

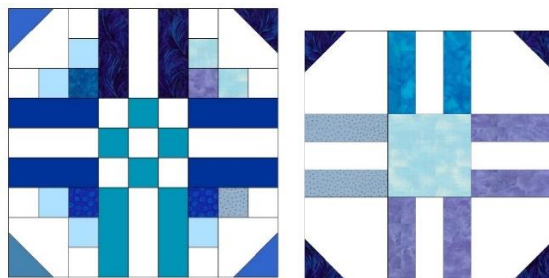
Palace Tile

99" x 99"

To make the quilt pictured:



This quilt is made up of two different 9.5" blocks (before sewing into the top) and look like this:



One of the “easy” things about this quilt is there is no sashing, no cornerstones and no borders!

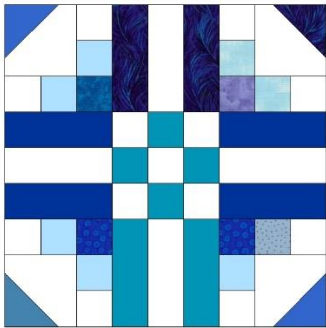
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You need:

- 6 yards of dark/medium blues
- 1½ yards of light blues
- 7 yards of white
- ¾ yard of your color choice for the binding. I am going to make a scrappy binding.

Cut:

Block 1:



You will need to make 50 blocks to make the size quilt I made.

Note:

For EACH block you will need these pieces:

If you strip piece, you can skip cutting the pieces noted with an asterisk (*)

White:

- 13 – 1½” squares (5 for center 9 patches and 8 for the rest)*
- 4 – 1½”x 3½” strips *
- 4 – 2½” squares

Med/Dark Blues:

- 8 – 1½”x 3½” strips (for rail fence segment)*
- 4 – 2”x2” squares for “snowballing” the corners of the squares
- 4 – 1½”x 1½” squares (for center 9 patch) *

Light blues:

- 8 – 1½” squares *

The quilt block is a square composed of several smaller pieces. In the center is a light blue square with a subtle floral pattern. Surrounding this central square are four vertical rectangles (two on the left, two on the right) and four horizontal rectangles (two on the top, two on the bottom). The vertical rectangles are a darker blue with a floral pattern, while the horizontal rectangles are a medium blue with a floral pattern. The corners of the block are filled with dark blue triangles, each with a floral pattern. The background of the block is white.

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4 – 3½" squares

4 – 1½" x 3½" strips*

8 – 1½" x 3½" strips *

4 – 2"x2" squares for "snow"

1 – 3½" square

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I highly recommend doing

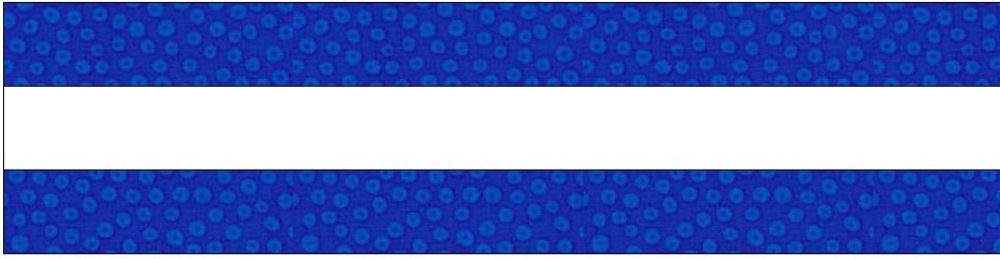
Rail fence segments:

To make the rail fence section

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Sew them together to look



Cut off 3½" segments to look like this:



They are now 3½"x 3½" square.

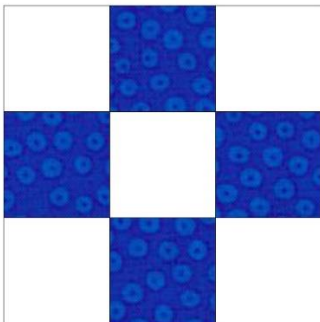
When pressing the rail fence segments for block 1, press towards the dark!

When pressing the rail fence segments for block 2, press the dark rail fence segment seams towards the white!

This will help ensure that they will nest nicely when putting this top together.

You will need 4 such rail fence segments for each block. This quilt consists of 99 blocks, so you will need 396 rail fence segments. Use a variety of blues if you want it to look like mine. I tried to make sure mine were a medium or dark blue – keeping my lighter blues for other pieces.

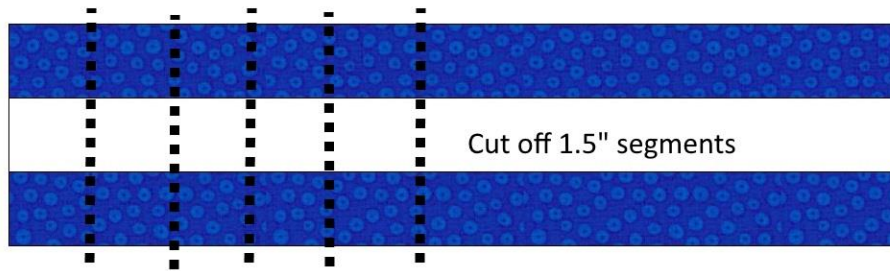
9 patch segment:



Sew together sets of 1.5" strips of dark/med blues and 1.5" strips of whites like this and cut off 1.5" segments:

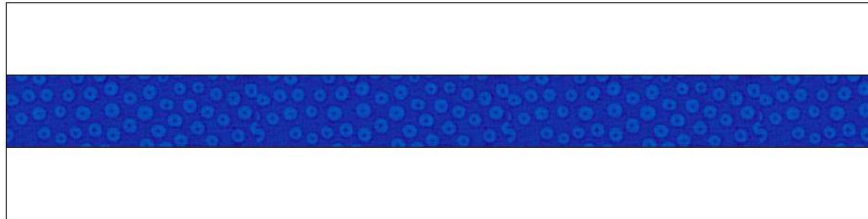


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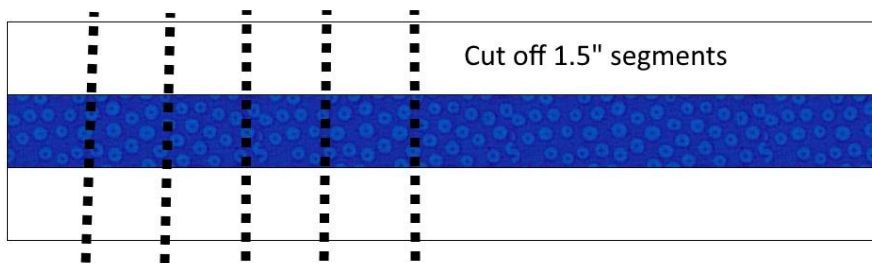


You need one of these segments for each 9 patch center, so you need 50 of these segments for the entire quilt as shown.

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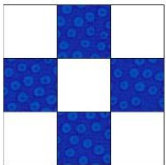


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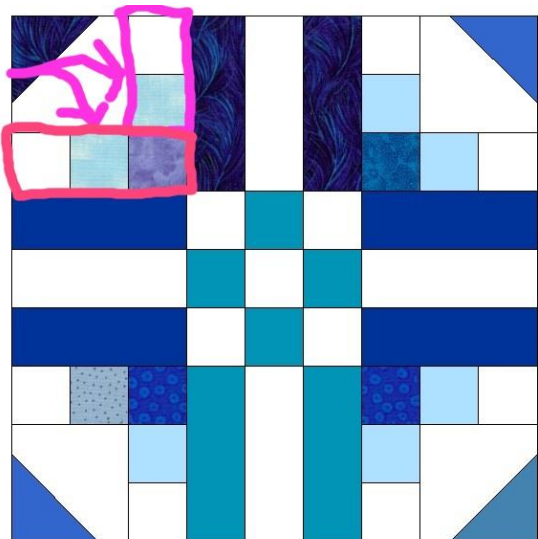


You need 2 of these segments for each 9 patch center, so you need a total of 100 of these segments for the entire quilt as shown.

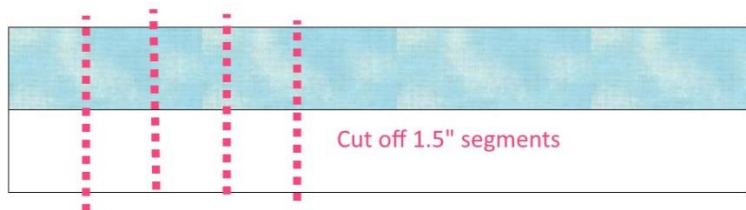
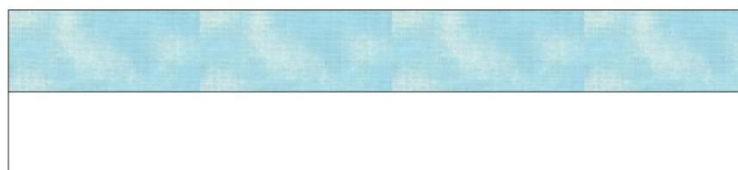
To make your 9 patch block – simply put the segments together and sew using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam:



Other small elements:



For those two segments, I sewed a 1.5" white to a 1.5" med/dark blue and cut off segments to look like this:



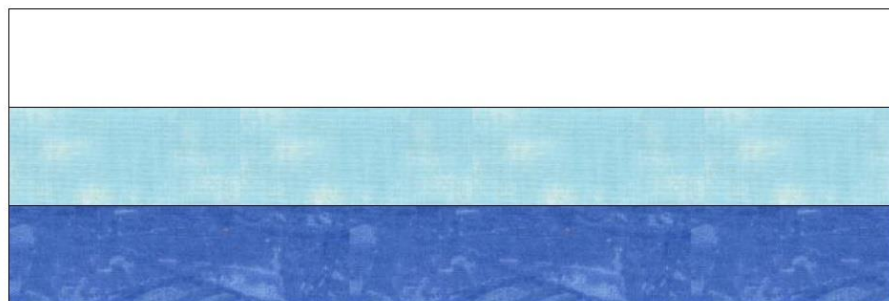
And you have:



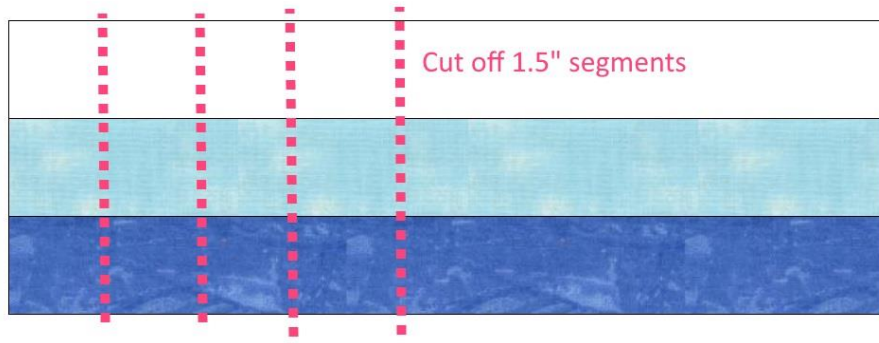
You need 4 of these for each Block 1 (total of 200 for the quilt as mine is shown)

AND:

Make a strip set with a 1.5" white, a 1.5" light blue and a 1.5" strip of med/dark blues and cut off 1.5" segments that looked like this:



And



And you end up with something like this:



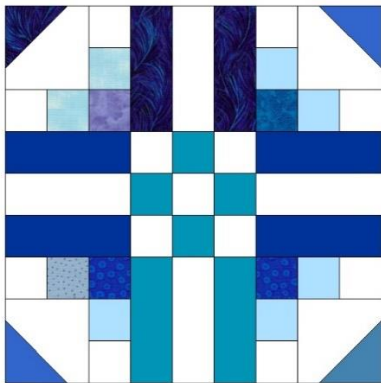
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Keep all these pieces where you won't lose them! I recommend either a large plastic bag or a plastic shoe box type of container!

- End of strip piecing section -----

How to make these blocks:

Block 1:



If you have already made all the strip sets as noted above, piecing the block is a piece of cake. Well, maybe not. It does take a while



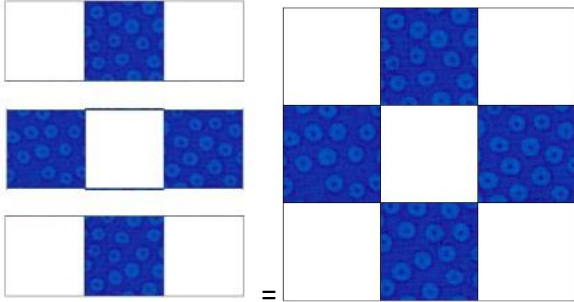
Remember: When pressing the segments for block 1, press strips and squares towards the dark sides for the center 9 patch and the rail fence segments.

Step 1:

Make your 9 patch segments.

To make your 9 patch segments,

Piece together 1.5" squares white/dark blue/white as shown to make a 9 patch block:



It should measure 3.5"x3.5" square at this point

Step 2:

Make your rail fence segments:

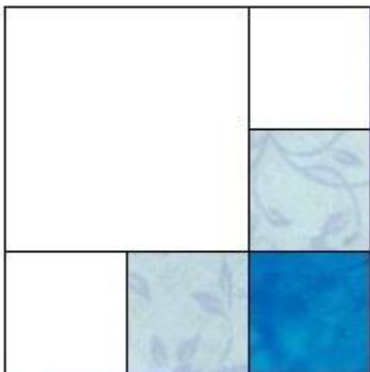
To make your rail fence segments, piece together a med or dark blue 1.5"x 3.5" strip to a 1.5" x 3.5" white strip and then another med or dark blue 1.5"x3.5" strip. Make 4.



It should measure 3.5"x3.5" square at this point

Step 3:

Now create your corner blocks that will look like this for now:



First add a white 1.5" square to very light blue 1.5" square like this:



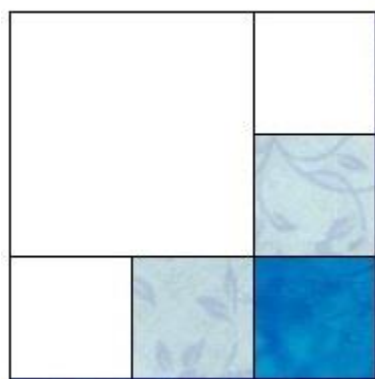
Then sew to the white 2.5" square like this:



Then make a strip of a white 1.5" square, a light blue 1.5" square and a med. blue 1.5" square like this:



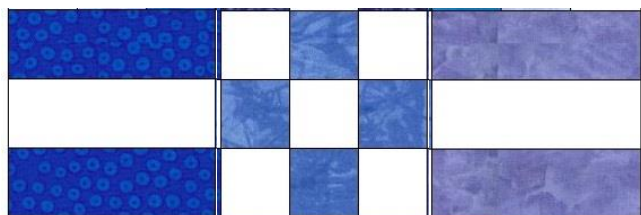
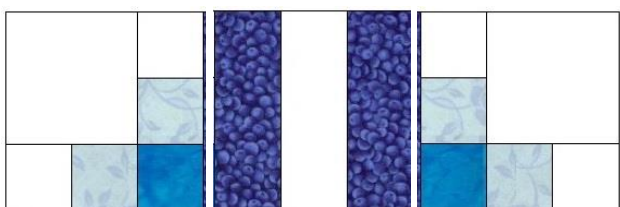
Add this to the above piece so that it looks like this:

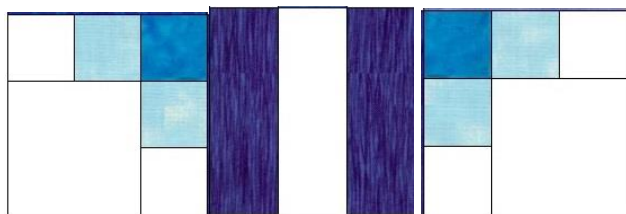


It should measure 3.5" square.

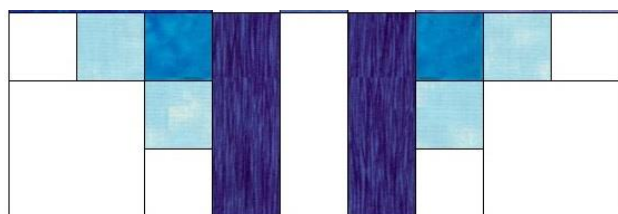
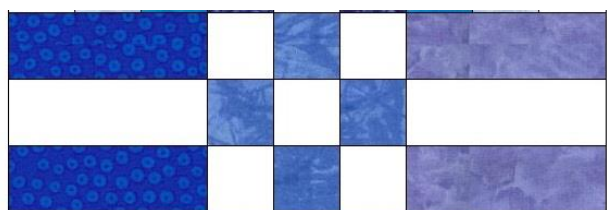
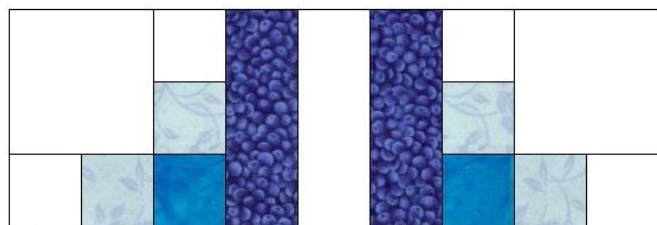
Make 4 of these for each block.

Step 4: Now make your 9 patch using all these segments as shown:





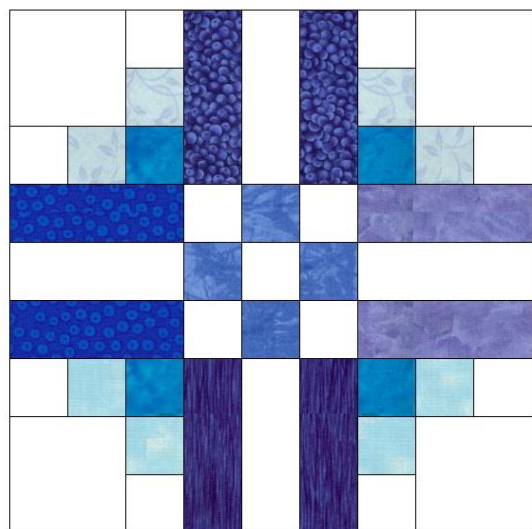
Sew these together first in rows like this:



And then sew the rows together.

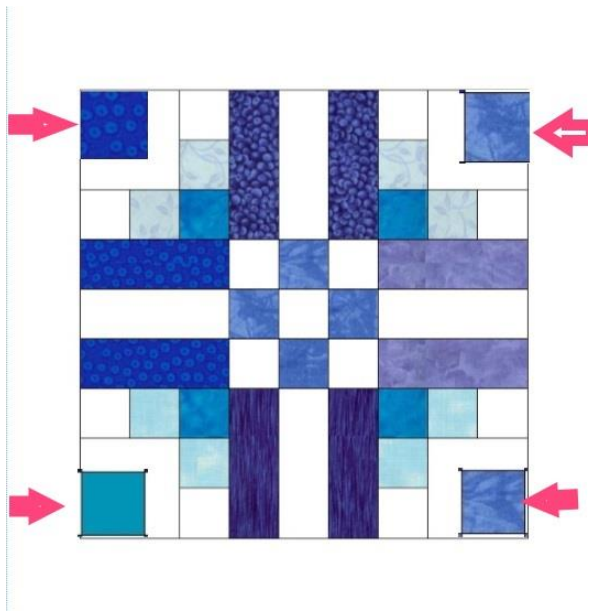
Don't forget to press the rail fence dark strips in towards the dark.

So far it will look like this:

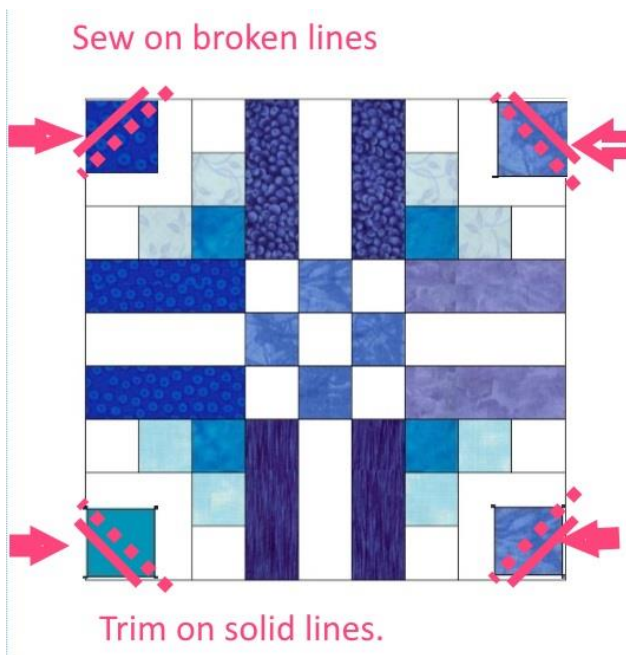


Step 5: Now take your 4 -2" med or dark blue squares and "snowball" each corner of the white like this:

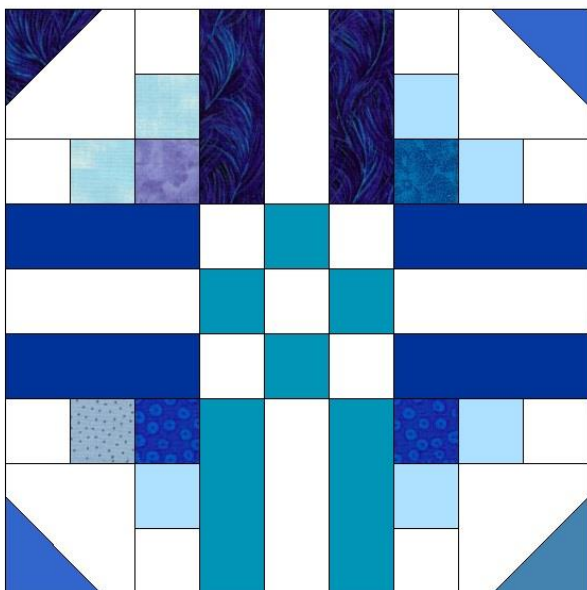
1. Place your 2" squares **RIGHT sides TOGETHER** on each corner of the block – on the white like this:



2. Sew diagonally across as indicated on the broken lines:
3. Trim on solid lines:



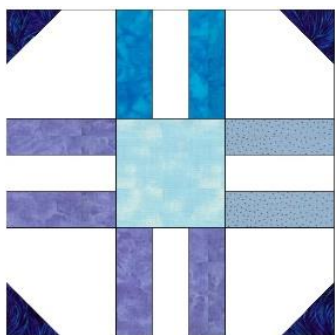
4. Press the remaining blue “out” to make your corners a triangle



Your block is done! It should finish at $9\frac{1}{2}'' \times 9\frac{1}{2}''$. Now make 50 of them! I told you it wasn't fast!



Block 2:



To make this block:

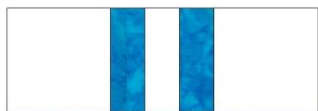
If you have already made all the strip sets as noted above, piecing the block is a piece of cake. Well, at least it's a lot easier than Block 1!

I work from the center out, so I first made my center rows like using 2 rail fence segments and the light plain 3.5" square:

(If you haven't strip pieced your rail fence segments, follow the instructions for Block 1 and make 4 of them!)



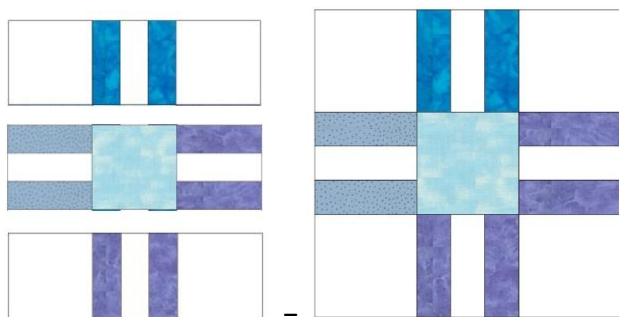
Then sew 2 white 3.5" squares to a rail fence segment like this



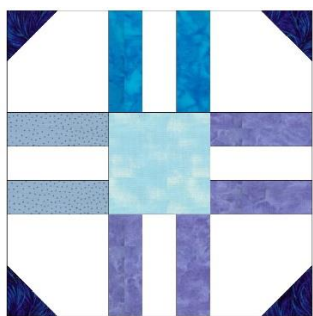
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Go ahead and put the block together. We will "snowball" the corners very last. I think it is easier that way.



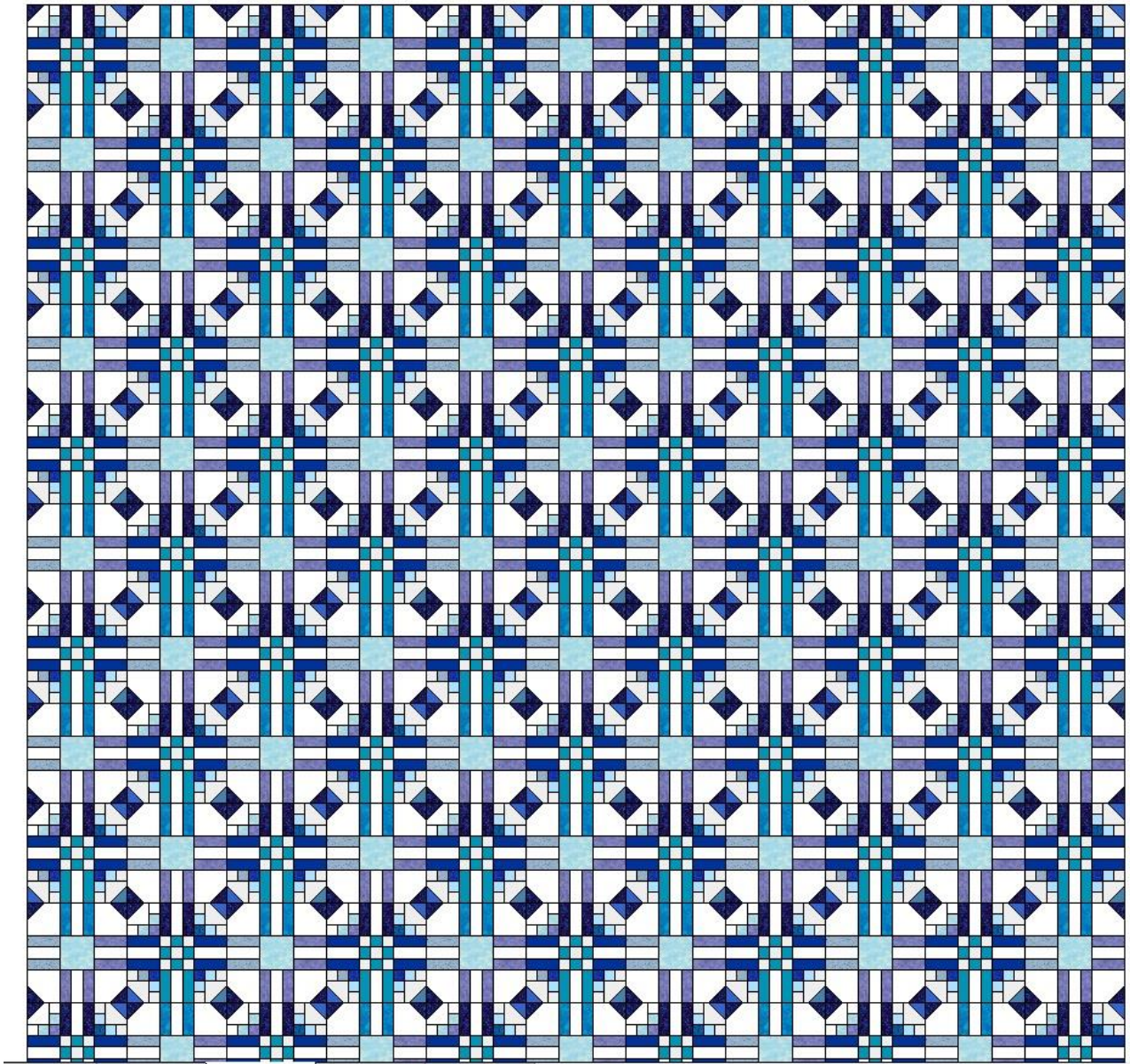
Snowball the corners using 2" med/dark blue squares as described in Block 1. Your finished block will look like this:



Make 49 blocks. They finish at 9½"x 9½" before being sewn into the quilt.

How to make this quilt:

1. Using this diagram, place your blocks carefully.



This is an 11x11 layout. No sashing or cornerstones – just place the blocks next to each other and sew together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

2. **Press** well.
3. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
4. **Quilt** as desired. I did a swirly motion.
5. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

