

# DNA Wrap

96"x100"

To make the quilt pictured:



## You need:

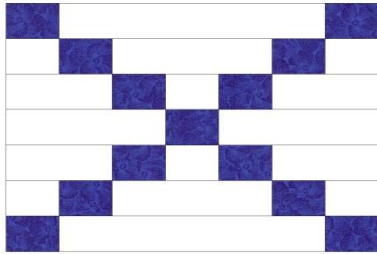
- 6 yards of whites for background color and first border
- 6 yards of scraps for the colorful squares (minimum – if you already have strips of 2", 1 ½" and 2 ½", you can utilize them in this quilt.)
- ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding.

**Note:** This quilt consists of 4 blocks :

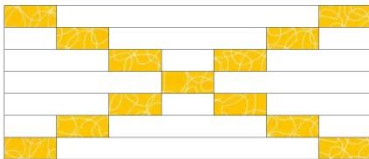
1. a 7x7 square of scraps but that has snowballed corners



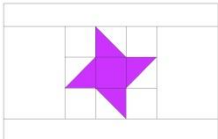
2. Sashing 1:



3. Sashing 2:



4. Cornerstone stars:



Plus the border block which looks like this:



### **Cut:**

### **For Snowballed scrappy block:**

For EACH Snowballed scrappy block cut:

- 37 colorful 2"x2" squares
- 4 white 2x2" squares
- 8 white/colorful HST 2" squares (you will need to make them)

## **For Sashings 1 and 2:**

Create strips for cutting into segments. This is important. Do not try to work with individual pieces—they will be too small and inaccurate and frustrating!

*For each colorful sashing set you choose.* (I chose from a variety of colors. I'm going to assume you are working with about 20" of fabric for the sake of explanation. Make them as long as you like – someone wrote me and told that 22" or 24" would actually be better -- it all depends on how many different colors you are going to be using as to how long you need it. I just kept making these strip sets until I had all the ones I wanted – as I was using up scraps and pieces.)

Cut from white:

- 1 – 8" x 20" or longer
- 1 – 5" x 20" or longer
- 2 – 3.5" x 20" or longer
- 3 – 2" x 20" or longer
- 2 – 5" x 10" or longer

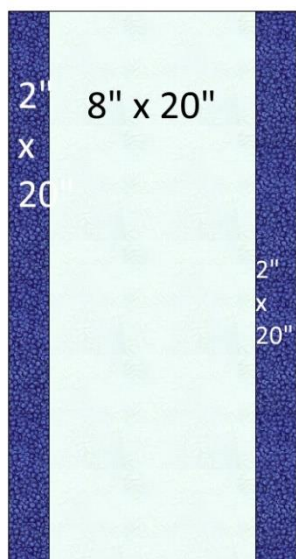
From colorful (for example, blue)

- 6 – 2" x 20" strips or longer
- 1 – 2" x 10" strip or longer

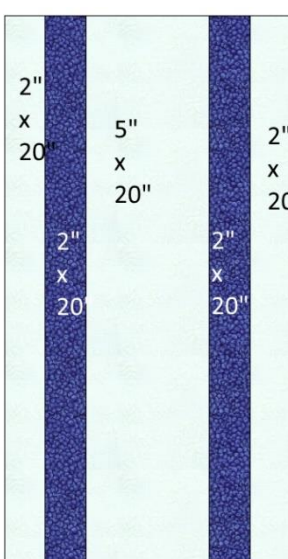
(You will need these strip set for each color of sashing that you make up. I made up a variety of colors – depending on what I had in my scraps. I was looking for bright and cheery colors.)

Make a strip set like this: for each color of sashings that you want to create: Press seams towards the dark.

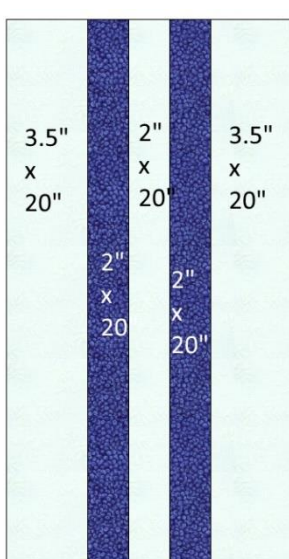
Strip set 1:



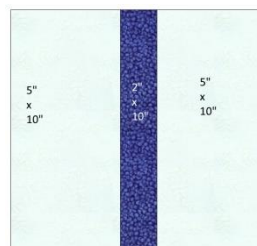
Strip set 2:



Strip set 3:



Strip set 4:



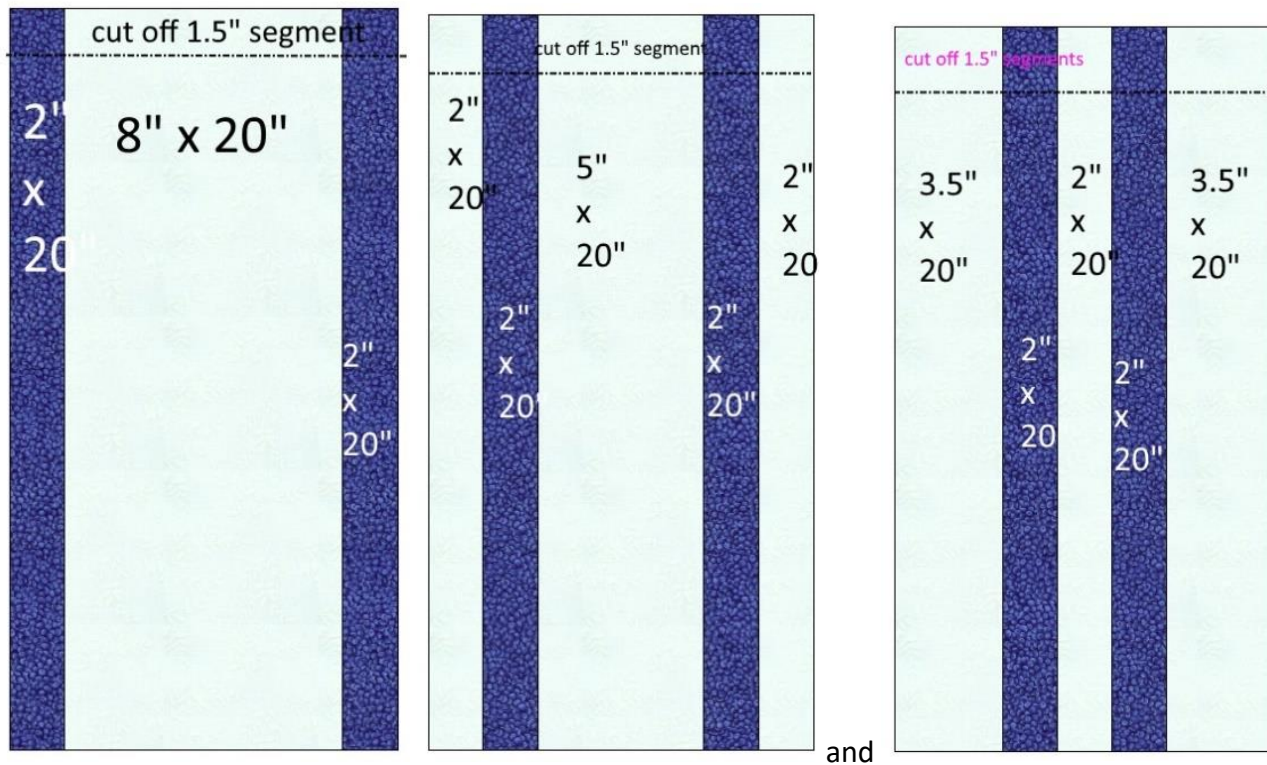
You will need to make 25 blocks of sashing 1 and 24 blocks of sashing 2. Both sashing blocks use the same strip sets – you only cut them different widths. Make a variety of these “sets”.



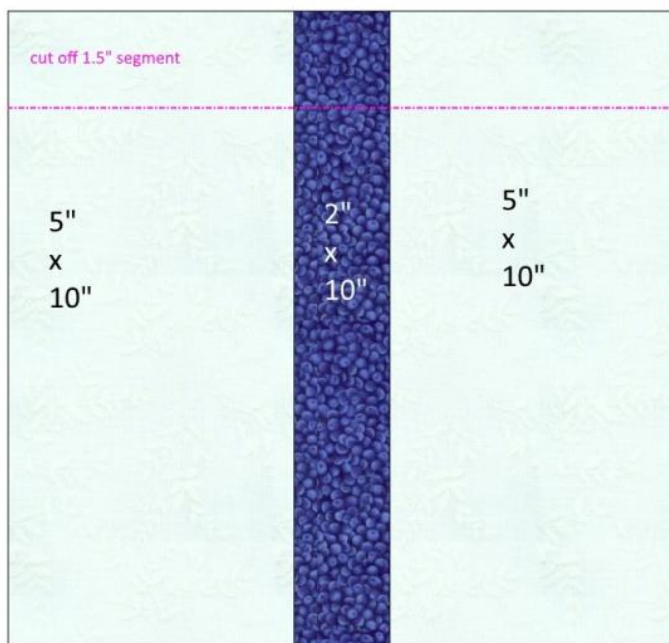
**For each sashing 1 block:**

**Cut off 2 - 1.5" segments of strip sets 1, 2, and 3**

Like this:



**Cut off 1 such segment from strip set 4**

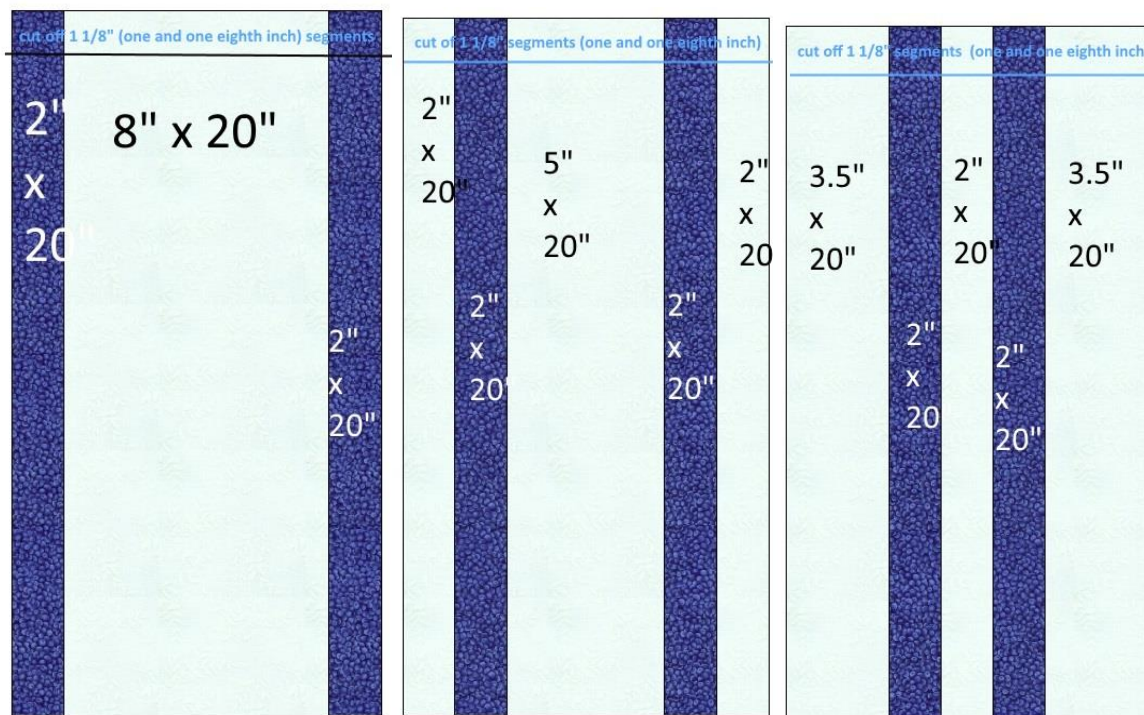


### **For each sashing 2 block:**

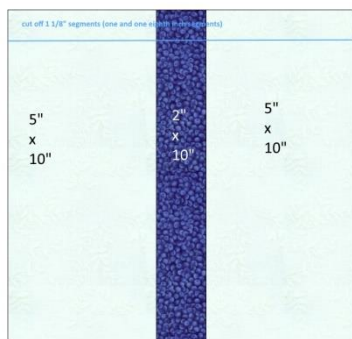
**Cut off 2 – 1 1/8" segments** of strip sets 1, 2, and 3

Yes, you read that right!

Cut 2 of each just like the sashing set 1



**Cut off 1 such segment** from strip set 4



### **For star cornerstone block:**

For each block, you will need

- 4 – 1 1/2" white squares and
- 1 - 1 1/2" colorful square plus
- 4 HST that end up being 1.5" before being made into the block. I used these papers to make this:

[http://www.quiltingandwhatnot.ca/pdf\\_files/oneinchfinhst.pdf](http://www.quiltingandwhatnot.ca/pdf_files/oneinchfinhst.pdf)

Print out several of these papers, place your colorful fabric next to a piece of white and stitch on the printed lines. Cut apart and you will have your finished very small HST that will be 1.5" before being sewn into the block.

- 2 – 1.5"x7.5" rectangles
- 2 -2.5" x 3.5" rectangles

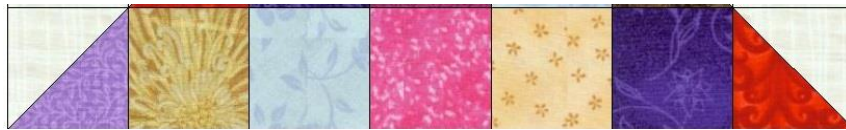
## Construct blocks:

### How to make the snowballed scrappy block: (ALL squares are 2")

- Make 8 HST squares using your favorite method that end up being 2" square.
- Make 2 strips following this diagram.



- Make 2 strips like this:



- Make 3 strips like this: (obviously make them all different colors!)



- Press strips so all the seams are the same direction.
- Sew your block, nesting seams. I began by sewing the middle three strips together and then adding the tops and bottoms.
- The finished block looks like this: At this point, it should measure 11"x11"

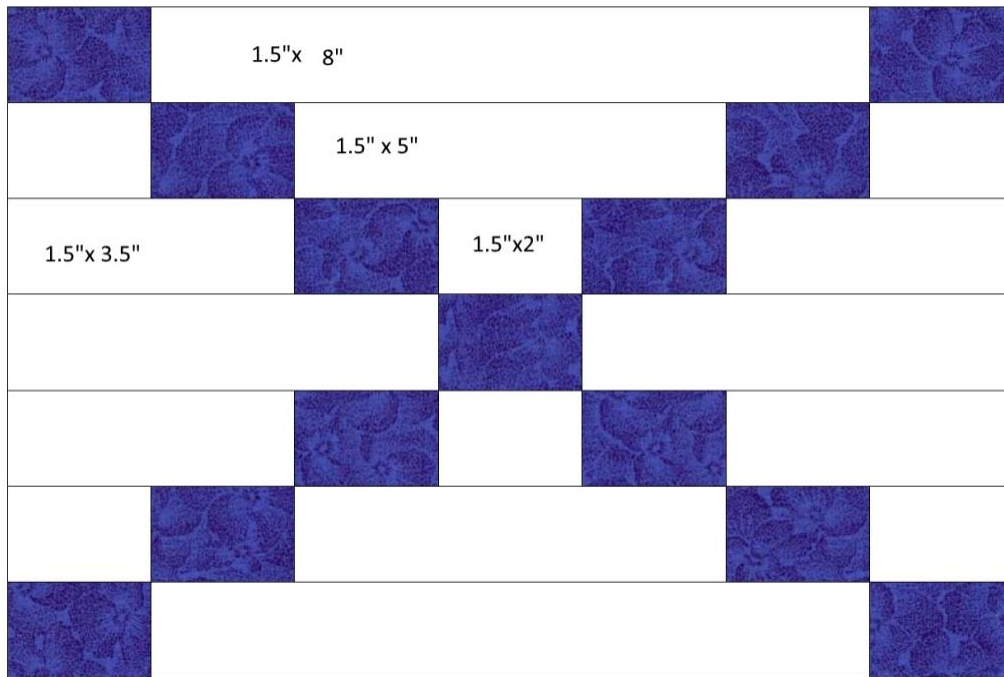


- Make 20 blocks.



### How to make sashing 1:

Using your strips that you have cut, construct your sashing 1 block as a chain block that looks like this:

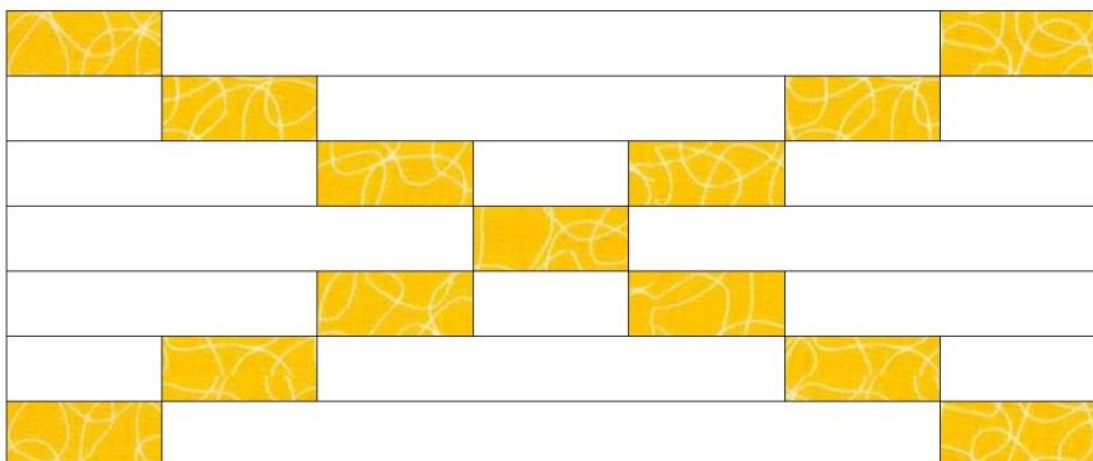


These measure 7.5x11"

Make 25 in various colorways.

### How to make sashing 2:

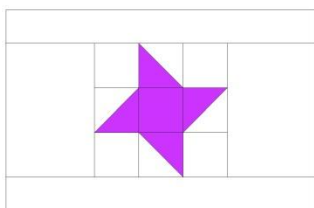
Using your 1 1/8" skinny strips, make 24 sashing blocks that look like this:



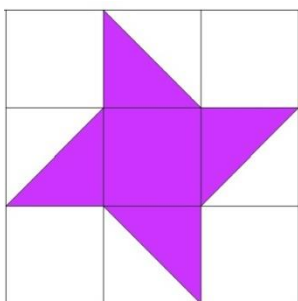
Press seams all one direction.

It will finish at 4 7/8"x11" at this point. Make 24. Use a variety of colors.

### How to make star cornerstones:

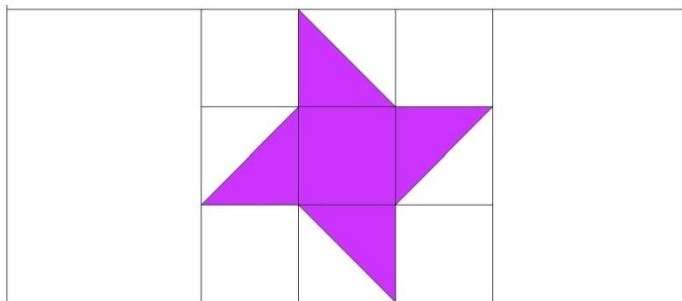


1. Using your cut out squares and previously made HST, construct the center 9 patch of this block like this: (watch the placement of the star points!)



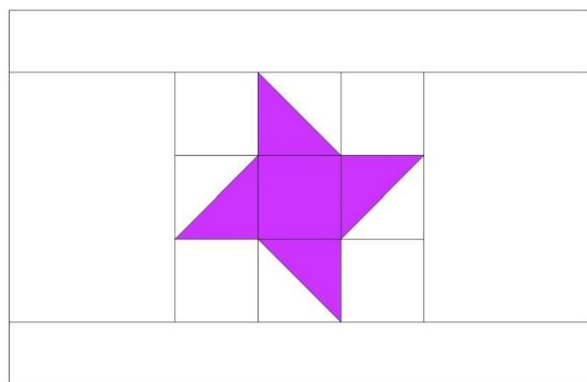
So far it measures 3.5"x 3.5" square

2. Add 2.5"x3.5" strips to the sides:



Now it should measure 3.5"x7.5"

3. Add 1.5"x7.5" white strips to the top and bottom:



It will now measure 5.5"x7.5".

Take these finished blocks to your cutting mat and cut off just over  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on the top and bottom so that it measures  $4\frac{7}{8}$ "x7.5" I could have had you add a strange size strip to the block and have it work out exactly but I thought it easier to make it a tad bit bigger and trim down.

Now it will measure  $4\frac{7}{8}$ "x7.5".

Make 30 in various bright colors.



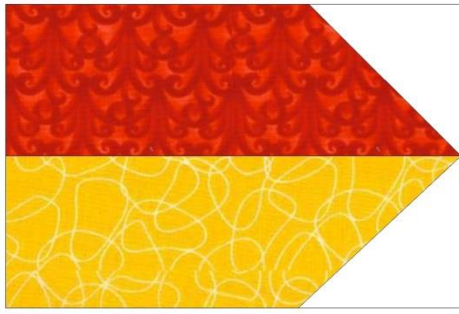
## How to make this quilt:

1. Construct your blocks as shown.
2. Lay out completed blocks according to this diagram:

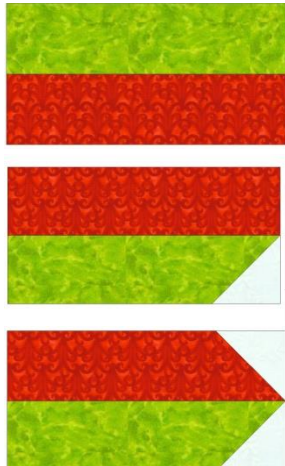


3. Sew blocks together in rows and then sew the rows together.
4. Press well.
5. Add borders:
  - a. First border: from white:
    - For the sides: Cut 2"x 79.25" (cut 2). Attach to the sides.

- Bottom: Cut 3.25"x 80.5". Sew to bottom
  - For top: Cut 3"x80.5". Sew to top.
- b. Second colorful border: (You will need to make 82 blocks like this:)



- Cut 164 - 2.5"x8.5" strips of colorful fabrics.
  - Cut 164 - 2.5"x2.5" white squares
  - Cut 4 - 8.5"x8.5 squares
1. Sew two 2.5"x8.5" colorful strips together. Press seam OPEN. (Pressing the seams open help keep everything smooth.)
  2. "Snowball" the corners as in above block, using the 2.5" white squares laid on top.



3. Trim. Press. Make 82 blocks as shown above. They will be 4.5"x8.5" at this point.
  - Sew 21 together in one long strip for each side. (Do this 2x.) Press the remaining seams open. Each strip will be 84.5" long and should fit evenly on to the white border you just put on the sides.



Example:

Stitch to the sides.

(Note: when sewing this border to the white border, sew with the pieced border up so that you can watch the points. Try not to "cut off" the points as you sew.)

- Sew 20 blocks together. Add a 8.5"x8.5" square to the two ends. Do this 2x. Attach to the top and bottom. It should fit perfectly. If not, pin carefully. Fit to the main part of the quilt.



6. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer



7. **Quilt** as desired. I used a simple stipple.



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

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!  
This one is worth just taking a nice breath and admiring it for a while!  
Enjoy!

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Here is a picture of the layout as I was trying to decide on color placement of the center of the quilt.





After it is finished





Let me show you in two other colorways:





