

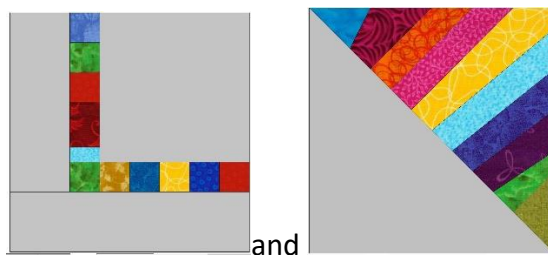
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98"x106"

To make the quilt pictured:



This quilt is made up of two 8.5" blocks (before being sewn into the top) and they look like this:

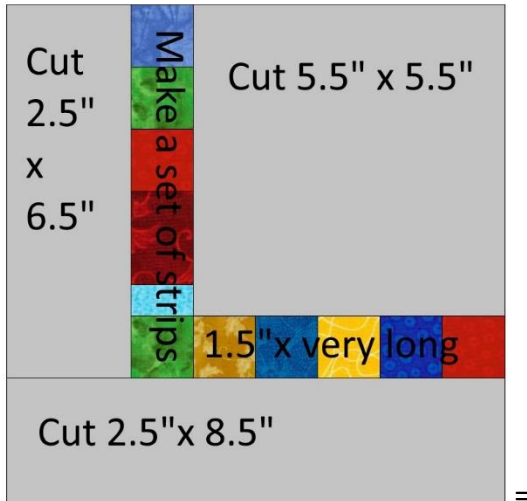


You need:

- 6¾ yards of gray fabric
- About 8 yards of scraps for the string blocks and the “L” block
- About 5/8-3/4 yard of fabric for the binding. I made a scrappy binding.

Cut:

For the L block: (for 78 blocks)



From gray:

- 78 – 5.5" squares
- 78 – 2.5" x 6.5"
- 78 – 2.5" x 8.5"

From brights:

- Sew a lot of strips together to make a big block of strips. Trim off 1.5" segments to make long skinny strips of pieces. I sewed them together end to end to make a very, very long strip of 1.5" width of small pieces.



For the strings block:



From gray:

- 78 – 9” squares

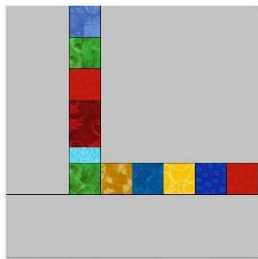
From bright colors:

- Enough strings to make 39 of these blocks that measure 9” square minimum

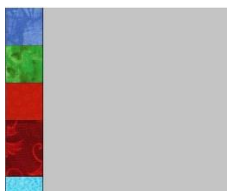


Construct blocks:

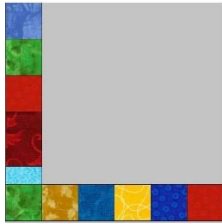
1. **The “L” block:** (finished size of block before sewing into quilt top –8.5” square)



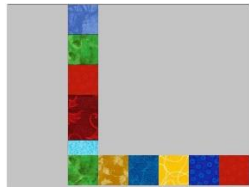
Sew one of the strips that you made in the cut section above to the gray 5.5” square. If your strip is long, just strip piecing going from one gray square to the next on your very long strings 1.5” section. (I showed a short one).



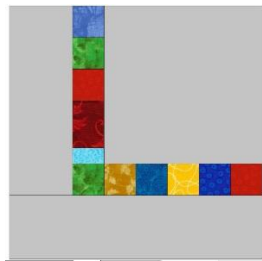
Add the strings section to the bottom of this block segment like this: Use your strings segments that you trimmed earlier. I just kept making them as needed.



Add your 2.5"x6.5" gray piece to the left side as shown:



Add your 2.5"x 8.5" rectangle to the bottom.



Make 56 total blocks using various bright colors. They should measure 8.5" square at this point.

2. The HST strings blocks



Sew together your strings either on a backing (fabric, interfacing, paper) or not (for this one I used fabric) – I made mine about 9.5" big. I did not trim yet.



Place a gray 9" square which has been pressed diagonally down the middle on top of the 9" trimmed strings block across the diagonal: Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the pressed line.

(Shown is a white one.)

Trim between the two stitching lines so you have two half square triangles.



Press.

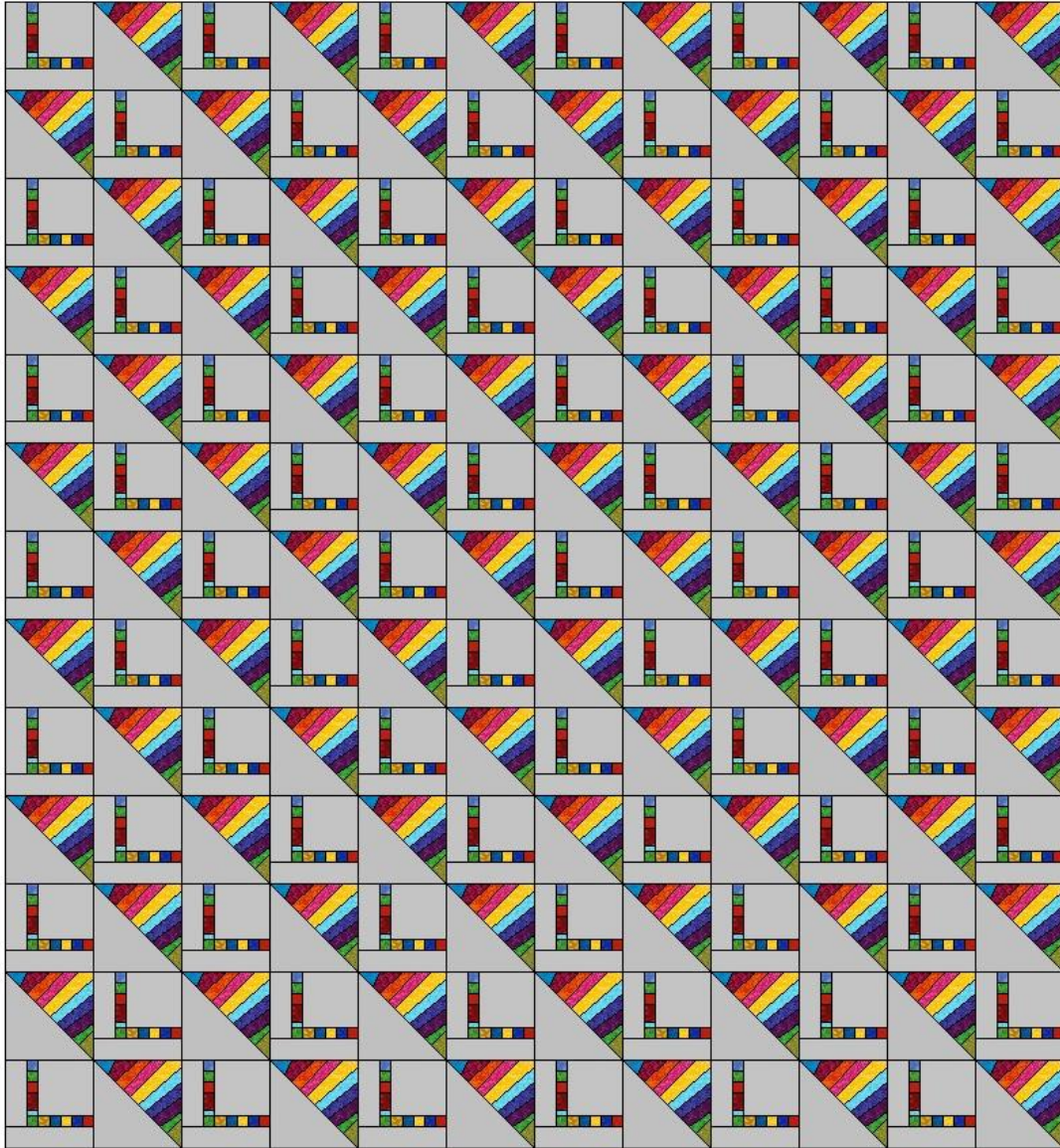
Trim to 8.5".



Make 78 blocks. They should measure 8.5" square at this point.

How to put together this quilt:

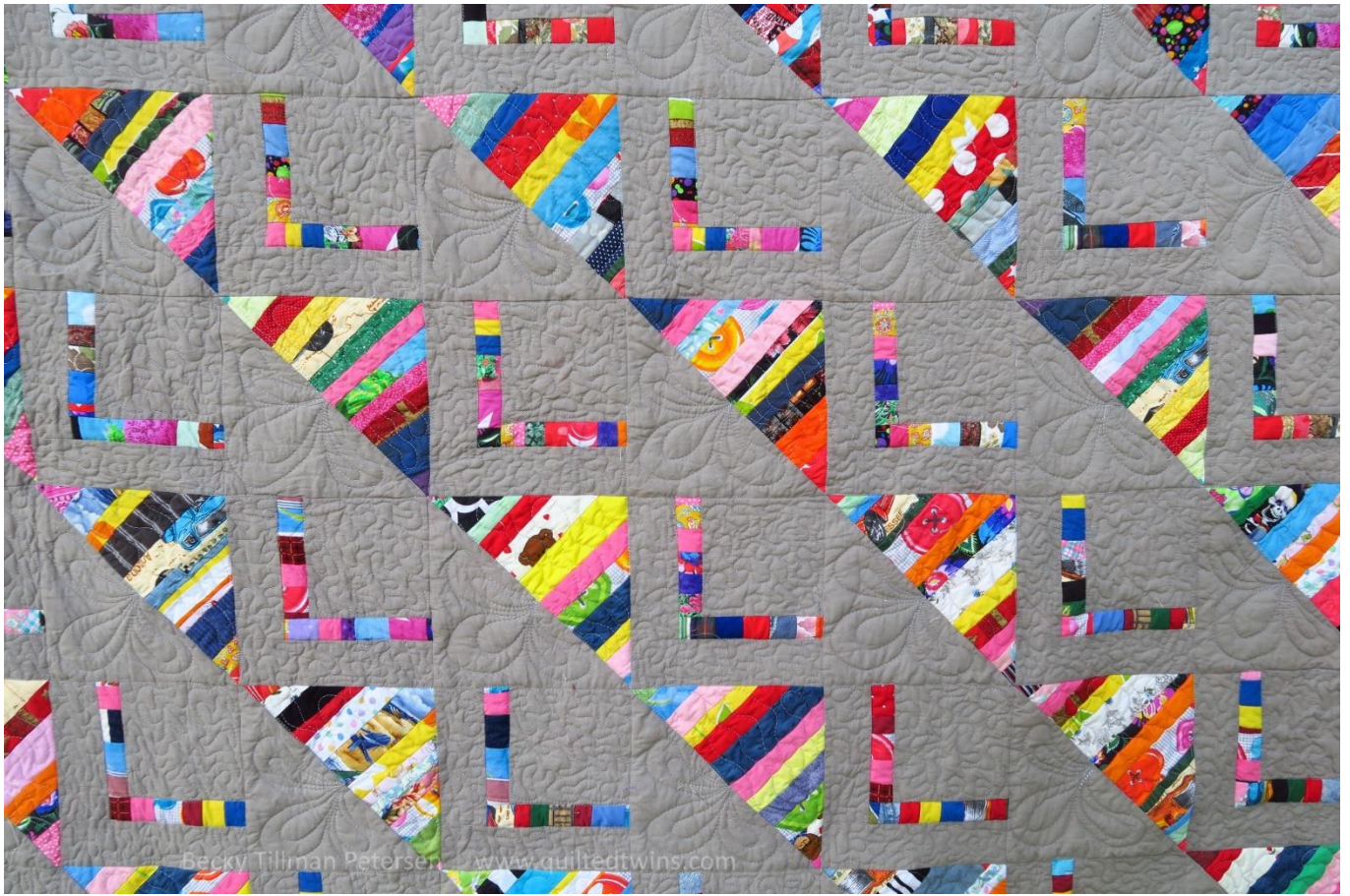
1. Construct your blocks as described above.
2. To make the center, using the diagram below, lay out the blocks and sew together in rows and then sew rows together to make a 12x13 layout.



3. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
4. **Quilt** as desired. I will show my quilting at the end of the pattern
5. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!



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