## Happy Days <br> About 101"x101"

To make the quilt pictured:


## You need:

- About 3-4 yards of various scraps for the 2" squares
- 4 yards of navy blue for hourglass blocks and border
- $27 / 8$ yards of tan for sashing and hourglass blocks
- $23 / 4$ yards of light blue for border and sashing
- $1 / 2-3 / 4$ yard of your choice of fabric for binding

Note: this quilt is made up primarily of two blocks that finish at 8 " before being sewn into the quilt:
a 25 patch block that looks like this: and an hour glass block that looks like this:


## Cut:

## For the blocks and sashings:

## For 25 patch blocks:

- From your various scraps:

25 - colorful 2" squares for each block (multiply this by however many blocks you are making...for example, for this quilt, you would then need $25 \times 41$ blocks $=10252$ " squares) Or you can strip piece (this is how I do my blocks usually unless I already have a lot of misc. blocks cut). If strip piecing, you will need 125 strip sets of 5 squares to make up your blocks with.

## For hourglass blocks:

- From tan:

20-9.5" x 9.5" squares

- From navy:

20-9.5" x 9.5" squares
For sashing and cornerstones:

## For sashing strips

- From light blue:
$64-2 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} \times 8^{\prime \prime}$ strips
- From tan:

80- $2 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} \times 8^{\prime \prime}$ strips

## For cornerstone blocks:

- From navy:
$64-2 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2 \frac{1}{2 \prime}$

Borders will be discussed later - you will use navy and the lighter blue.

## Construct blocks:

The blocks will finish at 8 " $\times 8$ " at this point. (This unit will finish at $7.5 \times 7.5^{\prime \prime}$ once sewn into the quilt.)

1. Make the 25 patch blocks

Make your 25 patches out of various 2 " squares. (Each 25 patch should measure 8 " $x 8^{\prime \prime}$ before The finished block will looks like this.) I usually use strip piecing and put my strips of 5 patches together to make a 25 patch. But you can sew them individually to make a strip and then sew the strips together. Your choice. I was using strips, so strip piecing made sense to me. If I had 2" squares already cut up, then I might sew them up individually. Press your seams all in one direction for each strip set to help with 'nesting' your seams.

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Make 41.
2. Make the Hourglass blocks:


1. Take your blue and $\tan 91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares and draw a line down the middle of one of them on the back side, across diagonally.

2. Place the tan and blue squares right sides together like this: (tan shows as white)

3. and sew $1 / 4$ " on either side of this marked line like this: (you shouldn't have the blue showing when you sew-that is just to demonstrate that the blue is next to the tan)

4. After you sew...cut on the middle line, in between the two sewn seams. Now you have two halves. Cut here:


Once opened up, they look like this now:

5. Press towards the blue. (You have two identical)
6. Place them on top of each other right sides together, but with the blue next to the tan like this (pic is showing the wrong side of the blue UP - as it should be - that is why I used a lighter blue)

(Note - skip the words blue bandanna fabric!)
7. Line up the squares, making sure the middles nest where the seams meet.

Mark a line across the middle diagonally and sew on each side of that marked line $1 / 4$ " .

8. Cut on the middle line in between the rows of sewing. When you open it up, it will look like an hourglass!


Trim to 8" square.
Make 40.

I found a helpful VERY short video showing how to make these hourglass blocks: It is here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGyn Eyb69A

How to put together this quilt:

1. Construct your blocks.
2. Get your navy and tan sashing strips, cornerstones and blocks ready to lay out as follows.

The center layout of the quilt looks like this:


Row by row use this diagram and sew the blocks together.



Etc.
3. Sew together in rows.
4. Add borders:

This quilt has two borders -
A. First border - A navy blue thin border - cut $1 \frac{1}{2} /{ }^{\prime \prime}$ wide by WOF and pieced to get the right length. To get the right length, measure across the middle of the quilt and trim to fit. Sew on to the sides. Repeat for top and bottom.
B. Second border - A striped border that consists of a diagonal stripe effect.

Check below for complete pictures on how I made this border
5. Press well.
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!

## Enjoy!

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*WOF = Width of fabric
How to make this striped border:
Note: Use two colors of fabric where one is definitely lighter than the other: Cut them into 2" strips for my border. If you used a wider strip, you could use fewer strips.

1. Lay out strips on cutting mat so they are slightly staggered like this:

2. Using your ruler line it up so that the top of the fabric strip lines up with the 45 degree angle line.

3. Cut along the ruler at that angle. This will be your left side.
4. Move the ruler (I used a $6.5^{\prime \prime}$ wide ruler because that is the length I wanted my strips to be) over and cut along the other edge of the ruler, keeping it lined up with the left recently cut side

5. Here are several that I cut - these in light blue

6. I trimmed off the corners slightly so they were blunted. I aimed to cut off $1 / 4 \prime$ on the corners.

7. I laid them out in the order I wanted them.

8. I placed one on top of the other like this:

9. Turned and sewed like this:

10. Repeated over and over. Sewed those together until I had a long strip

11. After you have a strip long enough, trim the edges. I wanted a finished width of $5^{\prime \prime}$. Place the ruler on one side and trim straight.

12. I used a 5 " ruler and trimmed the other edge, making sure all was trimmed nice and even

13. Pin in place along one edge - trying not to stretch it. Sew carefully.

it is with two sides on.


Here it is with the top and bottom as well. If I could do it all over again, I would make two strips going the opposite direction a l originally wanted the stripes all going the same direction.
Maybe next time.


Hope these pictures help.


