Simple Shadowed Blocks

93"x107"

To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- 4.5 yards gray
- 42 4.5" squares of various geometric (22" of fabric if you are buying one piece)
- 3 3/4 yards of solid black
- 11 fat quarters of various blues/greens
- 1 5/8 yards of a bold geometric for the border
 This quilt is made up of 1 block which finishes at 11"



Cut:

For block: (for 42 blocks)

From various geometrics -

• Cut 42 – 4.5" squares

From gray -

- Cut 84 1.5"x 4.5" strips
- Cut 84 1.5" x6.5" strips

From black -

Make strip sets like this:

Cut a piece of gray which is 2.5"x WOF (width of fabric) and a piece of black which is 7.5"x WOf and sew together.



Cut off segments which are 2.5" wide like this:



Make 42.

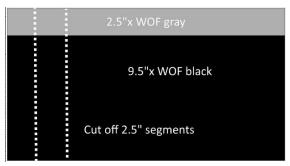
They look like this:



Now make a second strip set like this:



Cut segments at 2.5" intervals like this:



Cut off 42. They look like this:



From gray:

• Cut 35 - 2.5"x 11.5" strips Cut 6 - 2.5" x 81" (piece to make length as needed)

Construct Blocks:

Block:



1. Cut your 11 fat quarters into 9" squares or 9.5" squares if they are a bit bigger than fat quarters or just scrap pieces (I had a ruler which I used which worked well using 9.5" squares). You will need sets of 4 – triangles – 42 different sets of 4. Cut each 9 or 9.5" square diagonally 2x like this to create 4 equal triangles They will be trimmed down a bit so perfection is necessary:



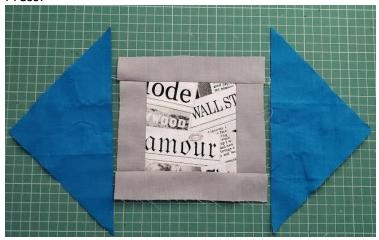
2. The pieces you will use for this colorful part of the block look like this:



3. Sew the 1.5" gray strips to the sides of the 4.5" geometric center. Press flat:



4. Sew the 1.5"x 6.5" gray strips to the top and bottom of the 4.5" geometric center like this.



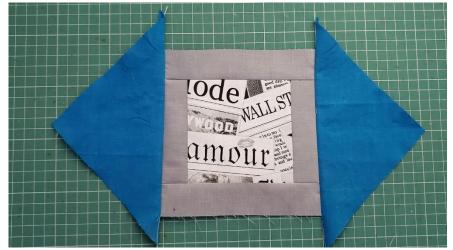
5. Lay the two blue or green or whatever color triangle pieces to the sides of the geometric center and sew.



6. Open up and fold back.



7. Press.



8. Lay another triangle on top as shown:



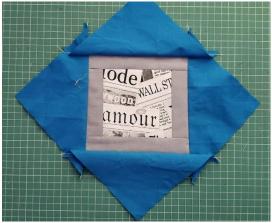
9. Then place the last triangle on top as shown.



10. Stitch at ¼" as shown:



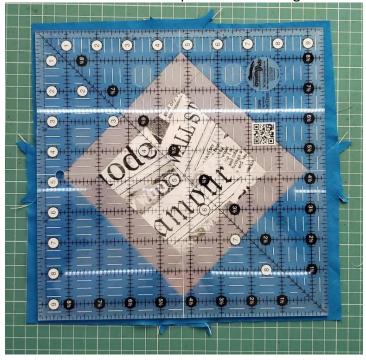
11. Fold back



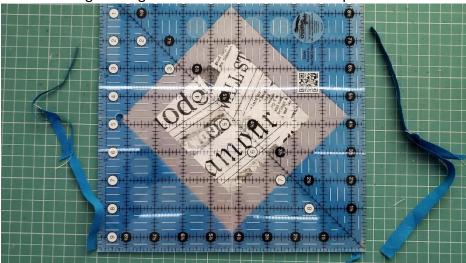
12. Press flat.



13. Place 9.5" ruler over the top and center using the lines as shown.



13. Trim using the edge of the ruler. Be as careful as possible.



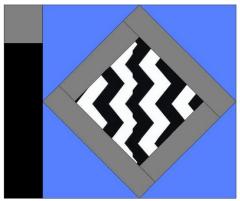
14. Now you have a 9.5" square. Beware as you work with this as you do have bias edges on this part of the block but if you are careful how you handle things, all will be fine.



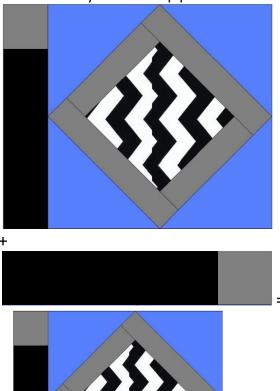
15. Your scraps



16. Now add the two shadow strips that were previously made by strip piecing to this unit: First add the smaller unit to the side as shown:



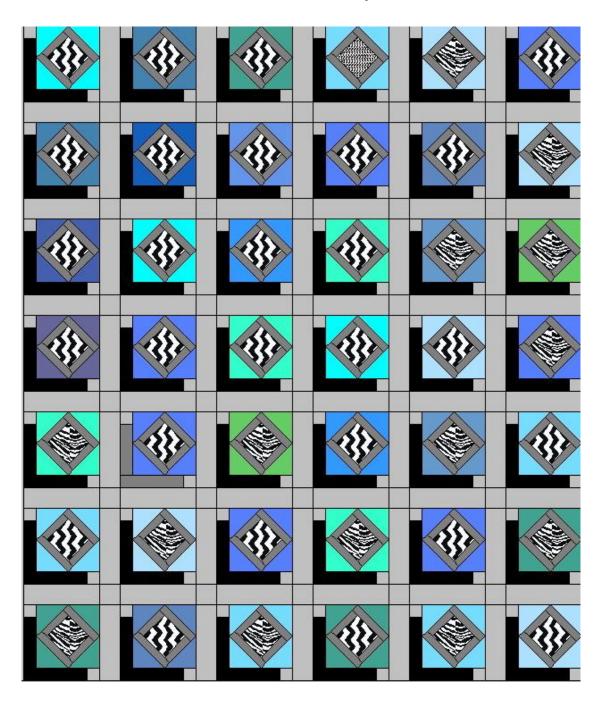
17. Then add your last strip pieced unit to almost finished block as shown:



Make 42 various blocks using various colors.

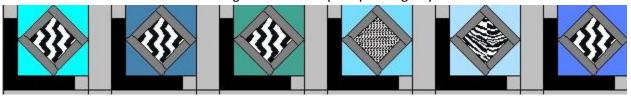
Note: on your blocks, there will be a little bit of "float" – those gray corners should not touch the edge of the block...see my picture at the bottom of the pattern.

How to make this quilt:



1. Sew the rows together as shown.

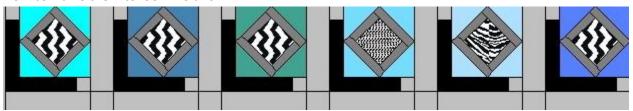
 $\label{eq:makerows} \mbox{Make rows as shown-6 across. Arrange colors so they are pleasing to you.}$



Sew a 2.5"x 11.5" piece of gray sashing between each block.

The row of sashing was previously pieced and cut under "Cut".

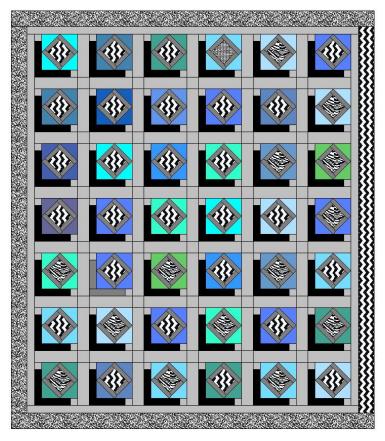
Now combine them to look like this:



Repeat until the center is finished as shown above.

- 2. Make borders: (piece as necessary to get the length needed)
 - A. First border gray
 - Cut 2 2.5"x95.5". Add to sides
 - Cut 2 2.5" x 85.5". Add to top and bottom.
 - B. Second border geometric
 - Cut 2 4.5" x 99.5". Add to sides
 - Cut 2 4.5" x 93.5". Add to top and bottom.

Final layout looks like this:



- 3. Press well.
- **4. Sandwich,** using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
- 5. Quilt as desired. I did straight line quilting with my walking foot. Random placement!
- 6. Bind, using whatever method you wish.

It's that easy!!!! Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!



