## Hanging Birdhouses

About 100"x100"
To make the quilt pictured:


## You need:

- About 4.5 yards of various scraps for the 2" strips or 2" squares
- $27 / 8$ yards of light blue for background
- $33 / 8$ yards of black
- $3 / 4$ yard of your choice of fabric for binding

Note: this quilt is made up primarily of one 9 " block which looks like this: I showed dark gray when the quilt uses black and light gray shows up as white.


## Cut:

For the main block: (my layout uses 61 blocks)

- From your various bright scraps:

Cut $9762^{\prime \prime}$ squares. If you wish to strip piece, use that method instead to create 244 segments of 4 blocks. They look like this:


- From black (shown as charcoal gray): cut for one block:
$2-2^{\prime \prime} \times 5$ " strips
$2-2$ "x $6.5^{\prime \prime}$ strips
- From light gray (shown as white): Cut for one block:

2-2" squares
2-2"x3.5" white strips

## For sashings:

- From light gray (shown as white): Cut for entire quilt as shown

100-3.5"x9.5"
For cornerstones: (They are 4 patches - black/white) Cut for entire quilt as shown

- From light gray (shown as white):

Cut 120-2"x2"

- From black:

Cut 120-2"x2"
Borders will be discussed later - you will use gray and black
For the cornerstone blocks in the bigger border, cut a total of $122^{\prime \prime}$ squares and from gray - $24-2$ " squares.

## Construct blocks:



1. Make the 16 patch: If you choose to piece individually, sew one 2 " square to another and then another until you have 4 together. Do that $4 x$. Press all seams one direction in each strip. Nest seams as you sew the 16 patch. Press well when each block is finished - at this point it is $6.5^{\prime \prime} \times 6.5^{\prime \prime}$.

2. Make a segment of black/gray(white) sewing a gray $2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ to a black 2 " $x 5^{\prime \prime}$ like this:


If you choose to strip piece, cut a strip of 2"x WOF* light gray to a 5 "xWOF black, subcut and cut off 2 " segments.
Add these segments to the 16 patches as shown:

3. Make 2 segments of the black/gray (white) sewing a gray $2 \times 3.5^{\prime \prime} \times$ to a $2^{\prime \prime} \times 6.5^{\prime \prime}$ black like this: You can strip piece as in the step above only use $3.5^{\prime \prime} \times W$ OF light gray to a $6.5^{\prime \prime}$ WOF black. Subcut - cut off 2" segments.

4. Add those segments to the section of the block you've already made


The block is now 9.5"x9.5". For the quilt I showed, make 61 blocks.

## How to put together this quilt:

## 1. Sew together in rows.

This quilt is put together on point.
Use the center diagram as follows and start putting the quilt together in one corner with the first row: At the end of this pattern, I will show pictures as I made mine using my pieces laid out on my floor. You will trim extra parts of the pieces off before attaching the black first border.

2. Add borders:

This quilt has two borders - long pieces - piece as necessary to get the length needed:
A. First border - Black border

Cut $2-2.5^{\prime \prime} \times 85$ ". Pin to the edge of the quilt after you've trimmed - matching centers. Stitch on carefully sewing down the center of the block you have trimmed. Try not to stretch the edges as you sew.
Cut $2-2.5^{\prime \prime} \times 89^{\prime \prime}$. Sew to the top and bottom, using the same method as to the sides.
B. Second border -Gray


Make this 9 patch using dark gray and black squares. Sew the 9 patch together as shown. Press.
Cut 4-6.5"x 89" pieces from dark gray. Attach two of the gray pieces to the sides.
Now sew the 9 patches to the ends of the remaining two cut pieces as shown:
Sew on to the quilt:


Final layout of the quilt is this:

3. Press well.
4. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
5. Quilt as desired. I used swirls.
6. Bind, using whatever method you wish.

## Congratulations! Your quilt is finished! Enjoy!

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[^0]Here are some photos showing how I put together my top:



Trimming the edges: Cut at least $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ to the outside of the center of blocks that are hanging over the edge. I probably trimmed closer to $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$.



[^0]:    *WOF = Width of fabric

