## On the Plus Side

95"x105"
To make the quilt pictured:


This quilt is made up of 2 blocks -both are $5.5^{\prime \prime}$ blocks (before sewing into the top) and look like this:


## You need:

- $33 / 8$ yards of a light blue - I used a pale aqua for most of it for the chain block
- $33 / 8$ yards a lighter blue than the main blue in the chain block but darker than white
- $51 / 8$ yards of white I used a variety of white and slightly off white in mine
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ yards of darker blues for the crosses in the cross block (+)
- $3 / 4$ yards of your color choice for the binding. I am going to make a scrappy binding.


## Cut:

For the Plus + block: (199 blocks)


From white: (199 blocks)

- Cut strips $1.5^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF (width of Fabric) of whatever you are using. If you using scraps, use varying lengths. Otherwise, the width of your fabric would be about 40 " $-42^{\prime \prime}$.
- 4-2.5" squares (796 total)

From blue:

- Cut strips $1.5^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF of whatever you are using - I was using all sorts of shortish strips - which I sewed to my long-ish white 1.5 " strips and cut off $1.5^{\prime \prime}$ segments


Keep making until you have 398 segments like this: They measure $1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 2.5^{\prime \prime}$ :


- Cut strips $3.5^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x}$ as long as you can. You will then need to sew a $1.5^{\prime \prime}$ white strip to each side of the $3.5^{\prime \prime}$ dark blue strip so that you can make a strip set and cut off segments:
Like this:


Keep making til you have 199 segments like this: They measure at this point $-1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 5.5^{\prime \prime}$ I varied the blues a bit - but kept them navy or a sort of aqua blue since that was my theme color for this quilt I pressed towards the dark blue


For the Chain block: (200 blocks)


From pale aqua blue:

- 4-1.75" ( $13 / 4$ ") squares for each block (total needed -800 )
- $1-3 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime}$ " square (total needed -200 )

From a not-quite-white fabric - a low volume or sometimes called "neutral" fabric that uses blue and white:

- $4-13 / 4 " \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangle ( 800 total needed)


## How to make the blocks:

## The Plus + block:



Using your pieces that you have previously strip pieced or cut, put together your block using $1 /{ }^{\prime \prime}$ " seams and press towards the dark:

| $2.5^{\prime \prime}$ | segment <br> already <br> prepared | $2.5^{\prime \prime}$ <br> square |
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The Chain block:


If you have cut your pieces as instructed under "Cut", simply sew together your block using the previously cut pieces and

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Press towards the dark fabrics - though if your lights aren't see through, it probably doesn't really matter.

## How to make this quilt:

1. Using this diagram, lay out your blocks in rows. Then sew together rows and then sew rows together.


There are no sashings, cornerstones, borders or anything to make this hard! The piecing of the blocks seems to take a long time but it isn't difficult!

## 2. Press well.

3. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
4. Quilt as desired.
5. Bind, using whatever method you wish.

## Congratulations! Your quilt is finished! Enjoy!

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Here are the layouts in 3 different colors just to inspire you:


Here is a close up of my fabrics so you can see what I used for my lighter colors:




[^0]:    make strips like this:

