

Hugs and Kisses

Top finishes at 94"x94"

To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- About 5.5 yards of various scraps in order to cut 2144 2" squares from (or you can strip piece as described below—but will need at least this many scraps to do that with)
- 1 1/2 yards of black
- 1 yard of royal blue for the border and O blocks
- 1 yard of yellow for border and X blocks
- 2 yards of pink for borders and X blocks
- ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding. (I used scrappy 2.5" strips.)

Note: This quilt consists of 3 different blocks plus border blocks. Please follow the instructions carefully

Cut:

I will give you the numbers of each and you can cut individual blocks, or you can make strip sets and then cut. Keep reading.

For entire quilt center and outer scrappy border blocks:

Misc. scrappy 2" squares: 2144

Black 2" squares: 365

Yellow 2" squares: 192

Pink 2" squares: 172

Blue 2" squares: 192

Border blocks and pieces discussed in the section on adding borders.

Construct blocks:

Block 1: (Make 9)



Using this layout, make your block, row by row, Pressing seams all one direction (on each row) so that they nest nicely when sewing rows together. The entire block is 9 squares by 9 squares. It should measure 14"x14" at this point.

Block 2 (Make 4):



Follow the diagram to make rows.

Block 3: (Make 12)



Follow the diagram. Sew scrappy, blue and black squares together until they look like this block. Press each finished in one direction and the next row the other direction so that they nest nicely when you sew the rows together.

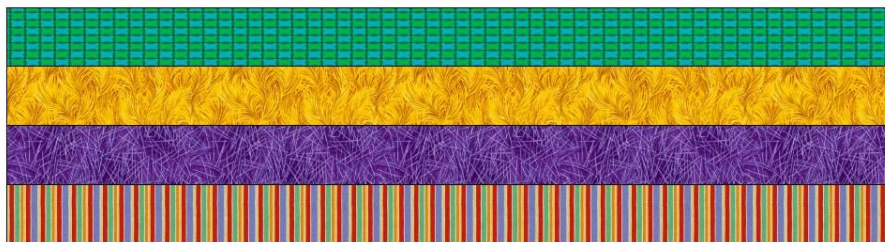
Note:

Whenever I have blocks like these, I like to strip piece. This means, I sew several strips together first and then cut into 2" segments. For example, on the block above, I would sew a scrappy, a blue, black, together, in one long strip, then press and cut off 2" segments. I would do this multiple times in various combinations in order to get a nice variety so that when I went to sew my rows together, they were already partially put together.

First, I sew strips together like this:



or 4 'scrappies' together:



I then take these strips to my cutting area (after pressing well) and cut off 2" segments. I did this over and over with various combinations of sections. If you make enough variety in these premade segments, then putting the actual rows together is a 'snap'. You can even make a strip set of 9 blocks using the correct arrangement of colors. Just do a variety of them as you don't want them all the same for the scrappy look.

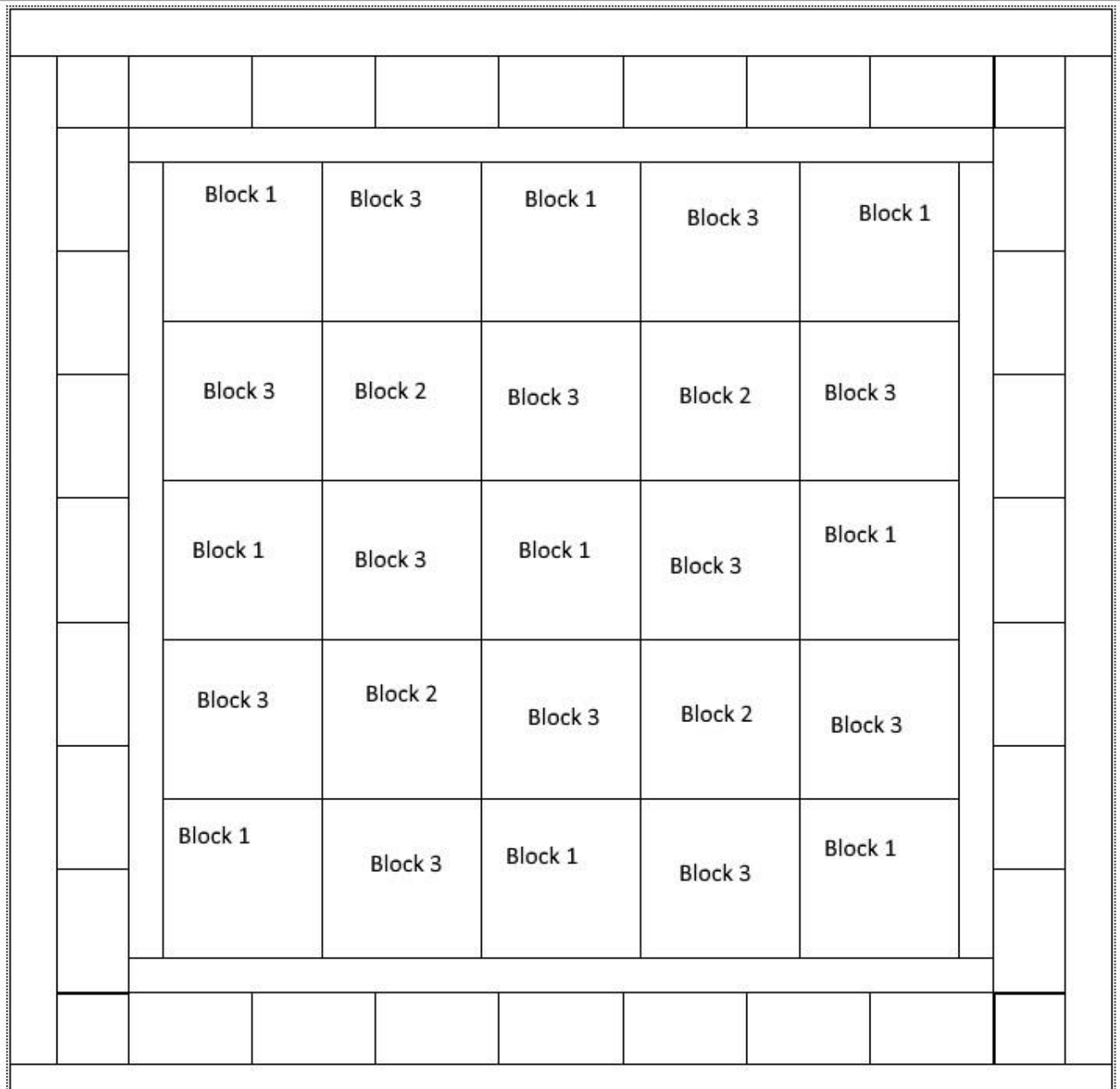


The reason I don't tell you to do these patterns in "strip sets" from the beginning is because everyone's strips sets are a different length, depending on your scraps. So, it is difficult for me to tell you how many "strip sets" to make, etc. So instead, I just tell you how many squares you need.

But I don't usually use individual squares except for occasionally when I sew. ***It is much faster to work with strip sets.***

How to make this quilt:

1. **Construct your blocks as mentioned in the point above.** *If you cannot figure out how to sew these rows together because my instructions as to the actual construction of the block are a bit sketchy, please write me a PM or search on line for how to actually sew a block together.*
2. **Lay out completed blocks according to this diagram:**



3. **Sew together in rows. Press well.** (Actually you should be pressing as you go along. 😊)
4. **Add borders:**

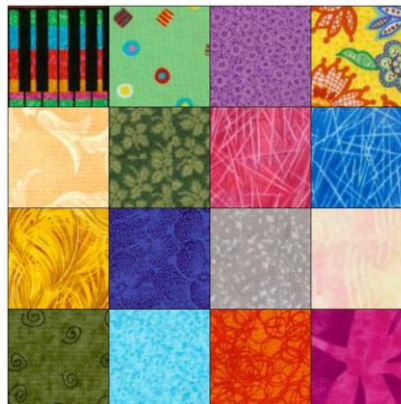
(I did not include cutting instructions for borders previously. I usually cut borders when I am finished with my top to the point where borders are needed.)

- **Add pink border** first: Cut 2 – 3.5"x68". Attach to the sides. Cut 2 – 3.5"x 74". Attach to the top and bottom.
- **Make border blocks.** Using 2" scraps, make a block of 4x7 like this:



Make 28.

- **Make corner blocks** like with a layout of 4x4 like this:



Make 4.

Using those blocks, make up your borders, sew together 7 of the border blocks, (end to end) 2x for the right and left sides. Attach to your top. Now, sew 7 of the border blocks end to end, and then add a corner block to each end. Attach these to the top and bottom of your quilt.

- **Make outer border** – Cut a yellow 4.5"x86" strip. Attach to the right side of the top. Cut a black 4.5"x86" strip. Attach to the left side of the top. Cut a 4.5"x94" blue strip. Attach to the bottom of the top. Cut another 4.5"x94" strip out of pink and attach to the top of the quilt top. Your top is now done!

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!

You can heave a huge sigh of relief.

Enjoy!

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