Scrap Collage

100"x109"

To make the quilt pictured:



This quilt is made up of one 9.5" block (before sewing into the top) and it looks like this:



You need:

- 45/8 yards of a various blues to be cut into 2.5" squares. You'll need 990 2.5" squares
- 2 yards of red
- 1/2 yards of blue for border
- 5 5/8 yards of tan for background fabric and border
- 3/4 yards of your color choice for the binding. I am going to make a scrappy binding.

Cut:

I am giving you the amount for one block. The totals are as if you are going to cut blocks individually. My quilt consisted of 110 blocks and I'll put those totals in parenthesis () for the whole quilt as I made it. Many times people don't want to make a quilt as large as the ones I make.

From various blues:

9 – 2.5"x2.5" squares (990)

From red:

1-1.5"x6½" (110)

1-1.5"x7.5" (110)

From tan:

1- 2.5"x7.5" (110)

1-2.5"x9.5" (110)

Both borders – the skinny blue border and the outer tan border will be dealt with under how to make this quilt!

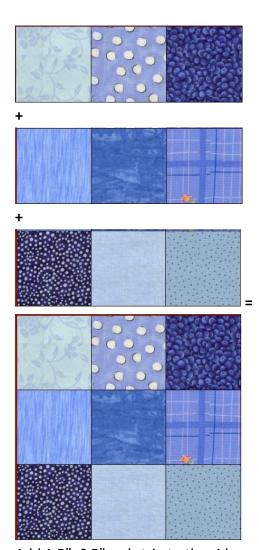
How to make this block:

If you have cut your 2.5" square individually, go ahead and sew them together to make a 9 patch. Of course you can always strip piece by sewing 3 2.5" strips together and sub cutting at 2.5" widths to make a set of 3.

I made up all my sets of 3 before sewing together my 9 patches. Sometimes I strip pieced and subcut, but sometimes I used individual pieces – depended on my scraps.



Make the 9 patch center:
Using your already cut 2" squares, make a 16 patch, using ¼" seams.



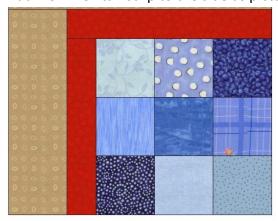
2. Add 1.5"x6.5" red strip to the side.



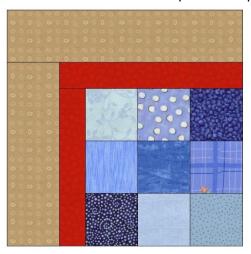
3. Add 1.5"x 7.5" red strip to the top:



4. Add 2.5"x7.5" tan strip to the side as pictured – beside the red:



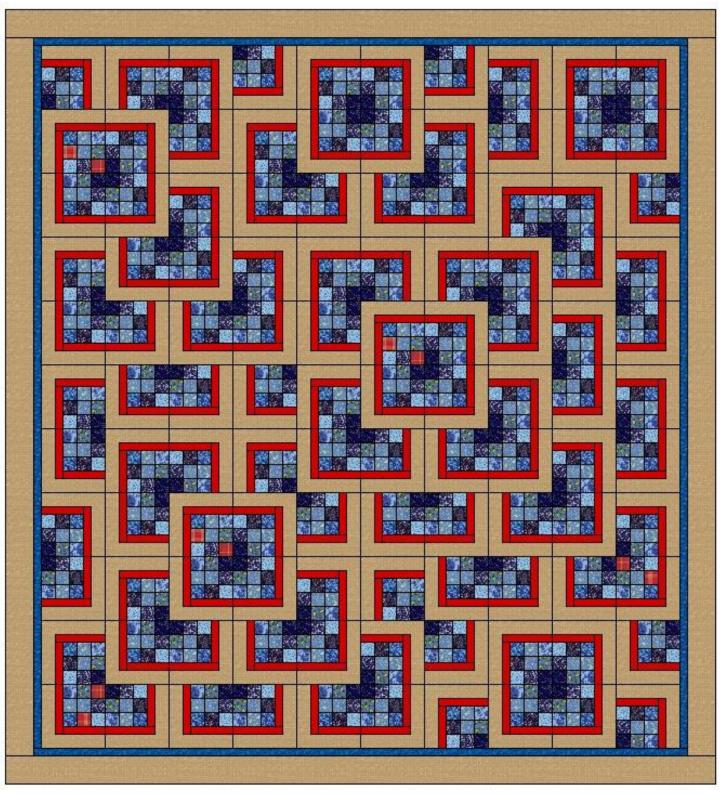
5. Add a 2.5"x8.5" tan strip to the top as pictured – above the red:



Make 110 such blocks. They are quick and easy. Now for the fun part!

How to make this quilt:

1. **Using this diagram, lay out your blocks in rows.** For now ignore the blue and tan borders.



In order not to get confused, I printed out this layout and put it in front of my sewing machine. Then I put a row together just as the diagram indicated. Then I put another row together and sewed the two rows together. I did that until the top was finished.

2. Add borders:

A. Dark blue border:

Cut 2 dark blue strips 1.5"x99.5". Piece as necessary to get the required length. Attach to sides. Cut light blue strips 1.5"x 92.5". Piece as necessary to get the required length. Attach to top and bottom.

B. Tan border:

Cut 2 dark blue strips 4.5"x101.5". Piece as necessary to get the required length. Attach to sides.

Cut light blue strips 4.5"x 100.5". Piece as necessary to get the required length. Attach to top and bottom.

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

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished! Enjoy!

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Note: Your scrap college quilt could be quite a bit different from mine by simply changing the directions of your pieces. Try it. Play around with it on the floor, your bed or you design board! Just imagine you are overlapping pictures and letting show only the parts you wish to be showing!

When I was a teenager, this is how we did scrapbooks. That is what this one was inspired by!

