

Library Stacks

97" x 97"

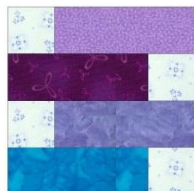
To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- Light background – 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ yards of various light prints – I used all one print
- Various blues/purples – 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ yards
- $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of your favorite color for binding.

The center of this quilt is made up of only 1 block which measures 6.5" square. It looks like this:



Cut:

For each block: (you need to make 117 blocks).

From blues, purples, aquas:

4 - 2"x5"

From light with print:

4 - 2"x2"

For sashings:

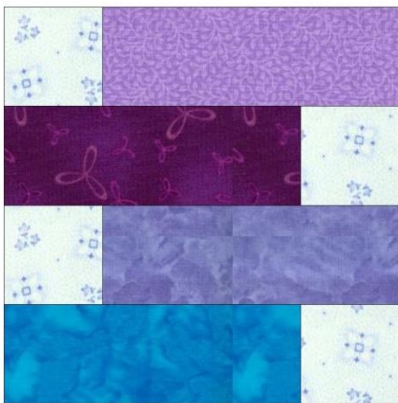
Cut:

8 - 3.5"x 78.5" (I know that my EQ layout shows individual sashings on each block, but I actually used one long piece when making mine)

The borders will be discussed later.

Construct Blocks:

The blocks should finish at 6.5"x6.5" before being sewn into the quilt. They will look like this:



First sew your light color squares to the longer 2"x5" strip so that you make a unit that looks like this:



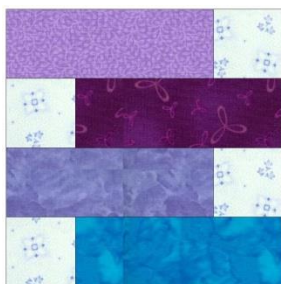
In order to make enough for the quilt shown above, do this 468 times, using a variety of blues and purples.

Note: If you use one constant light, you can strip piece these, making them go faster. Cut a light strip 2"WOF and a strip of purple or blue 5"x as long as you can. Sew together. Then cut off 2" segments like this: This makes the process go much faster.



If you are using a variety of lights, you will need to make the segments individually...sorry about that.

Make your blocks, alternating the pieces so that they form the ladder or stacked books look.

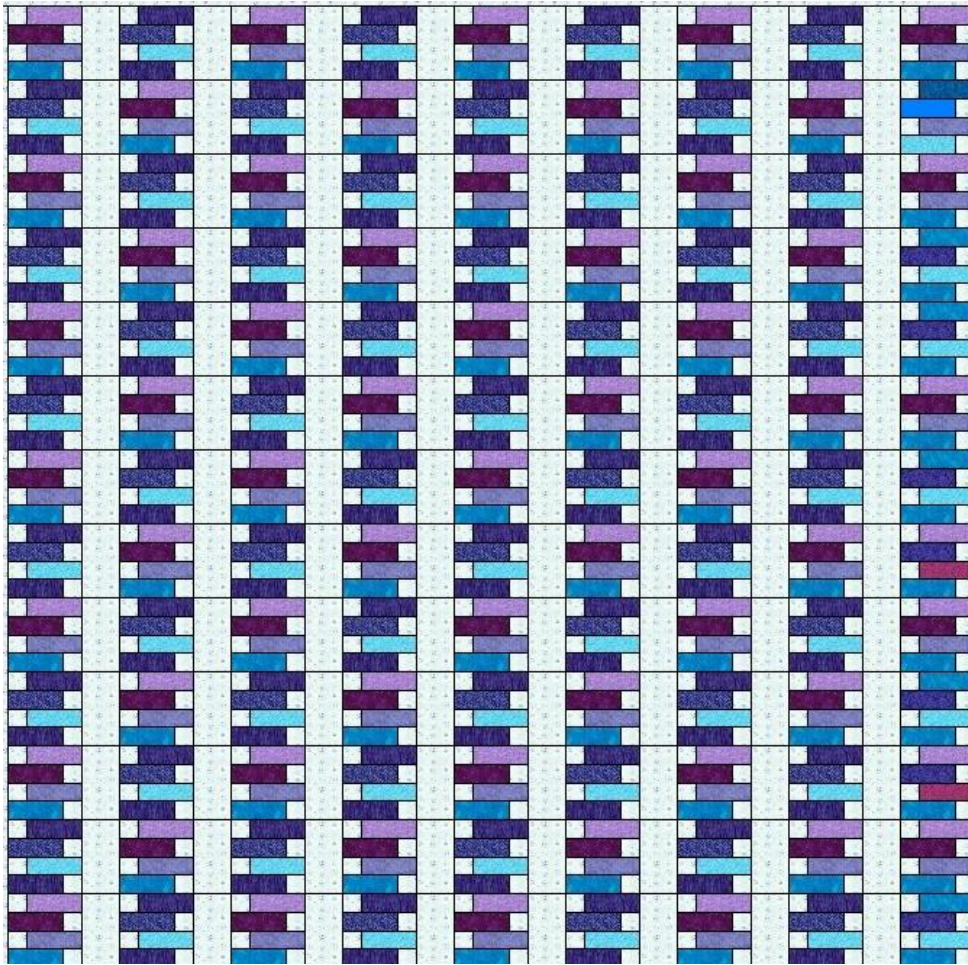


Make 117 blocks.

How to make this quilt:

1. Lay out completed blocks according to diagram.

Make the center of the quilt:



Using the diagram to help you with placement of the blocks, create 9 strips of 13 blocks like this:



2. Sew together in rows:

Alternate the 3.5"x 78.5" sashing strips with the blocks rows until the center is complete. It will finish at 78.5"x78.5" at this point.

3. Press well.

4. Add borders: (piece to get the lengths as needed)

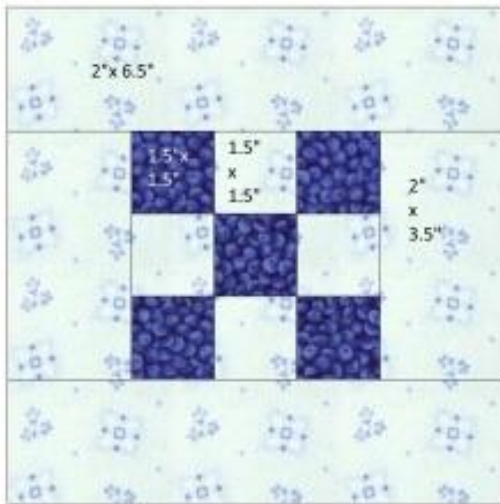
- **Border #1** – light border:

For sides: 2"x78.5" - cut 2. Attach to sides.

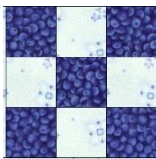
For top and bottom: 2"x81.5" Attach to top and bottom.

- **Border #2** - 9 patch border.

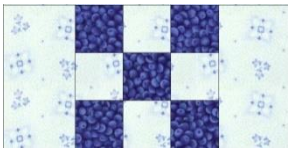
Make framed 9 patch blocks: They look like this and you need to cut these pieces for a total of 52 framed 9 patch blocks which end up 6.5"x6.5" at this point in construction of your quilt top.



1. **Make the 9 patch blocks** (it will measure 3.5"x3.5" as a single stand-alone block.



2. **Sew the 2"x3.5" pieces** to the sides:

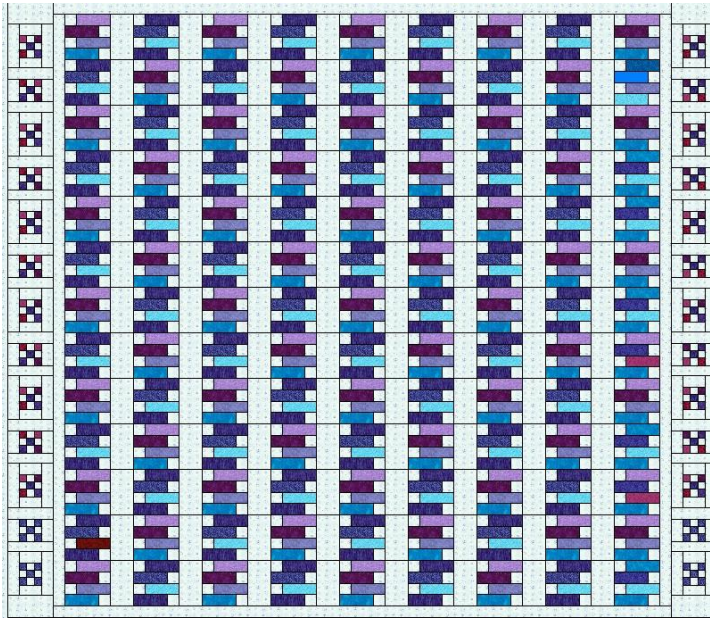


3. **Sew the top and bottom 2"x6.5" strips** to make the block. It will measure 6.5"x6.5" now. Make 52 framed 9 patch blocks for all the border blocks needed.

Sew 13 framed 9 patch blocks together, alternating directions in long strips to create a length of border that is 81.5" long. *You will need to add a 2"x6.5" strip to the top and bottom of the string of 9 patch blocks* in order to get the right length. Here's a picture of my "extra piece" added to the end of the strip of 9 patch blocks. It ends up adding 1.5" to each end of the strip for a total of 3" (final measurements). Make four of these strips.



Sew 1 to each side. It will now look like this:

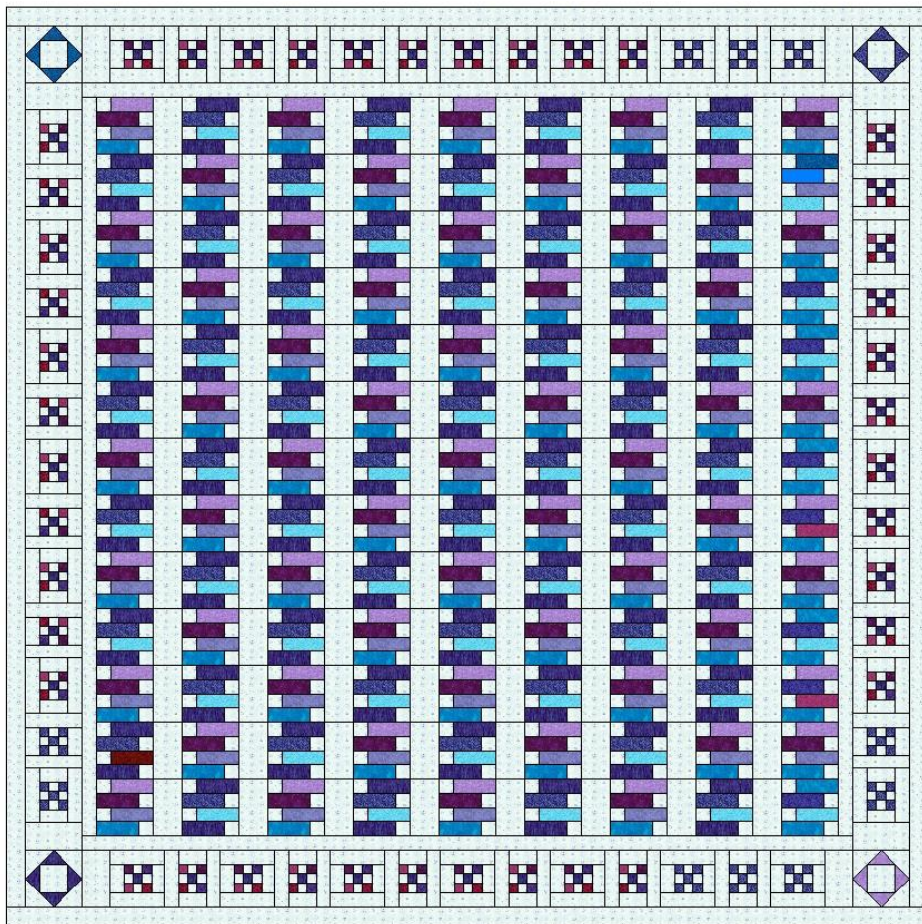


4. **Paper piece the corner blocks.** Paper pieced block will be put at the end of the pattern. You can print it out. It will make a 6" FINISHED in the quilt block. At this point in construction it should finish at 6.5"x6.5". Make sure you trim it to that size. I do not go into how to paper piece here. If you do not know how, you can find out on the web, make the block in a traditional way or choose a different block or put a plain 6.5" square instead of the pieced block



Make 4.

5. Sew the corner blocks to the ends of the strip of 13 framed 9 patch blocks plus the spacer strip. Attach to the top and bottom.



- **Border #3 – light print**

For sides: cut 2.5"x93.5" Attach to sides.

For top and bottom: - cut 2.5"x 97.5". Attach to top and bottom

5. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
6. **Quilt** as desired. I used an all over loop design



7. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations!
Your quilt is finished!
Enjoy!

Economy Patch

