

Fantasia

Top finishes at 100"x100" This quilt is about 95"x95" after quilting and washing.

To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- Light fabrics – 5-6 yards of a variety of lights, including some very light or white/cream.
- Black fabrics – 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards of various preferably at least one is solid black—the other can be a mixed, lighter black, (yardage includes the narrow inner border) -
- Yellows - various scrappy bright yellows- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard
- Oranges – various scrappy oranges – $\frac{1}{4}$ yard
- Purples – $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of various (total is $\frac{3}{4}$ yard)
- Blues – $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of various (total is $\frac{3}{4}$ yard)
- Red fabrics - 1 yard
- Blue for border - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards
- $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of your favorite color for binding.

This quilt is made up of only 1 block made in four colorways. This is the block with the four colorways.



You will need 36 of each of these blocks.

These are what samples of my blocks looked like:

With blues:



With purples:



Cut:

I was using up my 2" strips that I had already cut. I chose out strips in the indicated colors and used them. If you already have cut up 2" strips, use them. If not, you will need to cut up strips using various scraps. See "How to make the blocks" for more directions.

Construct Blocks:

You need a total of 144 blocks. Blocks will measure 8" before being sewn into the top. They should finish in the top at 7.5"

General:

Make strip sets of various colorways, cut off sets and construct these blocks.

As you make these blocks, make sure you press all of the seams in the strip sets the same way! I included it in the directions for making block 1.

Make one and place it on your ironing board as an example so that you press all of them in the same direction. This is IMPERATIVE so that the blocks will nest when putting together the top.

Block 1: Make 36.



For Block 1, you need the following strip sets:

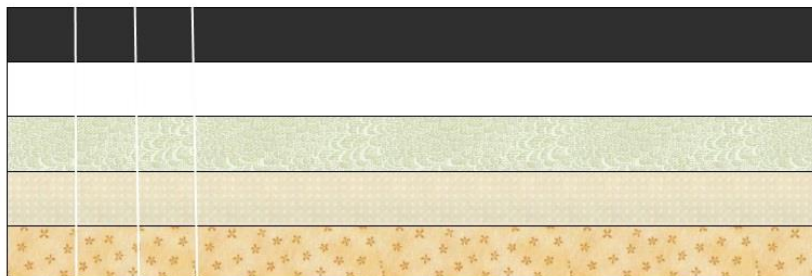
1. 4 lights, 1 black
2. 3 lights, 2 blacks
3. 2 lights, 2 blacks, 1 blue
4. 1 light, 2 blacks, 1 blue, 1 red
5. 2 blacks, 1 blue, 1 red, 1 yellow.

You need 36 strip sets of each of these colorways. Use your scraps, varying colors of lights. After a bit of trial, I noticed that if I used the darker black against a light or white, the contrast was better. I put my lighter black next to the blues.

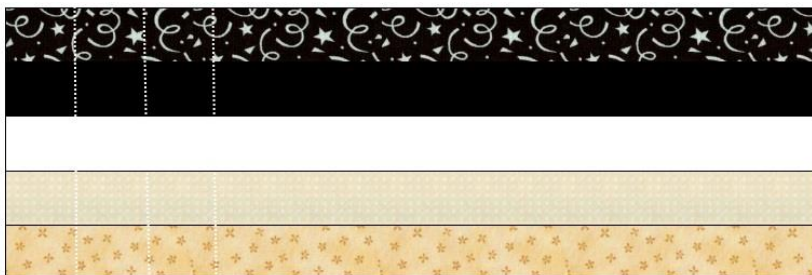
- Strip set 1: Sew together. Press towards the black strip.



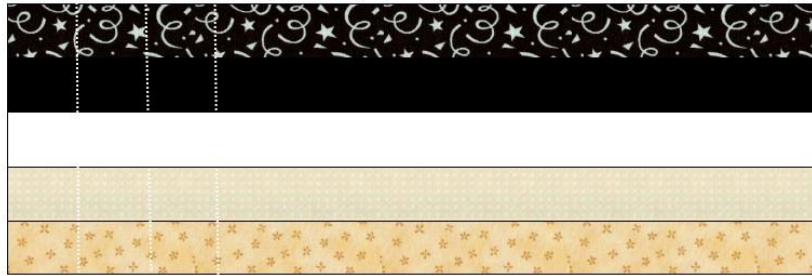
Cut off 2" sets. (You need 36.)



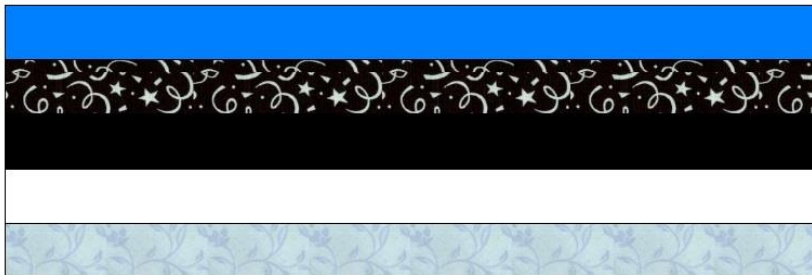
- Strip set 2: (3 lights, two blacks) Sew together. Press away from the black strips towards the lights.



Cut off 2" sets: (You need 36.)



- Strip set 3: Sew together strips. Press towards the blue strip. Continue to cut off 2" segments. You need 36.



- Strip set 4: Sew together strips. Press towards the white strip. Continue to cut off 2" segments. You need 36.



- Strip set 5: Sew together strips. Press towards the yellow strip. Continue to cut off 2" segments. You need 36.



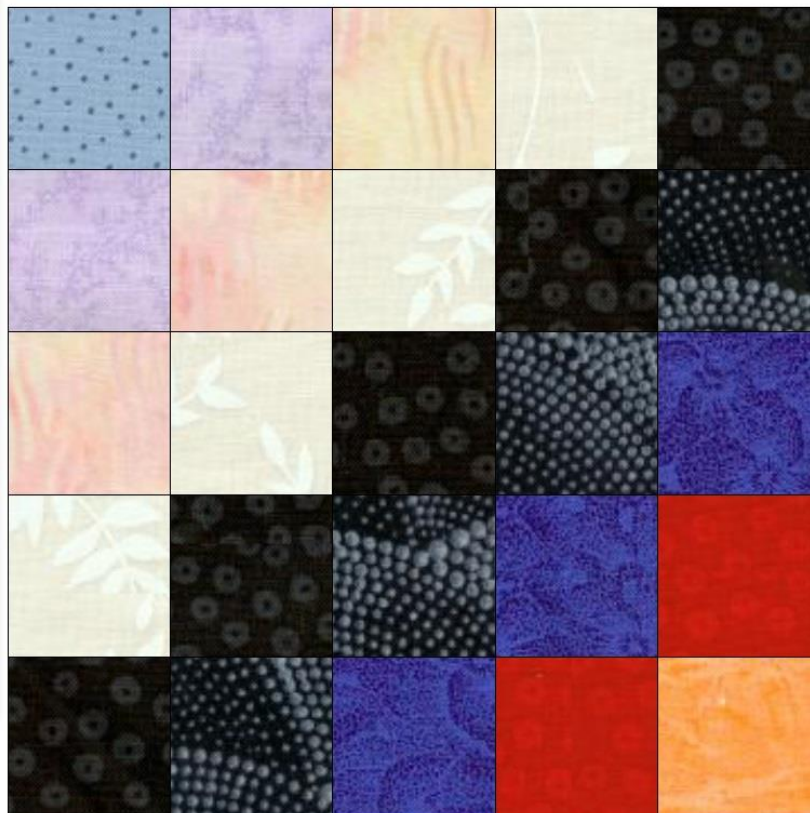
If you are not comfortable making strip sets you can always individually place colors and sew them together.

When you get your little strip sets of 5, then sew your block together. Seams will nest if you press them as I have written.

Here is one of my Block 1s. They do not look all that great individually but put together in the quilt, they make a statement.



Block 2: Make 36.



Note: When making block 2, make sure you press the rows the same direction as you did Block 1.

Make the following strip sets: You will need 36 strip sets of each of these colorways so that you can make the block.

1. 4 lights, 1 black
2. 3 lights, 2 blacks
3. 2 lights, 2 blacks, 1 blue
4. 1 light, 2 blacks, 1 blue, 1 red
5. 2 blacks, 1 blue, 1 red, 1 orange

Follow all the instructions as for Block 1 except use orange instead of yellow.

Here is my sample block 2:



Block 3: Make 36.



Make the following strip sets: You will need 36 strip sets of each of these colorways so that you can make the block.

1. 4 lights, 1 black
2. 3 lights, 2 blacks
3. 2 lights, 2 blacks, 1 purple
4. 1 light, 2 blacks, 1 purple, 1 red
5. 2 blacks, 1 blue, 1 purple, 1 yellow

Follow all the instructions as for Block 1 except use purple instead of blue.

Here is my sample block 3:



Block 4: Make 36.



Make the following strip sets: You will need 36 strip sets of each of these colorways so that you can make the block.

1. 4 lights, 1 black
2. 3 lights, 2 blacks
3. 2 lights, 2 blacks, 1 purple
4. 1 light, 2 blacks, 1 purple, 1 red
5. 2 blacks, 1 purple, 1 red, 1 orange

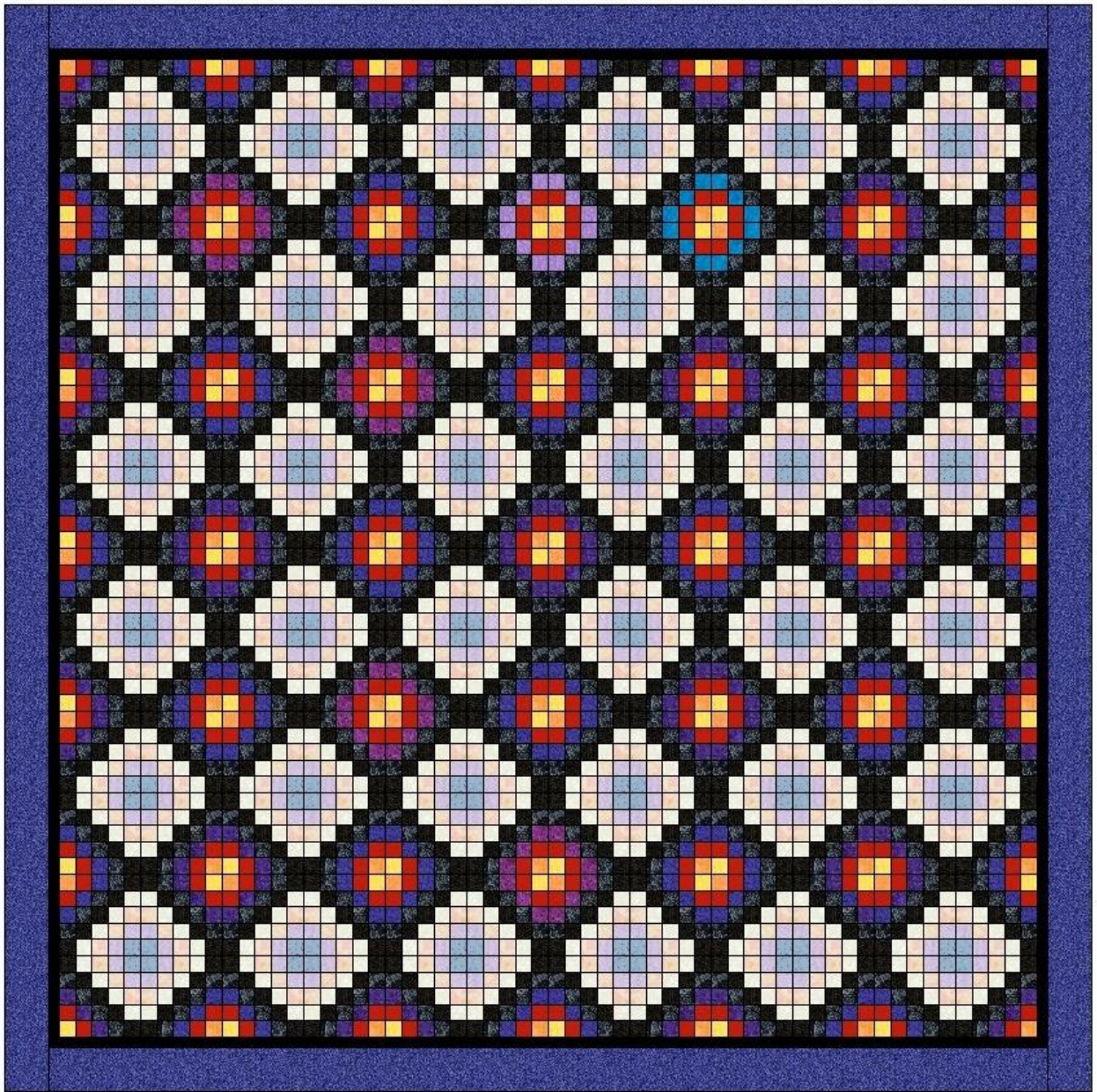
Follow all the instructions as for Block 1 except use purple instead of blue and orange instead of yellow. My sample block:

Here is my sample block 4:



How to make this quilt:

1. Lay out completed blocks according to diagram. (Ignore the borders for the moment.)



2. **Sew together in rows:** Watch for placement of oranges and yellows and blues and purples. If you have pressed all your blocks the same direction, nesting seams is not an issue (take my word for it—it works).

I did it like this:



3. **Connect rows.**
4. **Now it looks like this:**



5. **Press well.**
6. **Add borders:**

- **Add thin black border** – cut 1.5" x length as measured through the middle of the quilt. Add to edges. Do for both directions. They will need to be pretty close to 1.5"x90.5" (2x) and 1.5"x92.5" (2x)
 - **Add blue border** – cut 4.5"x length across the middle of the quilt. Will be about 4.5"x92.5" (2x) and 4.5"x100.5" (2x). Attach borders. Press well.
7. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
 8. **Quilt** as desired
 9. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations!
Your quilt is finished!
Enjoy!

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Here is another close up of the middles.

