

Sheet of Stamps

Top finishes at 116"x116" (King size)

To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- About 7 ½ - 8 yards of various scraps in order to cut 2" squares from
- 5 1/4 yards of black
- 7 5/8 yards of white
- 1/8 yard bright yellow (you need 36 2" squares of this color)
- ½ yard of not as bright yellow for center "burst" around the brighter yellow
- ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding. (I used black 2.5" strips.)

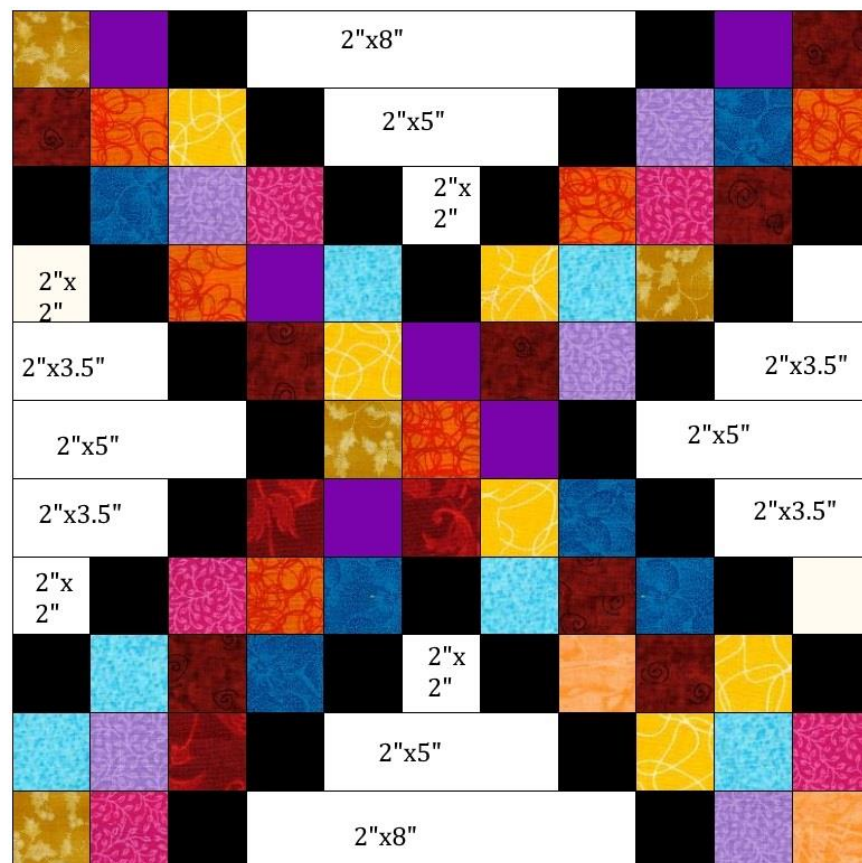
Note: This quilt consists of 2 different blocks. If you make the quilt like I did, you will have to trim off the outer blocks, so you will need more white and black than listed. Just make sure you have plenty of both black and white. I used scrappy whites (at least two or three different solid whites). **See note under 4. Press well under “ How to make this quilt”.**

For the king size, you will need 25 “x” blocks and 36 “o” blocks.

For a queen size (95”x95”), you will need 16 “x” blocks and 25 “o” blocks.

Cut:

Block 1 – the “x” block:



For each “x” block you will need:

White:

- 2 – 2”x8” strips – so for a king (25 blocks), cut 50 strips
- 4 – 2”x5” strips – so for a king (25 blocks), cut 100 strips
- 4 – 2”x3.5” strips - so for a king (25 blocks), cut 100 strips
- 6 – 2”x2” white squares - so for a king (25 blocks), cut 150 strips

Colorful:

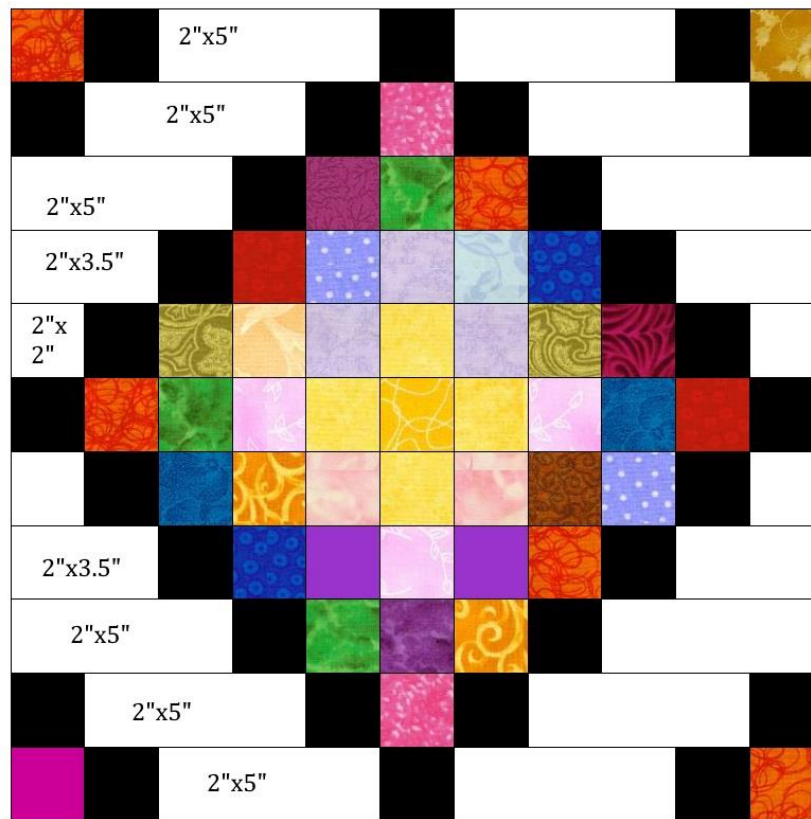
- 57 – 2”x2” squares – so for a king (25), cut 1425 squares

Black:

- 28 – 2”x2” squares - so for a king (25 blocks), cut 700 squares

(Note: I made my squares with the strip piecing method. I'll explain this later.)

Block 2 – the “o” block (Make 36)



For each “o” block you will need:

White:

- 12 – 2”x5” strips - so for a king (36 blocks), cut 432
- 4 – 2”x3.5” strips -- so for a king (36 blocks), cut 144 strips
- 4 – 2”x2” white squares - so for a king (36 blocks), cut 144 squares

Colorful:

- 40 – 2”x2” squares - so for a king (36 blocks), cut 1440 squares
- 1 – bright deep yellow - so for a king (36 blocks), cut 36 squares
- 4 - not as bright/deep yellow - so for a king (36 blocks), cut 144 squares

Black:

- 28 – 2”x2” squares - so for a king (36 blocks), 1008 squares

Construct blocks:

Notes:

- The blocks will finish at 17” before sewing into the quilt. Once sewn into the quilt, they should finish at 16.5”. Use ¼” seam allowances.
- Press seam allowances for each individual row of stitching all in one direction. Then, for the next row, press them going the other direction so that they would nest nicely when sewn together.

- I have put diagrams for each block with the size of strips indicated. Put together each block, using the pieces you have cut. All **squares** in the diagrams without numbers are 2"x2" cut. When I made my "o" blocks, I put pastels/lights closest to the yellows, so that the centers of the blocks looked "light". I tried to put saturated colors closest to the black (outlining) row.

1. For block 1 - (x block):

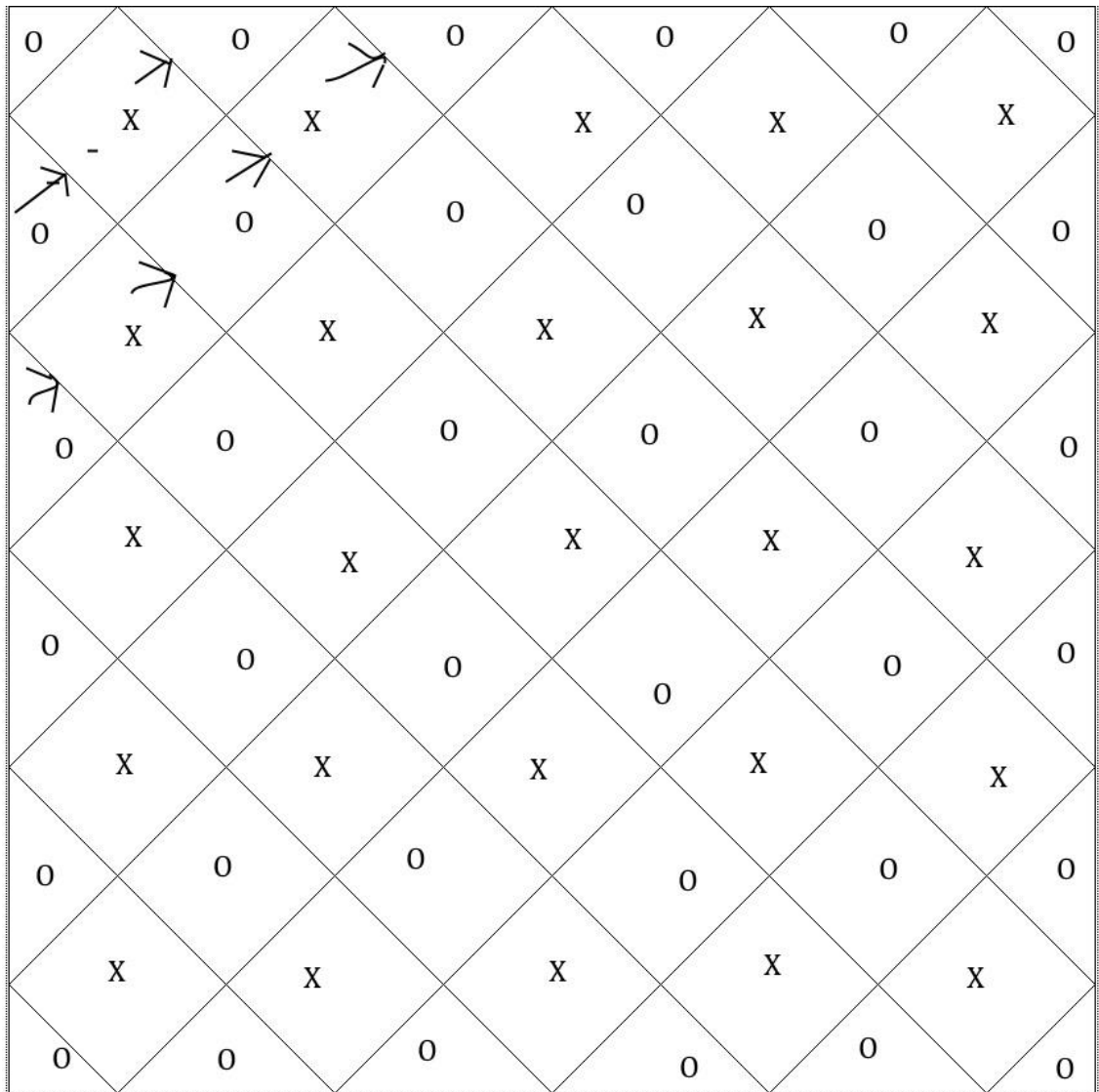
Make 25 according to above diagram.

2. For block 2 – (o block):

Make 36 according to above diagram.

How to make this quilt:

- Construct your blocks as shown in the diagrams above.
- Lay out completed blocks according to this diagram:



3. **Sew together in rows, following the arrows.** You will have part of the block that look a bit odd as the corners will be sticking out. Start where I show the arrow...and make that the first row you put together. Look at this picture: Start sewing where the indicated by the arrow:



4. **Press well.**
5. **Trim.** You will now need to trim off all those strange pieces sticking out like this all the way around the quilt. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the outside of the middle of the blocks so that when you sew on your binding, you will have half of the block showing. After trimming it will be about 116"x116". **(Note: You can cut your outer side "o" blocks in half before you sew them on the quilt – forming side setting triangles, but you will be shorting yourself about $\frac{1}{4}$ " to get the perfect "half of a block look" that my method gives you. If you do this, you will not need as many "o" blocks.)** These trimmings will be leftovers. You can now use these in an orphan block quilt or make them the beginning of a crazy quilt!



6. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
7. **Quilt** as desired.

Because of the very "busy-ness" of this quilt, I did a simple all over loop de loop as pictured below.



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

If you do not understand sewing blocks together on point, you can google it, or just write us on the group and we can help you with more pictures.

Note: for a queen, simply use a 4 x 4 layout instead of a 5x5 layout.
























































































Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

You can heave a huge sigh of relief. It was a big one!

Enjoy!

Strip piecing:

I do not piece individually if I can use strip piecing. Let me show you with the “x” block.

Row 1				2"x8"							
Row 2					2"x5"						
3						2"x 2"					
4	2"x 2"										
5	2"x3.5"										2"x3.5"
6	2"x5"									2"x5"	
7	2"x3.5"										2"x3.5"
8	2"x 2"										
9						2"x 2"					
10					2"x5"						
11				2"x8"							

For this block, I will subdivide the block into 11 rows. All strips without specific size indications are 2" wide.

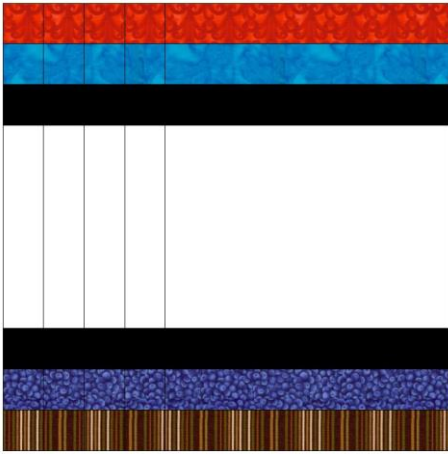
Row 1:

Sew 2 colorful strips together, then a black strip, then an 8" strip of fabric, then a black, and two more colorful strips. Press seams all direction (do this for all of these strip sets).

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Then, trim off 2" segments like this:



Now the Row 1 individual strips will look like this:



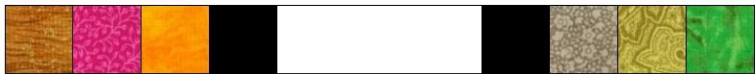
Row 2:

Sew 3 strips of colorful, a black strip, a 5” white wide strip, one black, and three colorful ones like this:



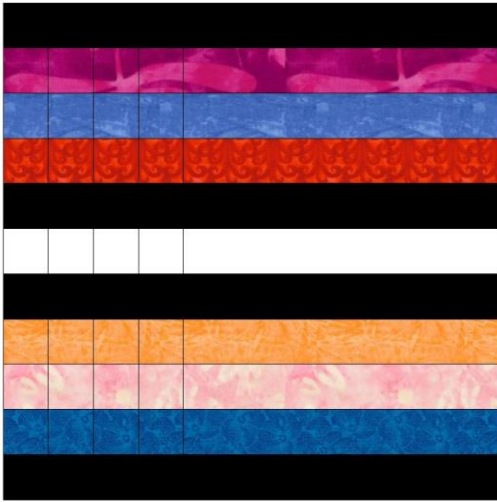
Press seams all one direction. Trim off in 2” segments

The final Row 2 strips will look like this:



Row 3:

Sew 1 black strip, 3 colorful ones, 1 black, 1 white, 1 black, 3 colorful ones, and 1 black:



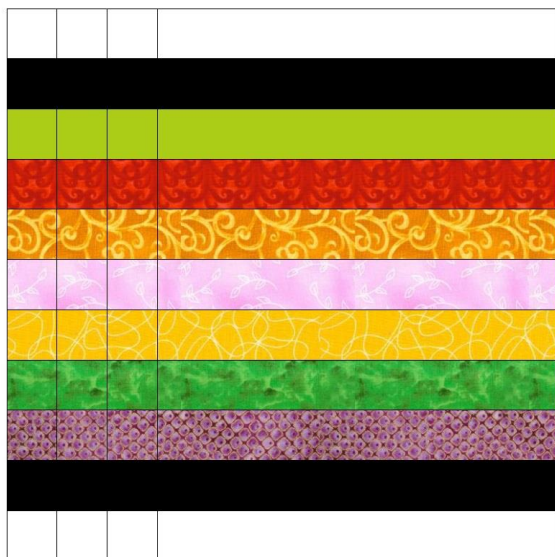
Trim off 2" segments as shown by lines on the block.

Now your Row 3 strips will look like this:



Row 4:

Sew a white strip, black, 7 colorful ones, a black, and a white together. Press. Trim off 2" segments.



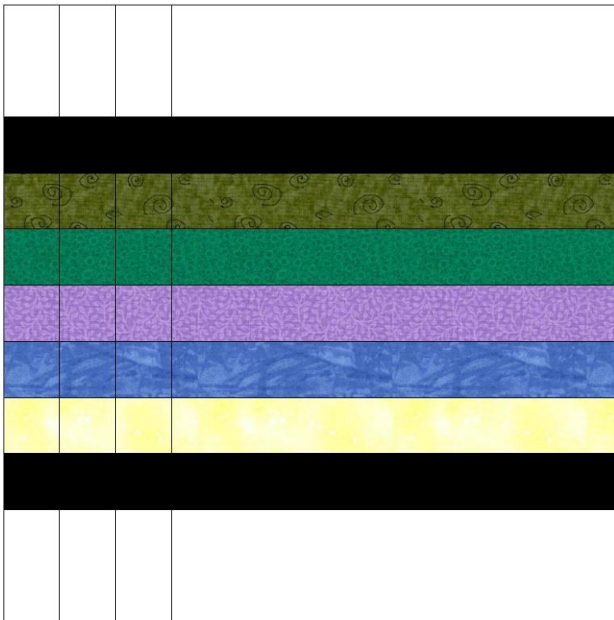
So the Row 4 strips are look like this:



Row 5:

Sew a 3.5" white, a black, 5 colorfals, a black, and a 3.5" white strip

Like this:



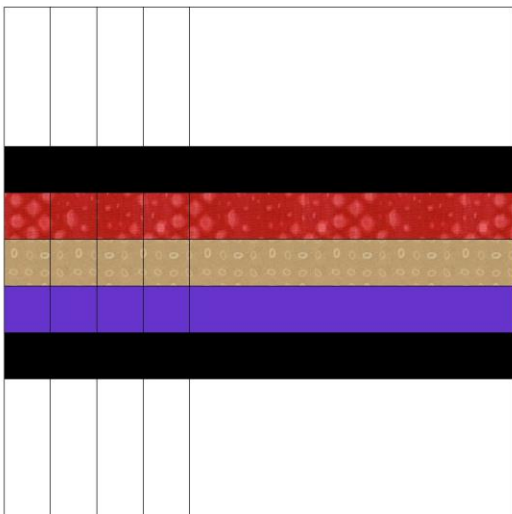
Press. Cut off 2" segments.

Row 5 strips will look like this:



Row 6 (the middle row):

Sew together a 5" white strip, a black, 3 colorfals, a black, and another 5" white like this:



Cut off 2" segments as shown by lines.

So that individual Row 6 strips will look like this;



Row 7 – same as Row 5

Row 8 – same as Row 4

Row 9 – same as Row 3

Row 10 – same as Row 2

Row 11 – same as Row 1

Sew together row by row, nesting your seams. If you have pressed all the seams in one strip set in one direction this will not be a problem. Your finished block should be 17”x17” before sewing together in the quilt top.

Vary the colors in your strip sets for a nice colorful quilt.

AND.....

Do the same thing with your “o” block. I believe by now you have the idea and I do not need to demonstrate how to do each row. Just make sure you put the deep yellows and light yellows where I did, if you want the “radiant” look.