Fancy Squares

To make the quilt pictured:

You need:

- 3¼ yards of black
- 1 yard of novelty fabric for center 5x5" squares (can use a charm pack need 49
- 7¼ yards of brights for the borders surrounding the 5"x5" square
- $\frac{1}{2}$ -5/8 yard of fabric for the binding.

This quilt is made up of 1 block which finishes at 11.5" after being sewn into the quilt.



and

This quilt is made up of 49 blocks

Cut:

<u>Make</u>



• From bright for first round of the block: Cut in matched sets so that you can surround the block with one color:

2-"2"x5" and 2-2"x8"Then from a different bright: 2-2.5"x8" and 2-2.5"x12" strips 48-1%2"x5%2"

From novelty fabric (center of this block):
48 – 5"x5" squares

• From various colors – cut in sets for the outer ring of the block:

One of these sets for each block:

2½"x8½"

2½"x7½"

For sashing:

• From black for sashing strips:

42 - 1½"x12"

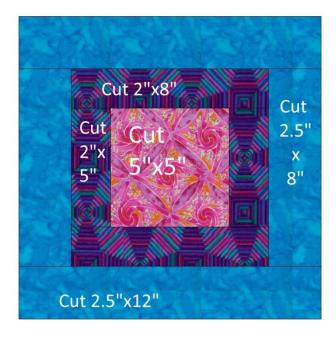
AND Piece 11/2" xWOF strips to make

 $6 - 1 \frac{1}{2}$ "x 87" for the long sashing strips that go between strips of blocks

Borders will be discussed later:

Construct blocks:

Make 49 of these blocks in a variety of colors.



From one fabric:

Add the 2"x5" two sides to the center block and then the 2"x8" strips to the top and bottom. Press.

Then from a different fabric:

Add the 2.5"x8" strips to the two sides of that block and then the 2.5"x12" strips to the top and bottom. Press.

How to make this quilt:

1. Construct your blocks as shown above. Make 24 of each layout.

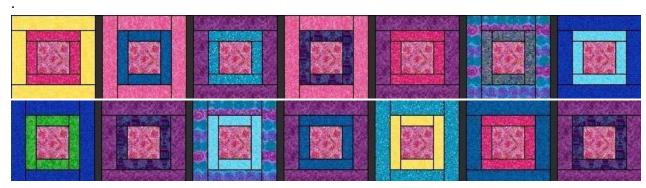
2. Place blocks as in this diagram.

3. Make 7 rows of blocks that are 7 blocks long: Like this:



Put one 1 ½"x12" black strip between each block. I alternated direction of my stripes for the center blocks.

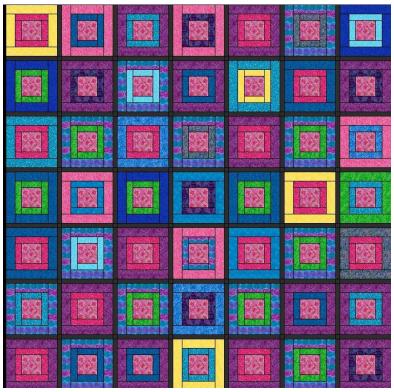
4. Sew these all together



Add one of your sashing strips between these two rows of blocks: It now looks like this:



Keep going until the top center is finished.



5. Add the borders:

• First border – black border

Cut: (piece as necessary)

- 2 1½"x87". Attach to the sides
- $2 1\frac{1}{2}$ "x 89". Attach to the top and bottom.
- Second border a piano key border using black and colorful 2"x5" pieces. Use 59 strips for each side.
 - Cut 4 different 5"x5"colorful pieces.
 - Cut a total of 120 black 2"x5" strips and 116 colorful ones.

Sew a total of 59 black and colorful strips together starting and ending with black ones – mixing up the colors as much you can. Make 4 of these.

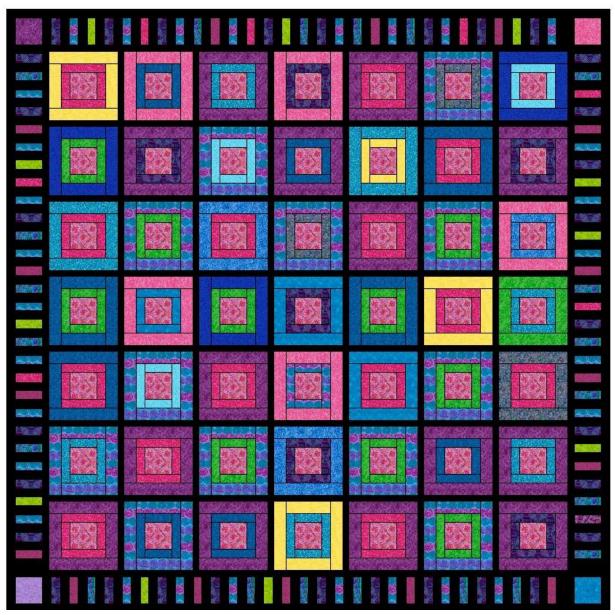


- Make 2 like this with 59 strips and add to each side of the quilt top:
- Make 2 like this and add a 5"x5" square to each end. Attach to the top and bottom
- Third border black

Cut: (piece as necessary)

- 2 2"x 98". Attach to the sides
- 2 2"x 101". Attach to the top and bottom.

Final layout:



- 6. Press well.
- 7. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
- 8. Quilt as desired. I did straight line quilting randomly spaced lines.
- 9. Bind, using whatever method you wish.

It's that easy!!!!

Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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