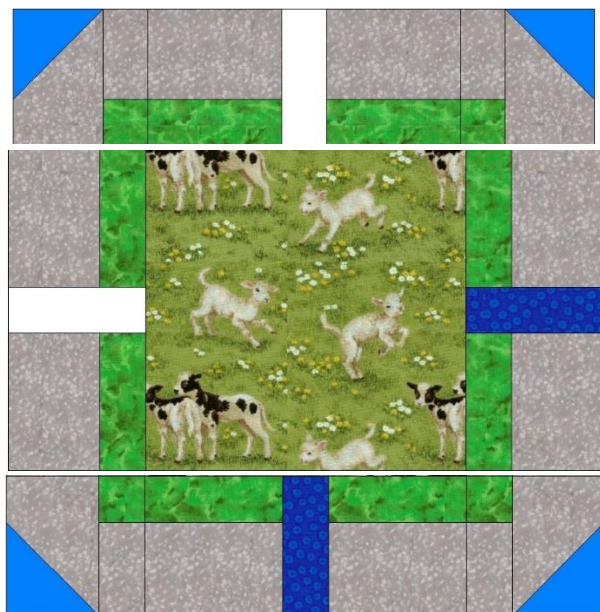
I know that the seam in the finished block on the corner block is in a different location in the diagrams, but it shouldn't matter. See photo of finished block at the very bottom of the pattern.

And

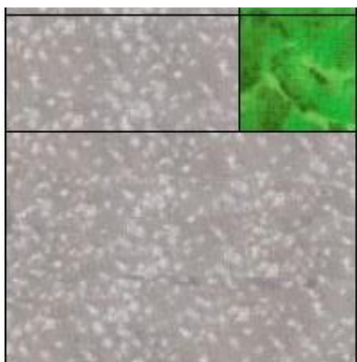




Now add to the top and bottom



For some of the corner blocks, you will need to leave off the snowballed effect and that segment will look like this:



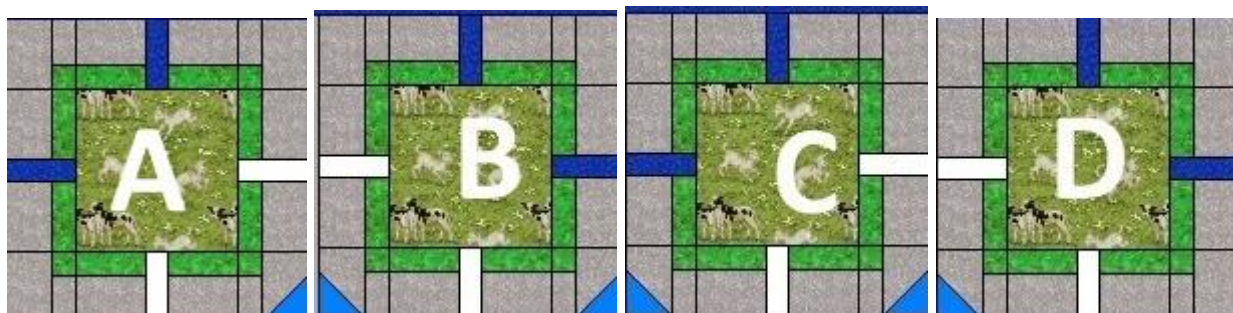
Make these blocks:

A – Make 1

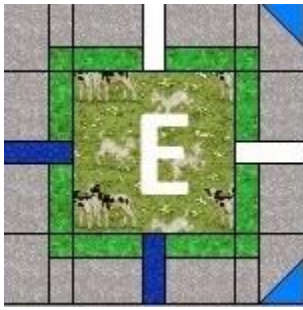
B – Make 1

C – Make 1

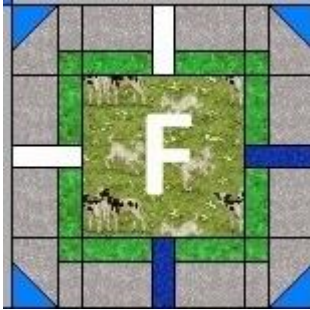
D - Make 1



E – Make 2



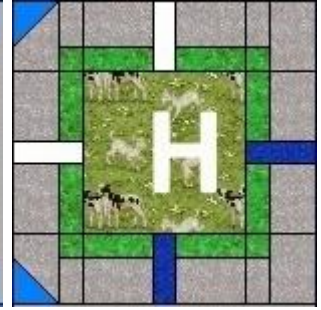
F – Make 2



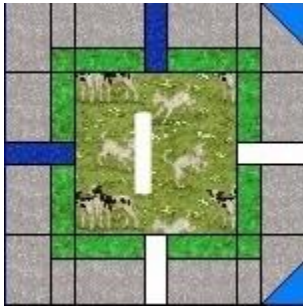
G – Make 2



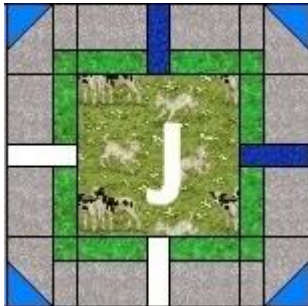
H – Make 2



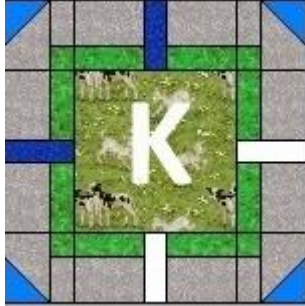
I – Make 1



J – Make 1



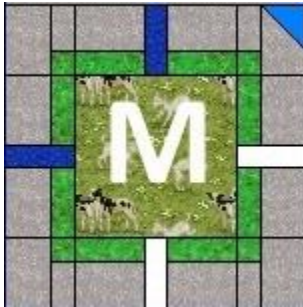
K – Make 1



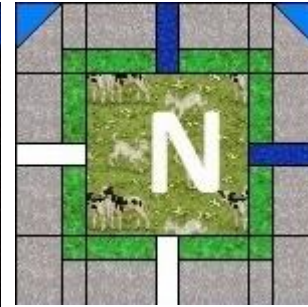
L – Make 1



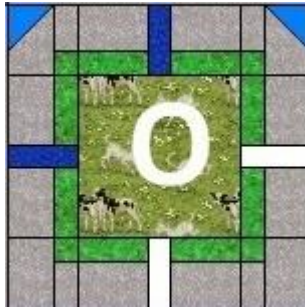
M – Make 1



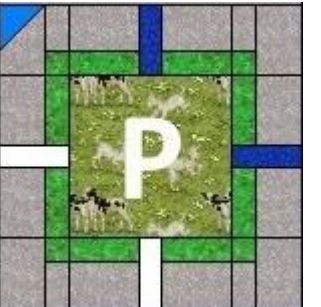
N – Make 1



O – Make 1



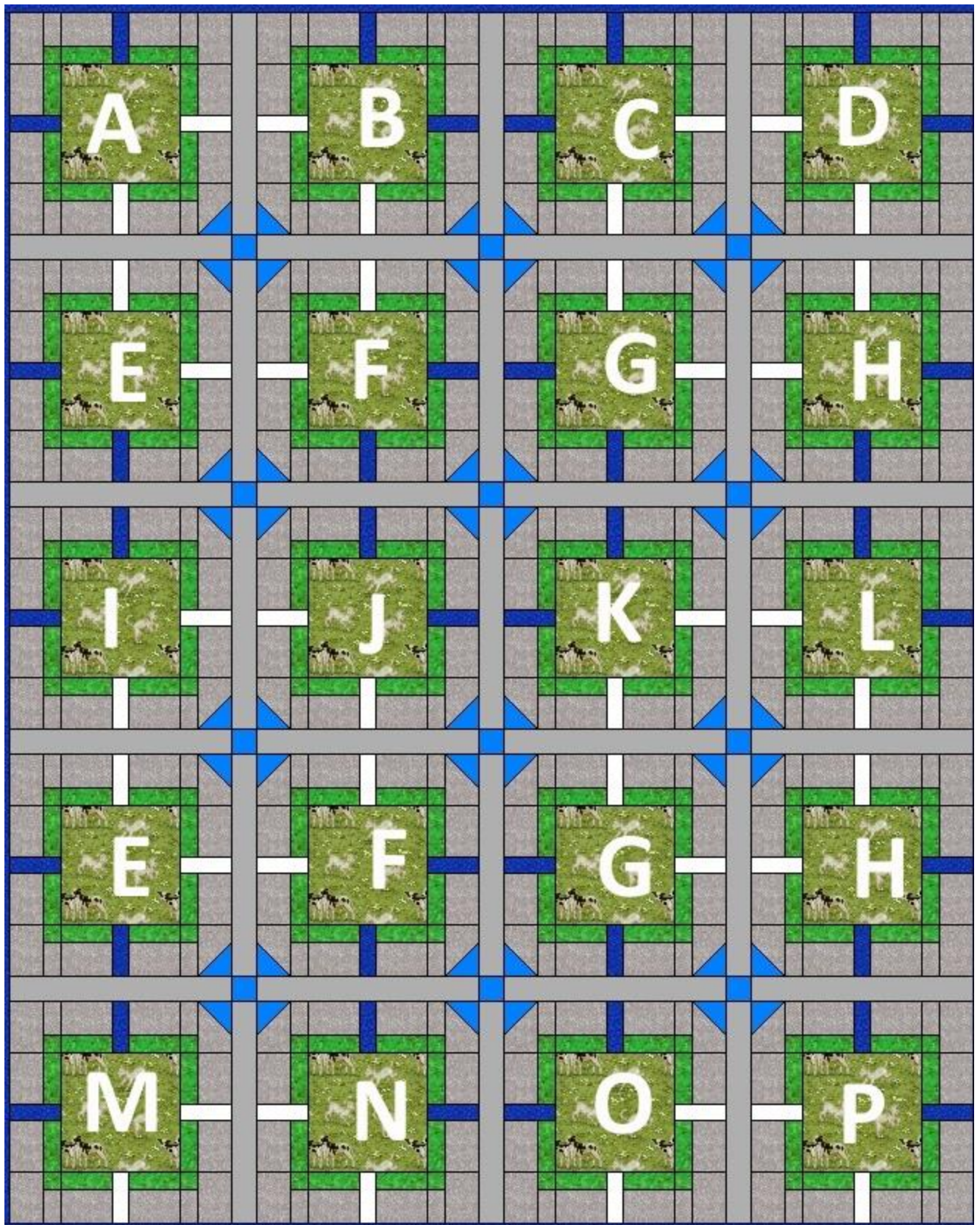
P – Make 1



### **How to make this quilt:**

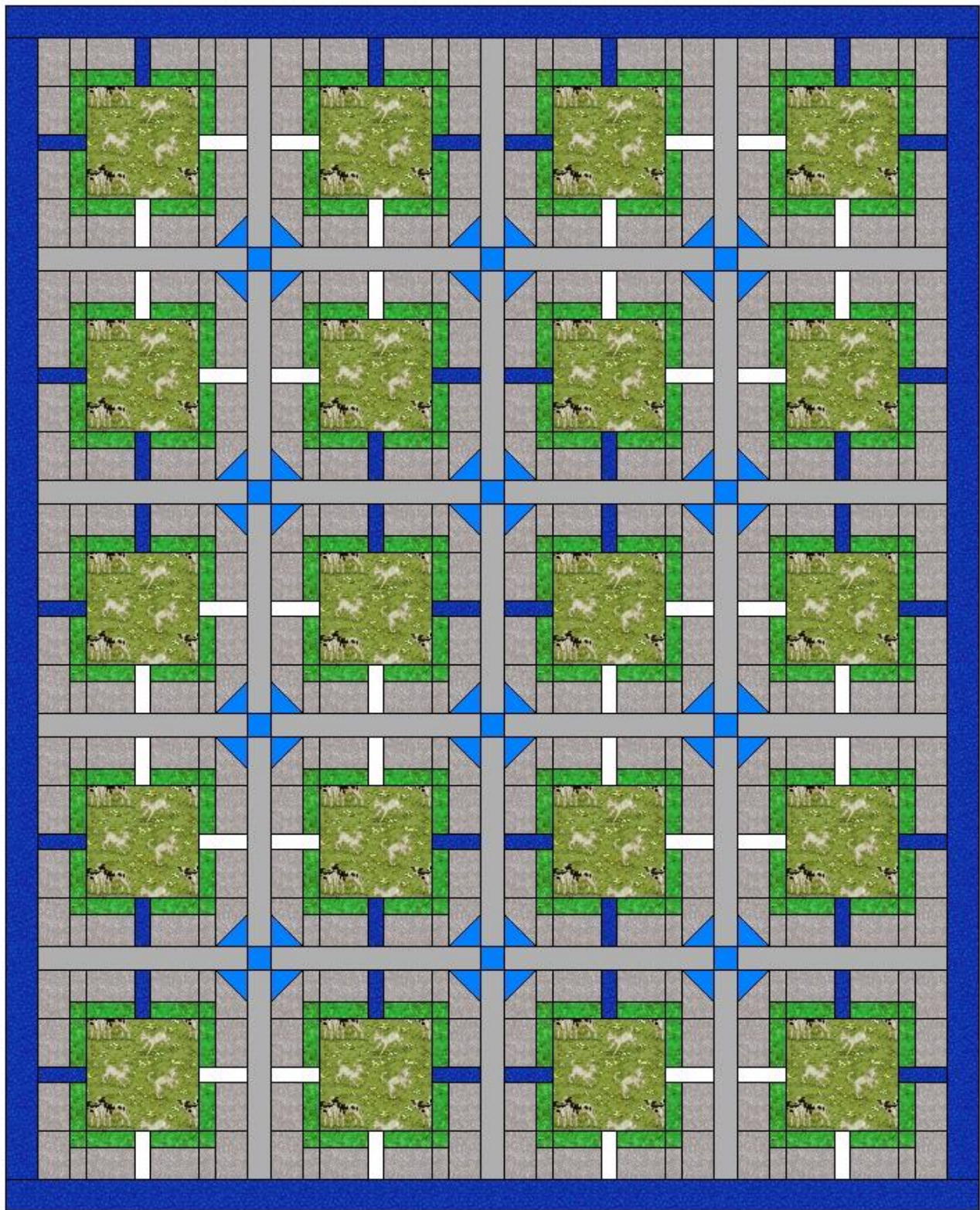
1. Using this diagram, place your blocks carefully. Put a sashing strip between each block and between each row, a sashing strip and cornerstone block as shown. The cornerstone blocks are the same blue as the snowballed corners.





While the diagram shows two different grays, I used all the same in mine – but the slightly different grays show where the sashing is and where the block is.





For now ignore the border, and sew your rows together. Between each row is a row of sashing and a cornerstone block which will make the new churn dash effect in between the rows.

2. Add the blue border:
  - a. Cut 2 – 2½" x 71½" piecing as necessary to get the needed length. Attach to sides.
  - b. Cut 2 - 2½" x 61" piecing as necessary to get the needed length Attach to top and bottom.
3. Press well.



4. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
5. Quilt as desired. I did an overall design with hearts and loops since it was for my friend battling cancer.
6. Bind, using whatever method you wish.

**Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!**

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