

# Granny's Selfies

Top finishes at approximately 96"x96"



## You need:

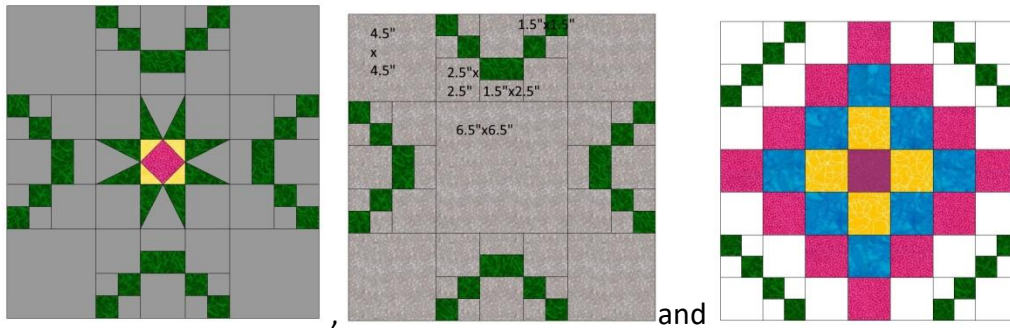
- 2 7/8 yards of white
- 3 1/8 yards of dark green for chain
- 2 7/8 yards of light gray for background blocks
- 5 1/8 yards of dark gray for outer blocks
- 1/2 yard of yellow
- 2 yards of blue, which includes border yardage
- About 1/2 - 1 1/2 yards each of dark pinks, blues and purples for granny square chains



- $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{5}{8}$  yard of fabric for the binding.  
(Note: the stars are paper pieced. I find I use quite a bit of fabric for paper piecing – these colors are green, hot pink and yellow. If possible, have extra.)

**Note:** This quilt consists of 3 different 14" blocks – a gray and green chain block with a center paper pieced star, a gray and green chain block without a paper pieced center star, and a granny square block with chain corners

They look like this: **They are 14.5" before putting into the quilt.**



## Cut:

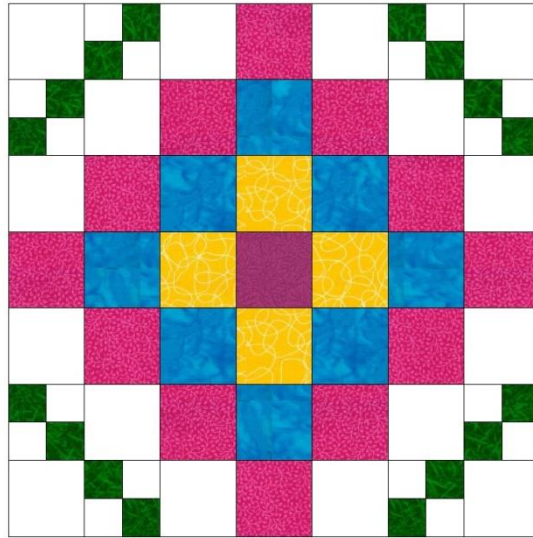
**1. For EACH gray and green chain block with center paper pieced stars:** (This pattern needs 9 of these blocks. This total will be included in parenthesis)

- 4 – 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ "x4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " gray squares (36)
- 12 – 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " gray squares (108)
- A strip of 1.5"x35" gray for strip piecing segments. (9)
- A strip of 1.5"x35" green for strip piecing segments. (9)
- 1 paper pieced center star block: (9)

**2. For EACH gray and green chain block without center paper pieced stars:** (ideally you should make 16 )

- 4 – 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ "x4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " gray squares (64)
- 8 – 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " gray squares (128)
- A strip of 1.5"x35" gray for strip piecing segments. (16)
- A strip of 1.5"x35" green for strip piecing segments. (16)
- 1 – 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ "x 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " gray square

**3. For each granny square block:** (This pattern calls for 16 of these blocks – I used a variety of layouts, keeping the pinks and yellows in the same position while alternating purples and blues. I am only showing one block here – you can look at the finished top above for ideas.)



- 16 - 2.5"x2.5" squares of white
- 12 - 2.5"x2.5" of dark pink
- 8 - 2.5"x2.5" squares of blue
- 4 - 2.5"x2.5" squares yellow
- 1 - 2.5"x2.5" square of purple
- A strip of white 1.5"x25" for strip piecing the 4 patches
- A strip of green 1.5"x25" for strip piecing the 4 patches

#### 4. Borders

Measurements for borders are discussed in detail under assembling the quilt.

#### Construct blocks:

#### How to make the gray and green chain block with a center paper pieced star:

1. Strip piece the 4 patch and rail segments:

A. Sew the strip of 1.5"x35" gray for to a 1.5" x 35" strip of green. Press towards the darker.

B. Cut off

- 16 1.5" segments and

- 4 - 2 ½" "rail" segments



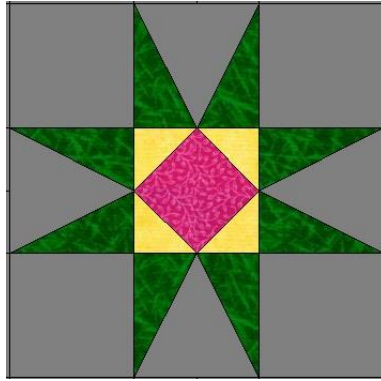
(If you do not understand strip piecing, please look up my pattern "Balls and Chains" and read the description there).

C. Make 8 - 4 patches from your 16 gray/green segments. The 4 patches should look like this and

measure 2.5"x2.5"



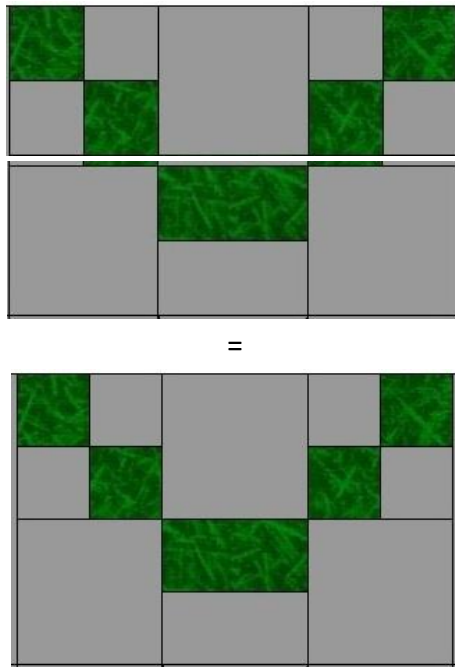
2. Make center paper pieced star using the paper pieced pattern at the end of this pattern. If you do not know how to paper piece, please look it up on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) or various tutorials. Pattern is at the end of this pattern.



Note: I only paper pieced the star points and the center square in a square part – the 4 corner blocks are 2.5" squares and are included in the cutting instructions. Paper pieced pattern included at the end of this pattern. After constructing the paper pieced green star points and centers, put together the block. Finished block should be 6.5"x6.5" at this point.

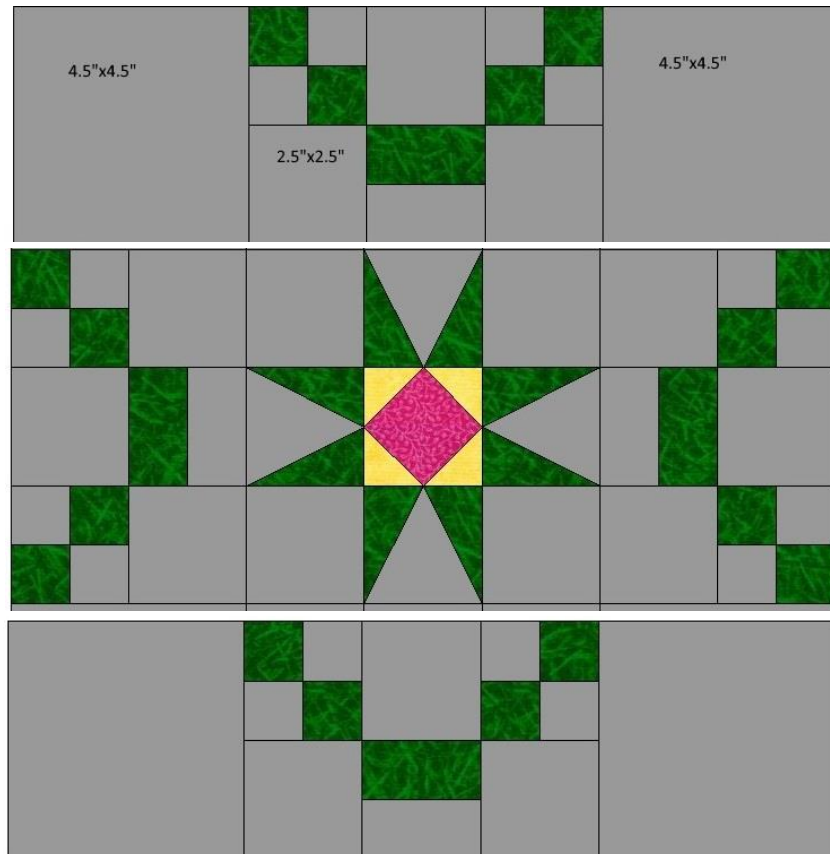
3. Make units:

Sew together



This finished unit is 4.5"x6.5". Make 4 for each block.

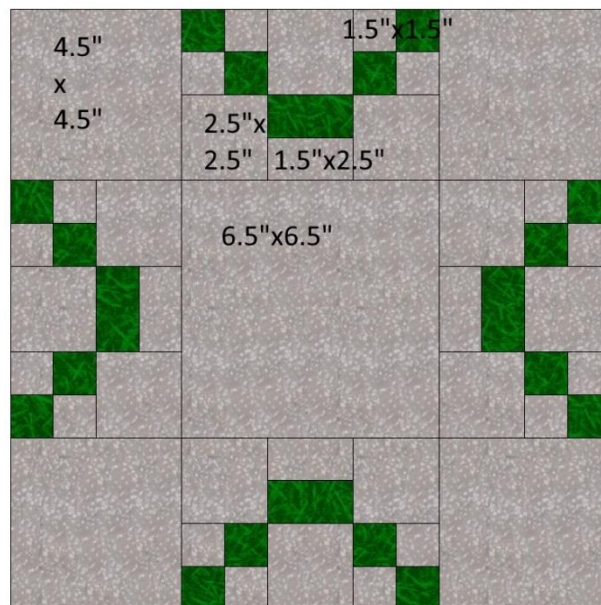
Now take all of the finished units and put together your block in rows.



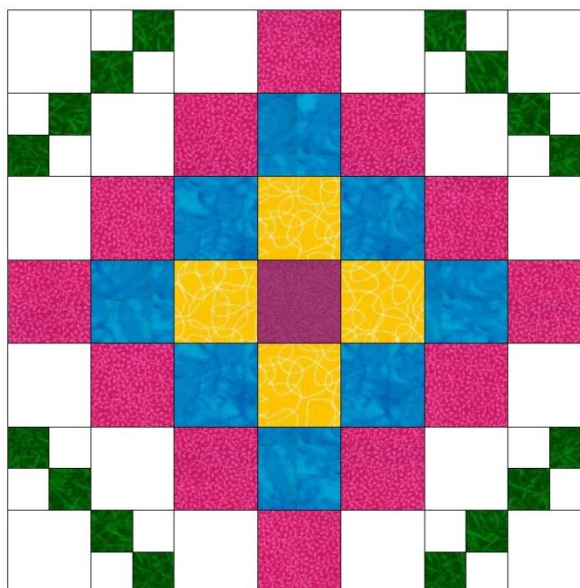
### How to make the darker gray and green chain block without a center paper pieced star:

Construct block the same as the block with the stars, only instead of a star, use a 6.5"x6.5" plain square of gray fabric.

Make 16.



## How to make the granny square block:

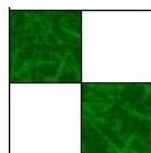


### 1. Strip piece the 4 patch segments:

D. Sew the strip of 1.5"x35" white to a 1.5" x 25" strip of green. Press towards the green.

E. Cut off

- 16 1.5" segments. Make 8- 4 patches like this:



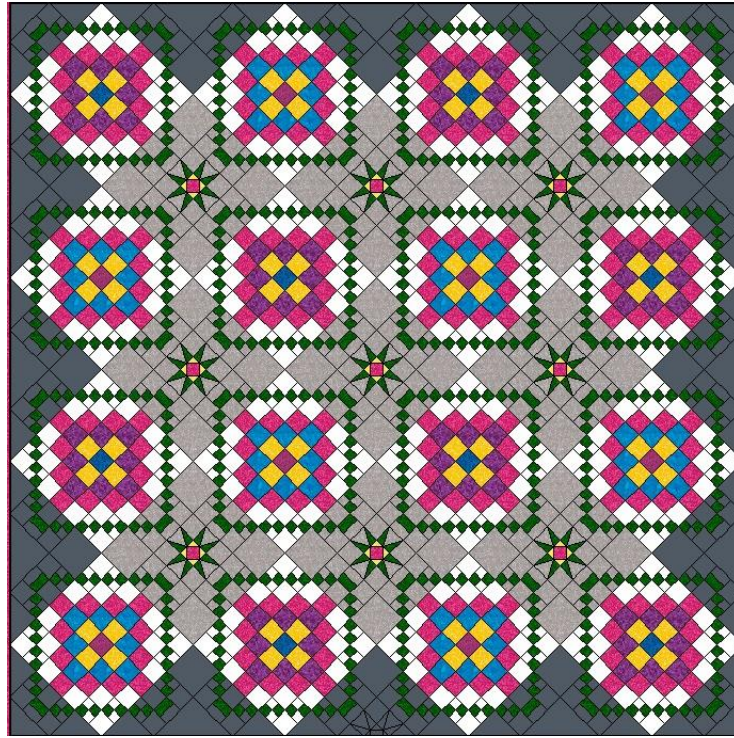
2. Lay out the block as desired. I used a table near my sewing machine and placed the blocks in the arrangement that pleased me. Then I sewed individual blocks together. You will need all your previously cut blocks.
3. Sew rows together, pressing seams of each row the opposite direction. This way they nest. Use the diagram as a guide.

Make 16 different blocks, varying pinks, blues, and purples. I kept a constant yellow (mainly because I don't have that many deep yellows to choose from).

## How to make this quilt:

1. **Construct your blocks as shown.**
2. **Lay out completed blocks according to this diagram: This is the center of your quilt:**





3. **Sew blocks together** in rows and then sew the rows together.

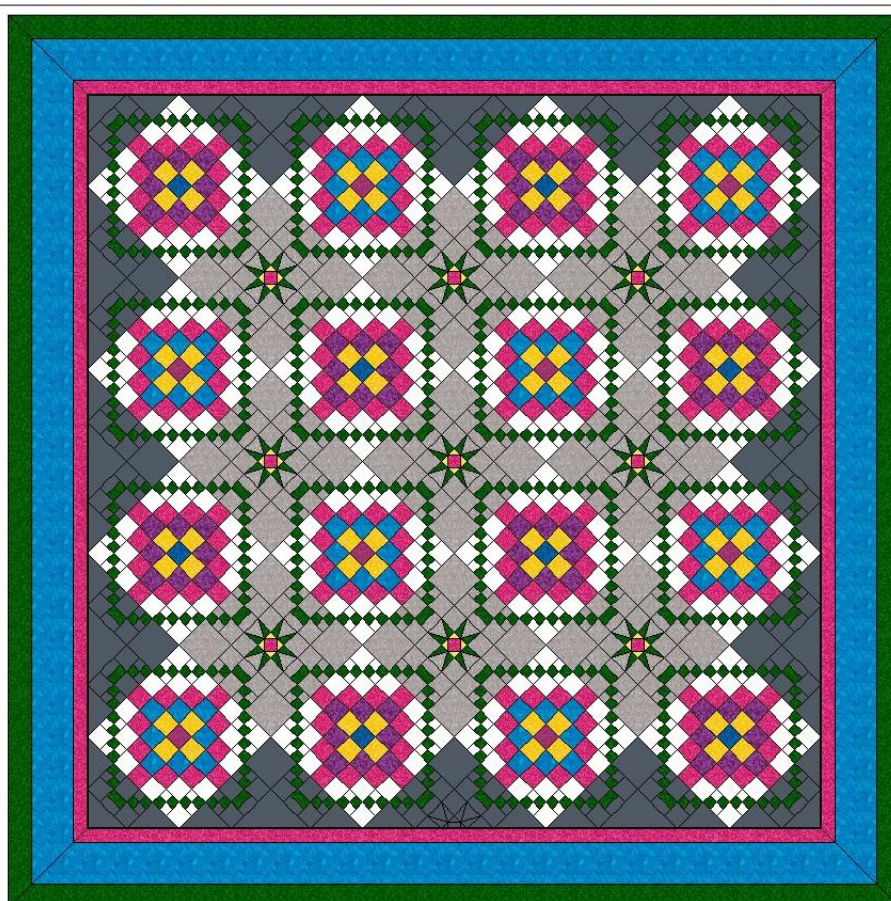
It is laid out “on point”. Ideally, you should use whole blocks for the outer gray and trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” on the outside of half so that you do not lose your points. However, I was “out of dark gray” fabric and actually had to cut my 7 (not 16) blocks into half and one of them into quarters for the corners. Here is how I laid it out. You can see that I first sewed the blocks into rows and then finally, put the rows together. I sewed my corners on last.





This center should finish at “exactly” 79.2”x79.2”. ☺

4. **Press well.**
5. **Add borders.** The entire layout looks like this:



- a. The first border is cut pink cut 2” wide”
- b. For the second border is blue and is cut 5” wide.
- c. The third border – green is cut 3” wide. I mitered the borders.

*Note: I do not believe that it was worth the hassle of doing a three strip wide mitered border as I can’t really “tell” that it is mitered from any distance at all. So, let me recommend just putting your 3 borders on as long strips, individually. It takes less fabric and is easier.*

However, If mitered, sew three strips (pink, blue and green) together in lengths of at least 100” long. Put on quilt as any mitered border. For details on making mitered borders, check out youtube videos or tutorials on the ‘net. I do not believe in trying to reinvent the wheel. It is already on line. If you think this is a “copout” ...sorry about that...you get what you pay for! ☺

6. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
7. **Quilt** as desired.
8. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

**Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!**



Paper pieced units for star block: These should be trimmed to 2.5" squares when finished. The colored sections should print out to be exactly 2" square (plus seam allowances).

