

Impressionist Wreaths

96"x96"

To make the quilt pictured:



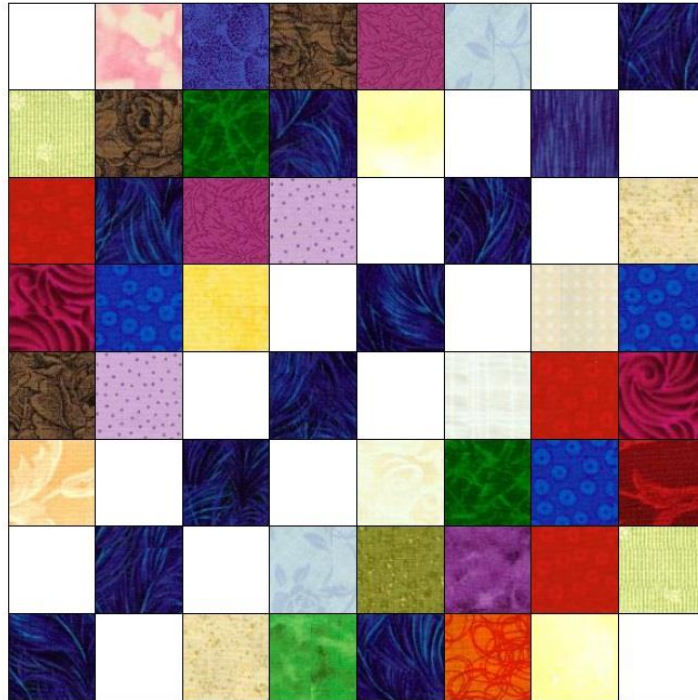
You need:

- Light fabrics – 3 yards of a variety of lights. These may be pale pastels or so called “low volume” fabrics.
- Black fabrics – 1½ yards

- White fabric – 3 yards
- Various dark colors – 4 ½ yards of darker colors – saturated without much light in the pattern
- ¾ yard of your favorite color for binding.

This quilt is made up of only 1 block 12” finished in the quilt – (12.5” before you sew them together). I “religiously” Followed the white/light/dark/white layout. It shows navy. I used black. Navy would work just fine as well. Anything REALLY, REALLY dark should give the effect that my quilt has

For the light sections – I used both pastels and also “low volume” – with white or off white backgrounds and a small pattern in the middle.



You will need 64 blocks

Here are my blocks: the imperfect placement of color makes it look impressionistic – thus the name



Cut:

- I was using up my 2" strips that I had already cut. I chose out strips in the indicated colors (lights/darks) 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. I also used mostly stark white for the whites, but also some slightly off whites and even a snow color or creamy white.

Construct Blocks:

I chose out strips from my already cut up strips. I then made a series of strip sets like this:

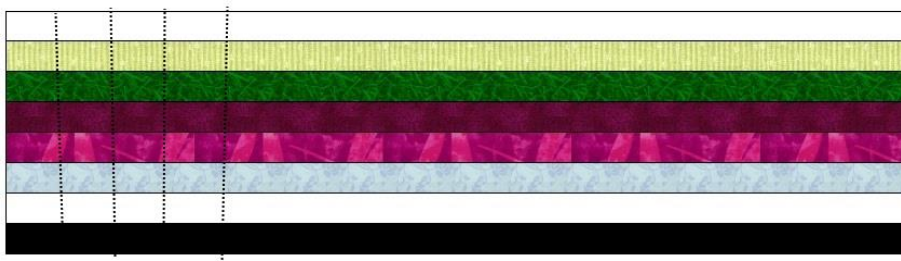
For this block, you will need 4 different strip sets –

1. Make strip sets that look like this for rows 1 and 8 in the block. Press all seams towards the solid black.

These will be white, light, 3 darks, light, white, black



Cut at 2" intervals to make segments:

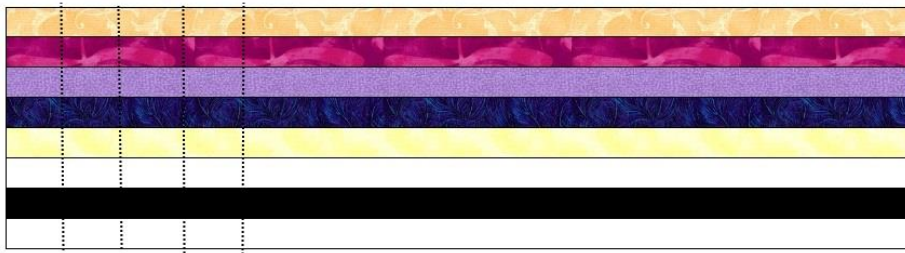


Cut 128 segments.

2. Make strip sets that look like this for rows 2 and 7. Press towards the light strip on the end – The colors should be in this order: light, 3 darks, light, white, black, white



Cut off 2" segments like this:



Make 128 segments.

3. Make strip sets that look like this for rows 3 and 6:
Press towards the light strip on the end:
The colors should be in this order: 3 darks, light, white, black, white, light



Cut off 2" segments:



Make 128 segments.

4. Make strip sets that look like this for rows 4 and 5:
Press towards the 2 dark rows
The colors should be in this order: 2 darks, light, white, black, white, light, dark

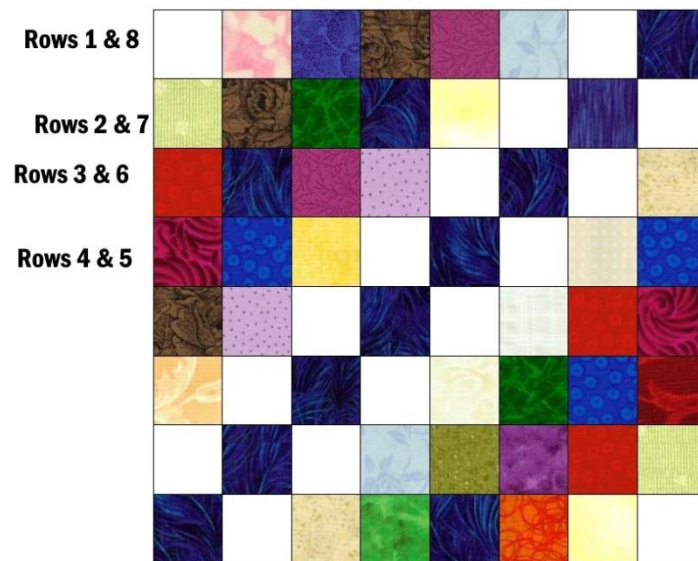


Cut off 2" segments like this:



Make 128 segments.

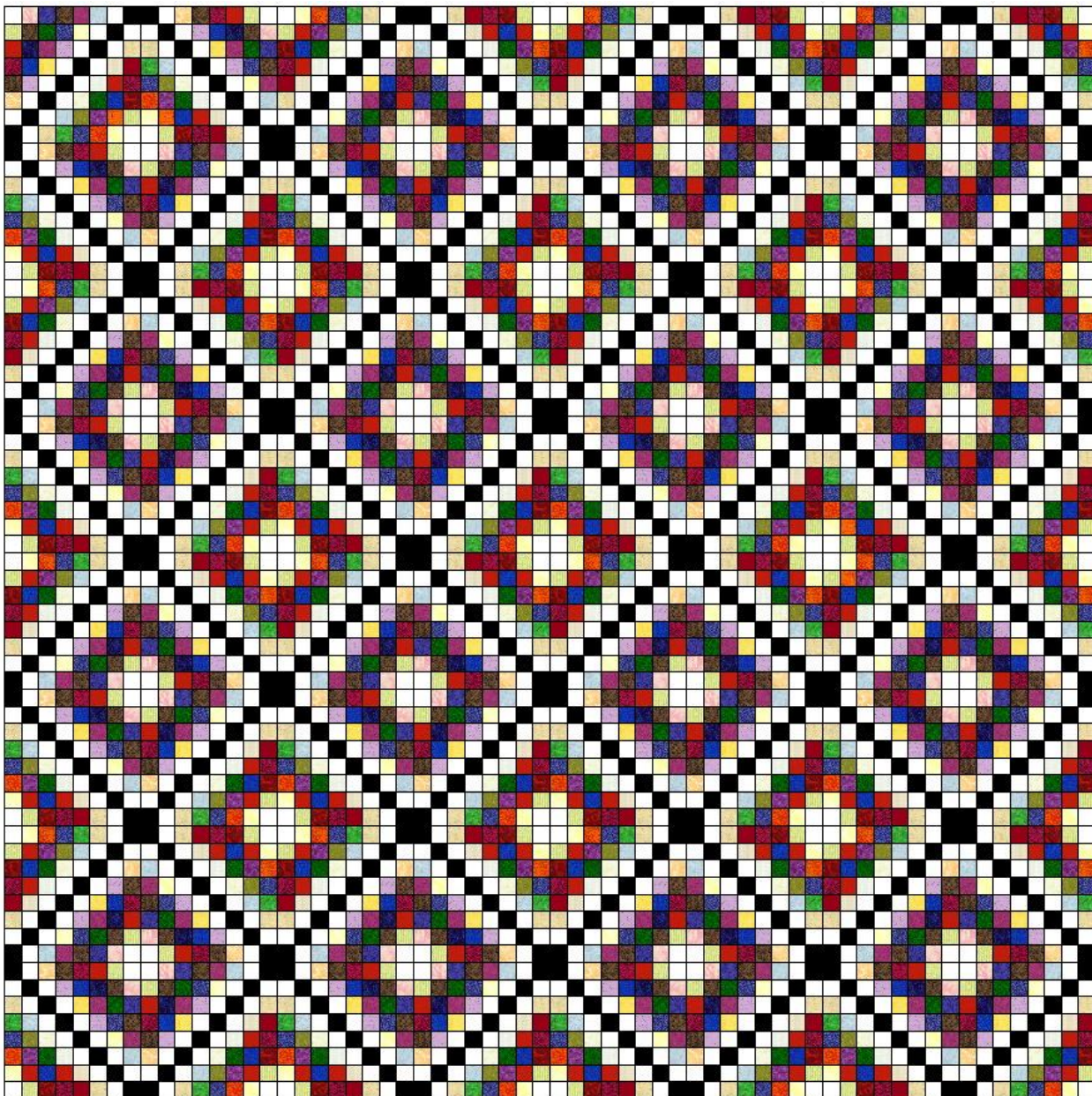
Now you have your segment sections all made and pressed. You should be able to piece your blocks without an issue. They should nest nicely.



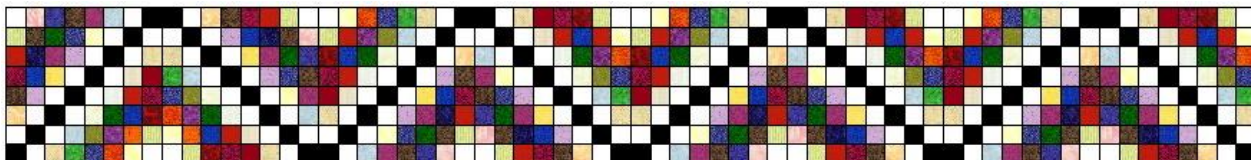
Make 64 blocks. They should measure 12.5" before being sewn into the quilt.

How to make this quilt:

1. Lay out completed blocks according to diagram.



2. Sew together in rows:



3. **Connect rows.** Follow the pattern layout placement. I did one row at a time.
4. **Press well.**
5. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
6. **Quilt** as desired.
7. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations!
Your quilt is finished!
Enjoy!

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Here's what mine looks like as I was laying it out on the floor:



I really like this one – I hope you do as well!

If you want yours to POP like mine does – make sure to use plenty of reds in it the darks section.