

Sweet Bits

88"x 96"

To make the quilt pictured:



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You need:

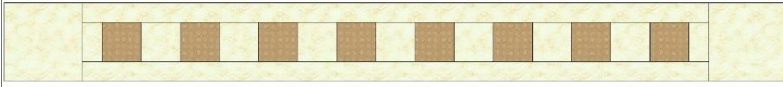
- Scraps of various fabric – really any shade or color – 5 7/8 yards -
- White and/or cream fabric – 10 7/8 yards
- 3/4 yard of your favorite color for binding.

The pieced blocks finish at 4" square plus the border effect. The center of the quilt is an arrangement of simple 4.5" cut squares.

The border pieced block looks like this:



Plus border segments that will end up looking like this: they will vary in length and have various numbers of colorful squares in them but will all be 4.5" (before being sewn into the top) high.



I literally built this quilt top like a medallion quilt.

A medallion quilt has a center block and "adds borders" until it is the size you want.

Cut:

For the center part:

From colorful fabrics:

- 80 – 4.5 squares

For the various border pieces:

From a darker brown for those corner descending blocks in the borders

- 24 – 4.5" squares

From cream:

- 24 – 4.5" squares to be used on the borders
- 120 – 2.5" squares
- 24 – 1.5"x2.5" rectangles
- 2 – 4.5"x 32.5" strips
- 2 – 4.5" x 40.5" strips
- 4 – 1.5"x 32.5" strips (piece as necessary)
- 8 – 1.5"x40.5" strips (piece as necessary)
- 8 – 1.5"x48.5" strips (piece as necessary)
- 4 – 1.5"x56.5" strips (piece as necessary)
- 2 – 4.5"x 64.5" strips
- 2 – 4.5" x 72.5" strips
- 4 – 4.5"x 88.5" strips

From various colorful fabrics:

- 132 – 2.5" squares

For border block:  (76 blocks) I did not strip piece these blocks – I was using up small scraps.

Of course, you can strip piece if you have 1.5" strips – just sew a 1.5" colorful strip to a 1.5" cream strip and cut off 1.5" segments to create little units like this:



From colorful:

- 304 – 1.5” squares

From cream:

- 304 – 1.5” squares
- 152 – 2.5” squares

Construct Blocks as needed:

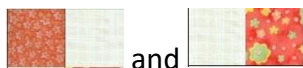
Most of the quilt is made up of borders, however, for the borders you do need a section that COULD be made with strip piecing if you wish. I did not – I used individual 2.5” squares because I was using scrap pieces. But you could cut 2.5” strips of cream and 2.5” strips of colorful fabrics, sew together to make a unit and then sub cut to help your piecing go faster for this unit:



How to make the 4 patch used in the border:



To make this block just take your 1.5” colorful squares and sew to a cream 1.5: square like this:



Press towards the darker colors:

Sew these two together, alternating colors like this:



For each block, make 2 of these: You need a total of 152 of these little 4 patch blocks. Make a variety. At this point they will be 2.5” square.

Now sew your cream 2.5” squares to your little 4 patch like this:



Now sew those two segments together.

You now have your finished “4 patch” which is made up of 2 small 4 patches and 2 plain blocks.

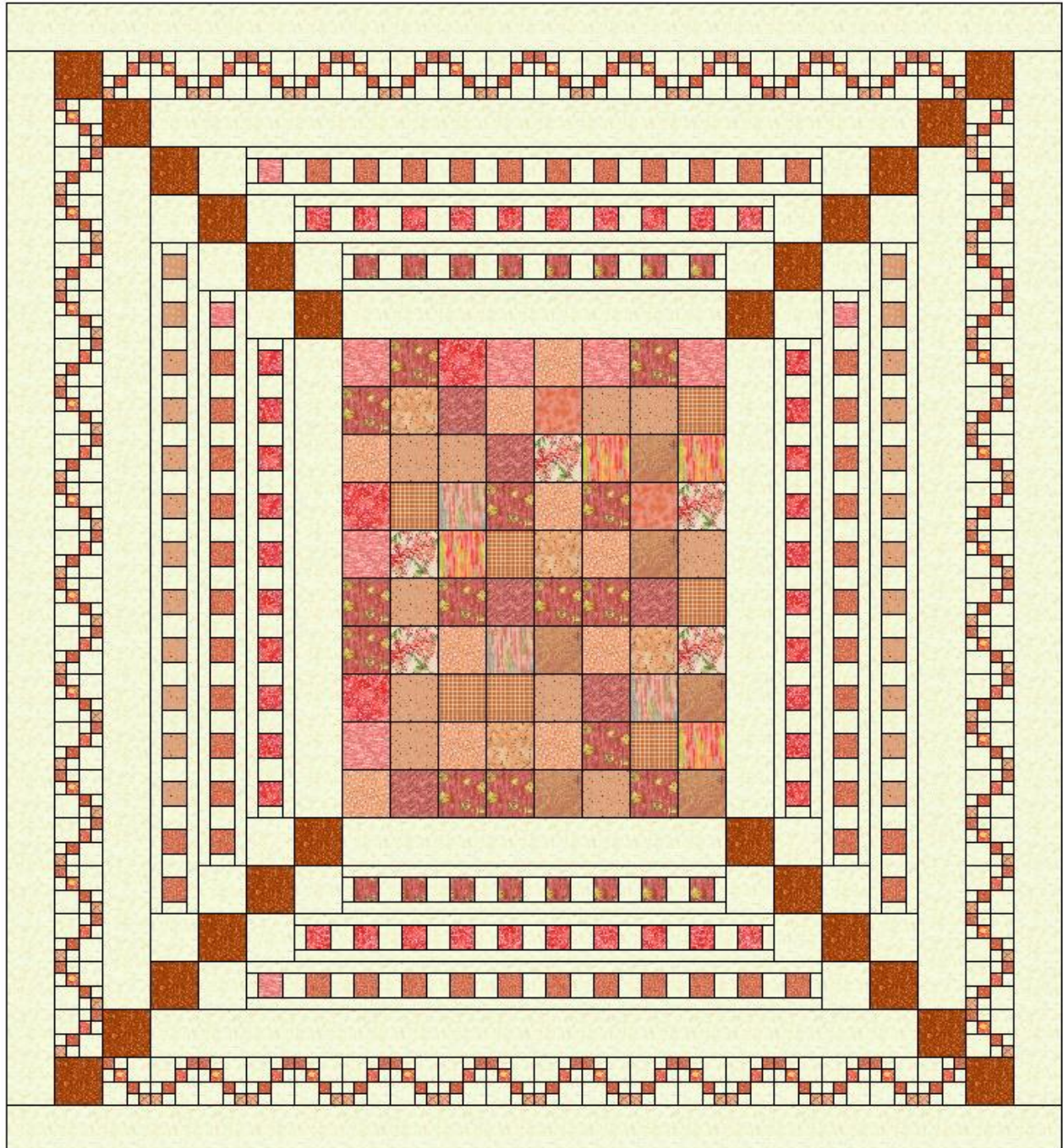


For the border in the size I did, you will need 76 such blocks.

How to make this quilt:

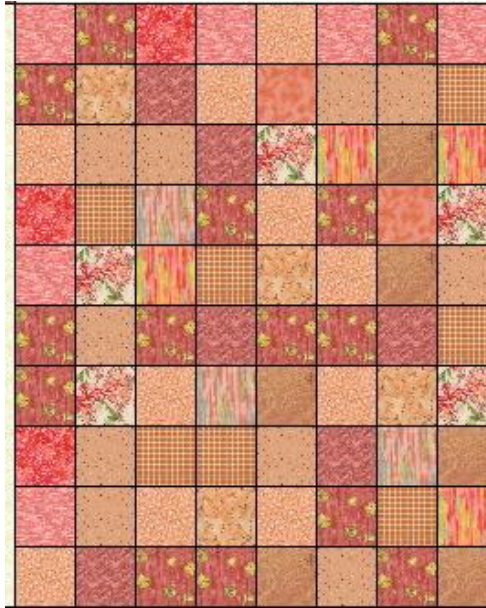
1. Lay out completed blocks according to diagram.

Overview: We will deal with each section in detail:



2. Sew together in rows:

Start in the center by sewing your 4.5" squares in a 8x10 layout like this:



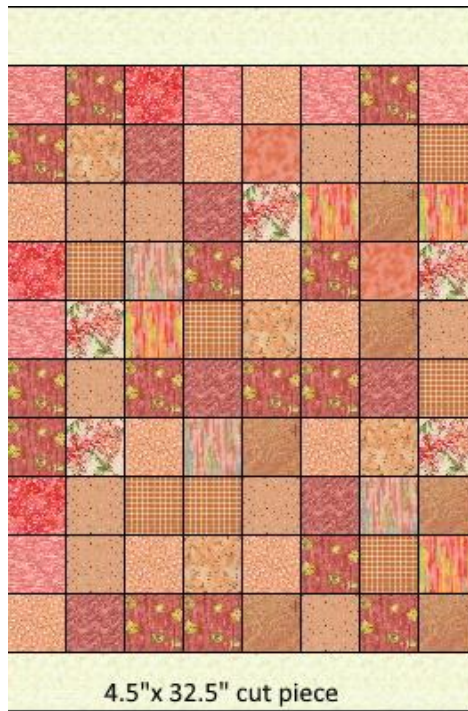
3. **Connect rows.** Follow the pattern layout placement. I did one row at a time.

4. Borders:

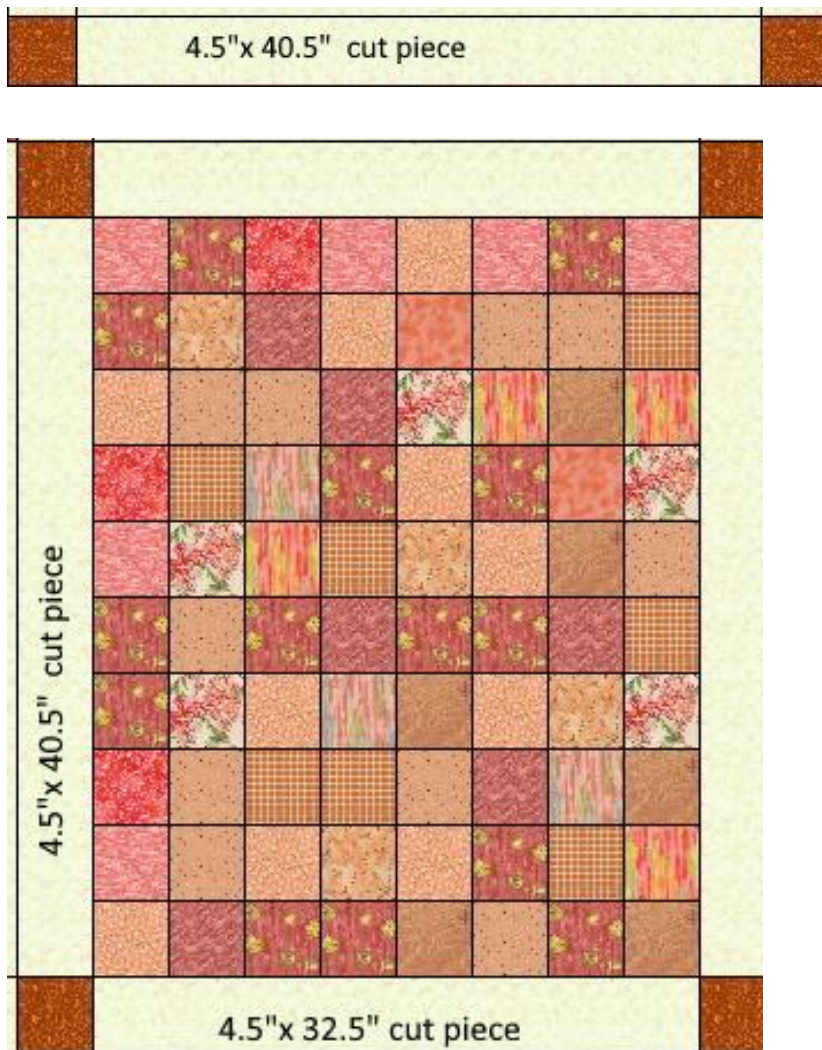
This quilt is made up of what seems like a lot of borders. Only the center group of squares is “not” a border.

A. First border:

Add 1 cream 4.5"x32.5" piece to top and bottom as shown:

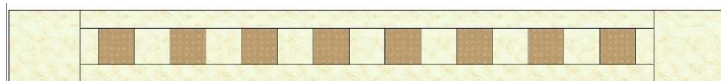


Sew 2 - 4.5"x40.5" cream pieces to 2 brown 4.5" square previously cut to each end and attach to the sides as shown:



B. Second border:

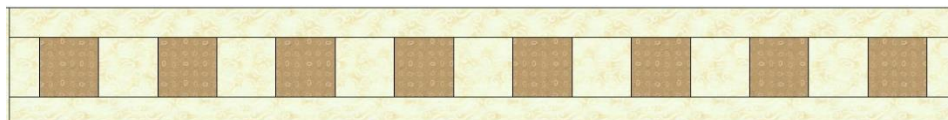
First create the center pieced section like this:



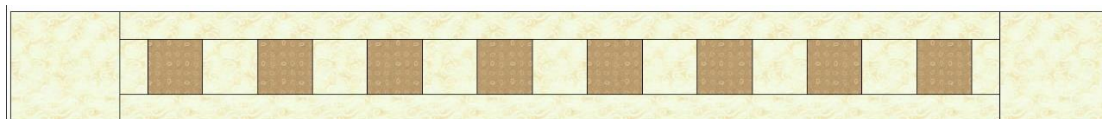
Sew a 1.5"x2.5" cream piece to a 2.5" colorful square, then a cream 2.5" square, colorful, cream, colorful, etc. until you have 8, 2.5" colorful squares and 7, 2.5" cream squares with a 1.5"x 2.5" strip on each end of this unit like this:



When this section is sewn together, add a 1.5" x 32.5" strip to the top and bottom (previously cut)
It now looks like this:

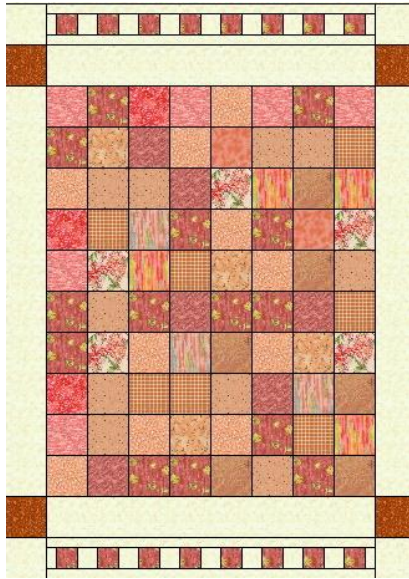


Now sew your cream 4.5" square to each end of this unit so the whole border section looks like this:



It will measure 4.5"x 40.5" at this point. Make 2.

Attach to the center like this:



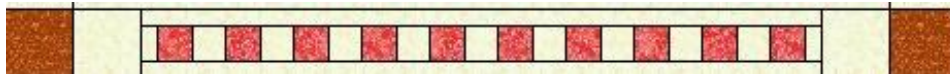
Now make another border for the sides, using 10 colorful, 9 cream 2.5" squares and 2 1.5"x2.5" strips on the end to make a unit like this: You will use the 1.5"x 40.5" strips on the top and bottom.



Add the cream squares to each end of this unit to create this: Make a total of 4 – 2 for this round and 2 for the next one.

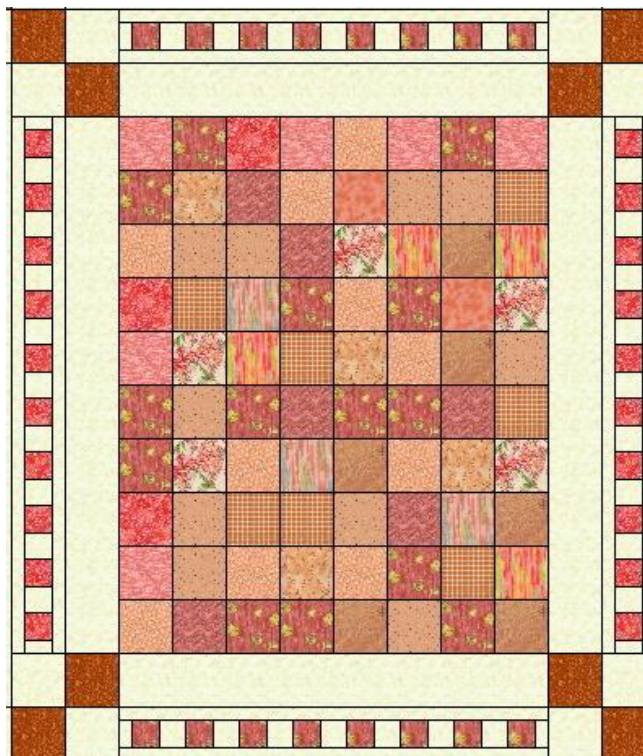


Now add the brown squares to each end to create this look



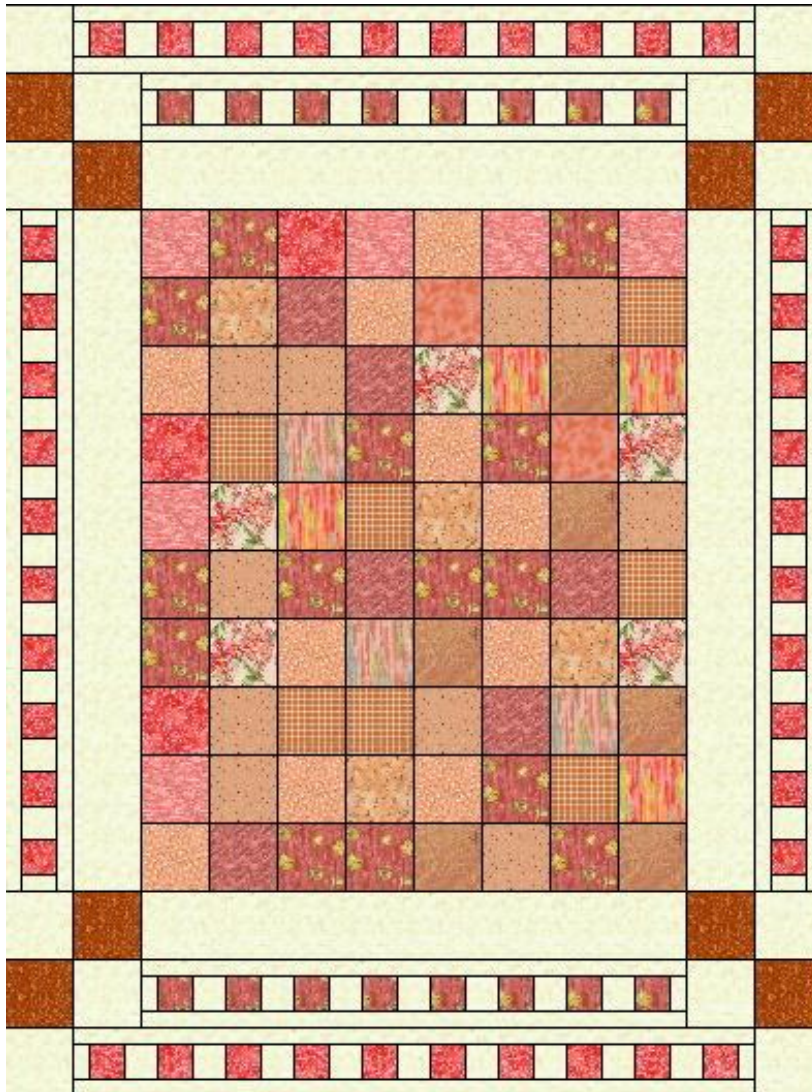
and attach to the center:

It now looks like this:

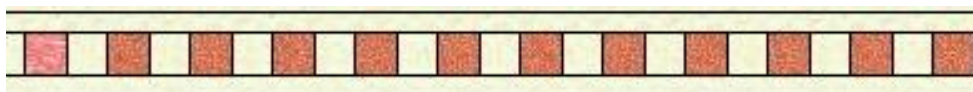


C. Third Border:

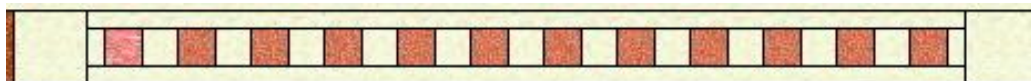
Using the same method as shown above, make another border unit using 10 colorful, 9 cream 2.5" squares and 2 1.5"x2.5" strips and make 2 more just like you made: Add to the top and bottom like this: (If you followed my instructions, you can use the 2 you JUST made as indicated in Second Border when I told you to make 4!)



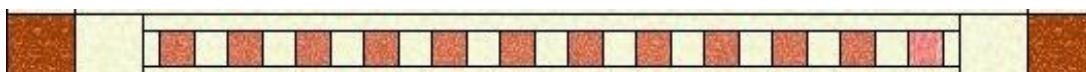
Now using the same method, only using 12 colorful, 11 cream 2.5" squares and 2 1.5"x2.5" strips (one on each end, make a unit that looks like this: Use the 1.5"x 48.5" strips on the top and bottom. Make 4 – 2 for this round and 2 for the next one.)



Add the cream 4.5" squares to each end:

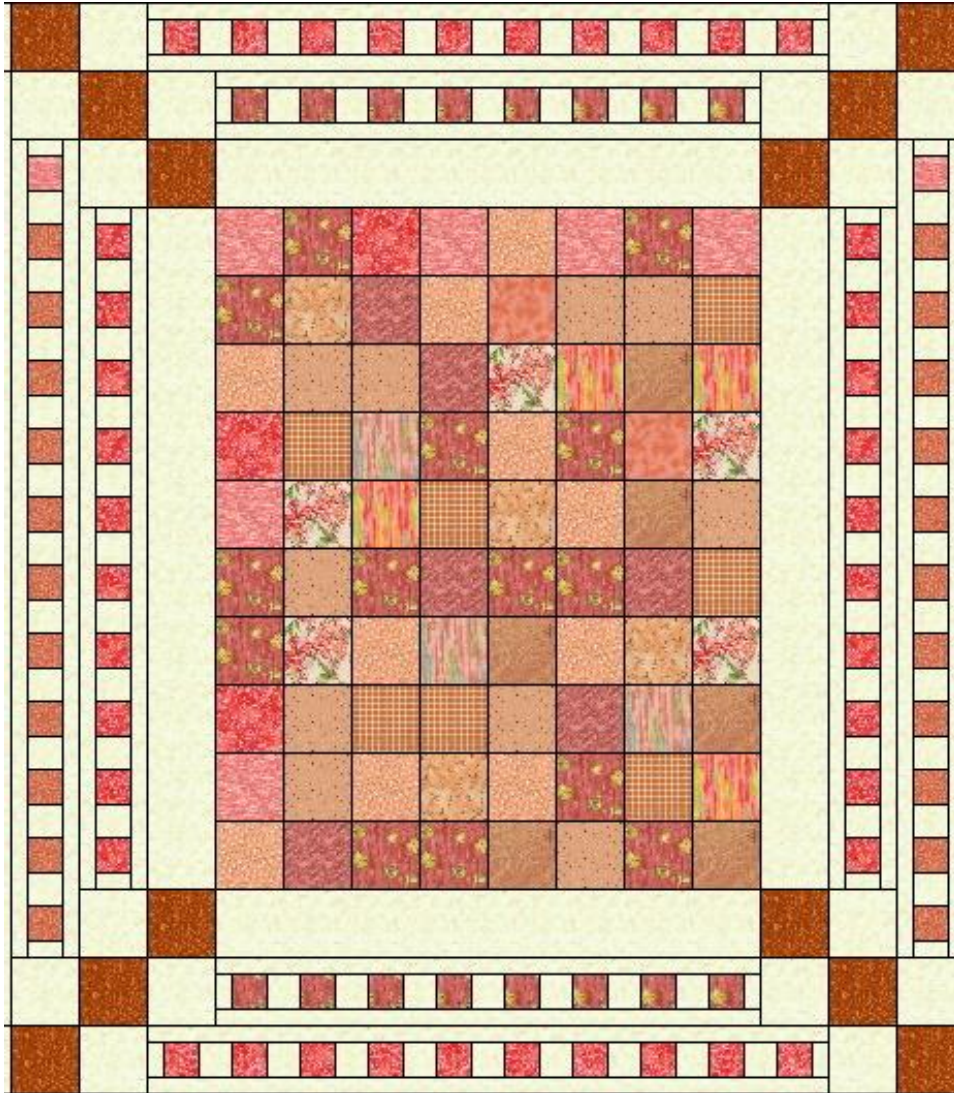


Now add a brown 4.5" square to each end

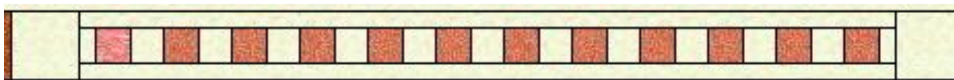


and attach to the center of the quilt on the sides:

The quilt top now looks like this:

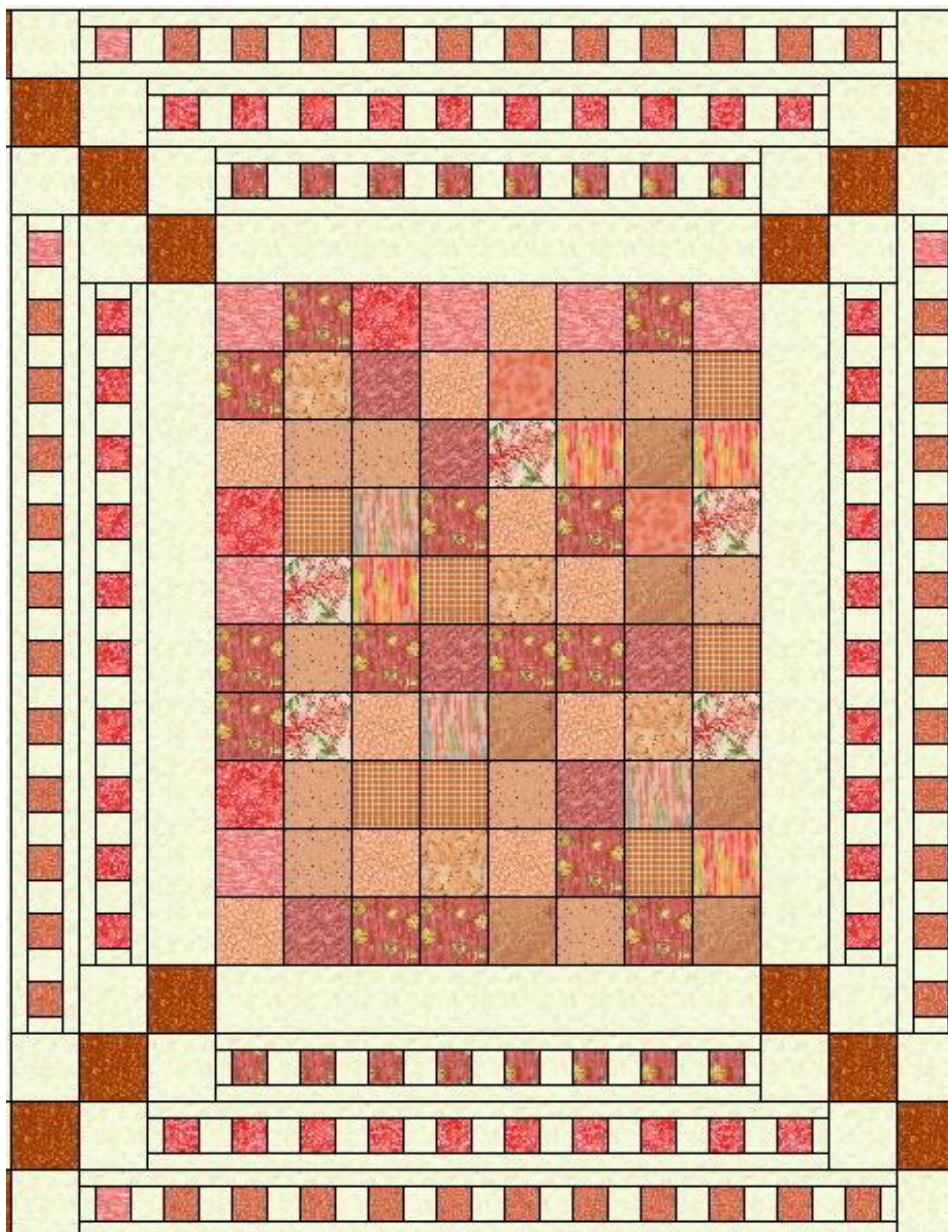


D. Fourth Border:



Using the same manner as the last round, make 2 strips of the border unit using 12 colorful, 11 cream and 2 1.5"x2.5" strips and sew together. Add the 1.5"x 48.5" strips to the top and bottom to form this unit: (You should have already made them if you followed my instructions!)

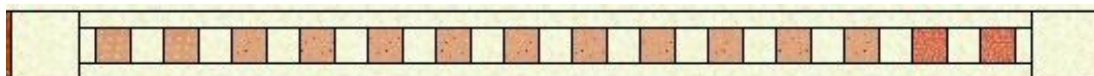
Attach them to the top and bottom:



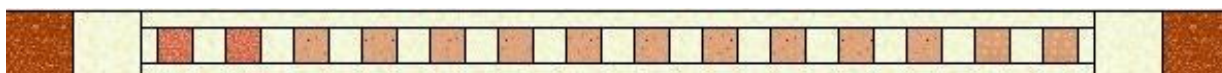
Now make one last set of units that use 14 colorful, 13 cream and 2 1.5"x2.5" units on each like this:
Use your 1.5"x 56.5" strips on the top and bottom:



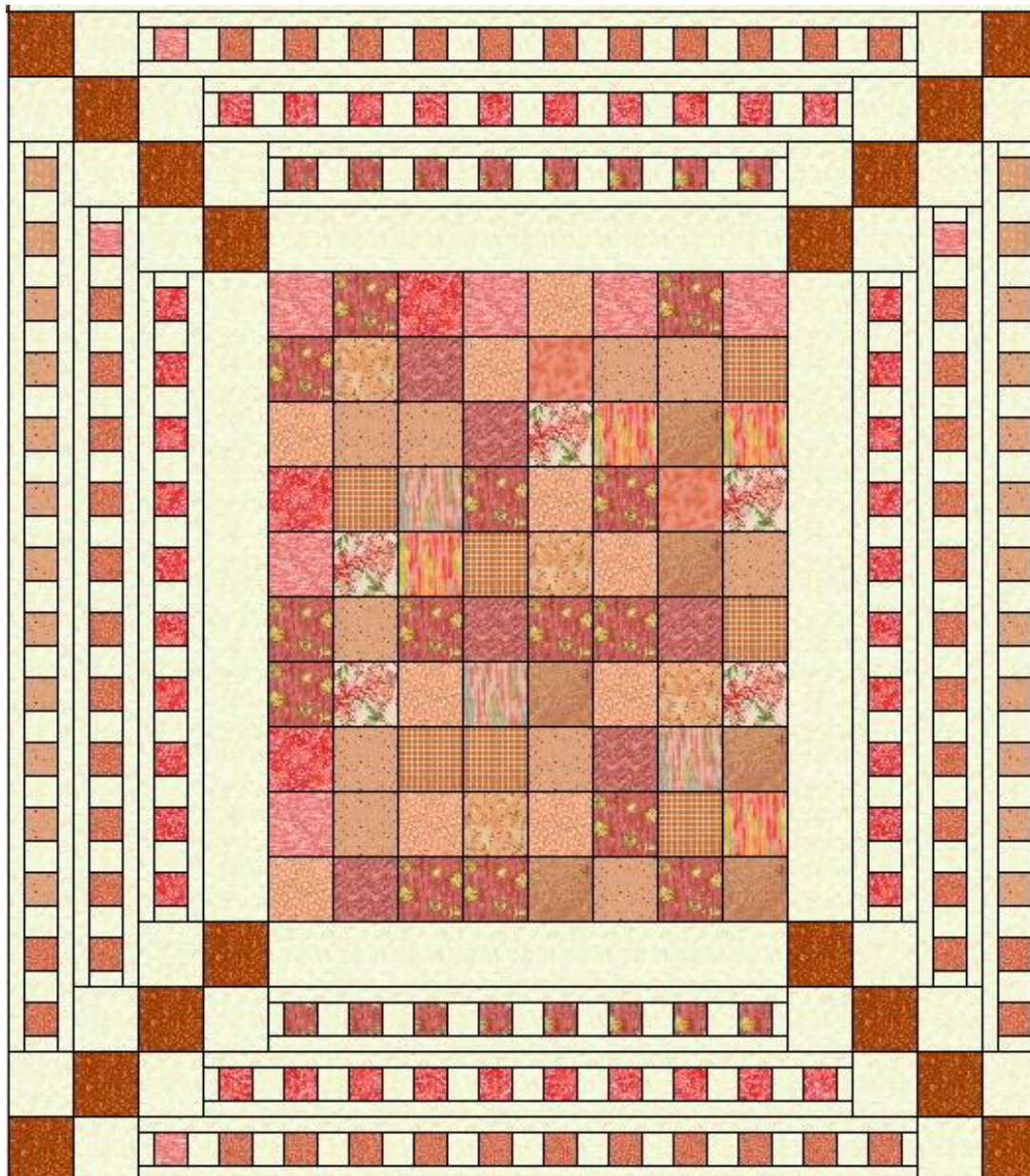
Now add the cream 4.5" squares to each end:



Now add a brown 4.5" square to each end of this



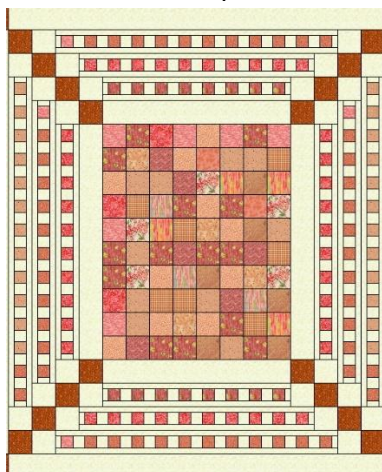
and attach to the center on the sides:



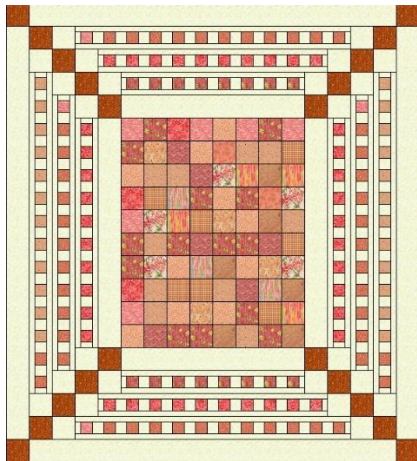
E. Fifth border:

Attach the cream strips as shown in first border:

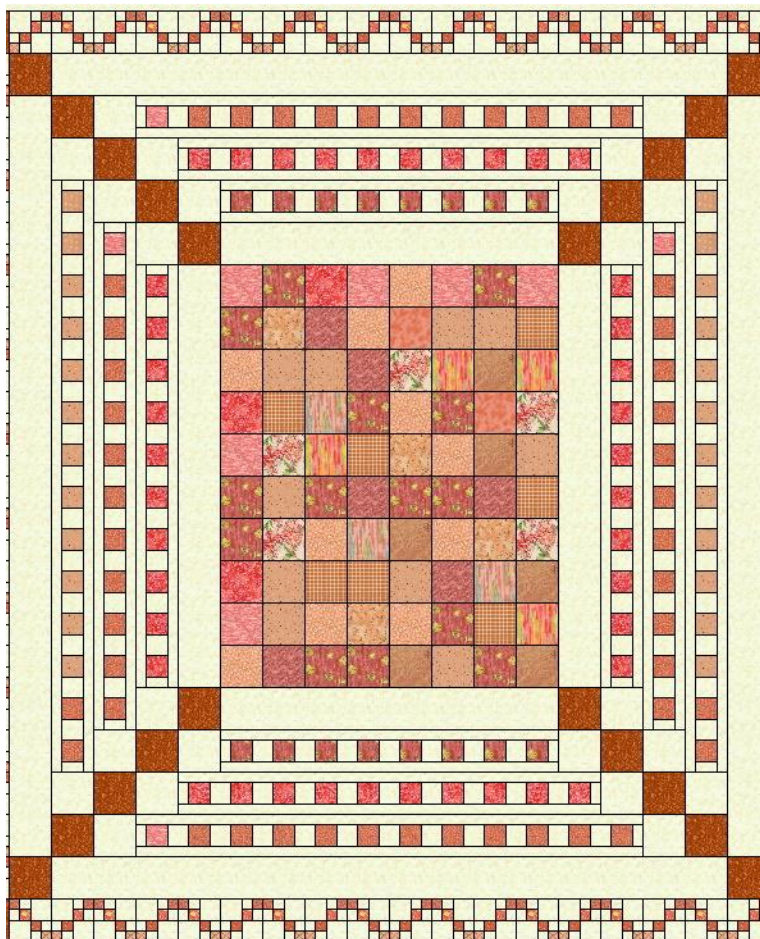
These cream strips are cut 4."x 64.5" – add to the top and bottom.



Next, cut a strip 4.5"x 72.5" and add a brown 4.5" square to each end and add to the sides so that now it will look like this:



F. Sixth border:



Using 18 of your border blocks made above, sew them in a row like this: Make 2.

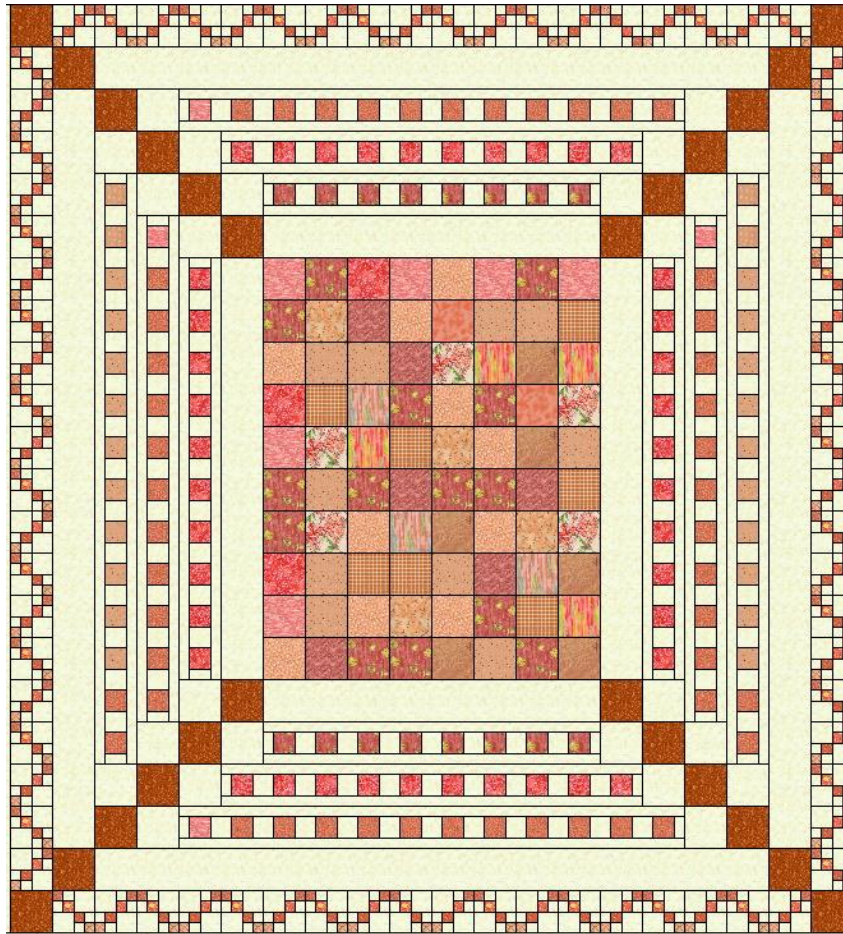


Then add that row of pieced blocks to the top and bottom.

Then for the sides, use 20 blocks like this and add a brown 4.5" square to each end and add to the sides:



It now looks like this:



G. Seventh Border:

From cream:

Cut 4 strips 4.5"x 88.5" – attach to the sides first and then to the top and bottom.

You are finished with borders!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Yeah. The final layout is as originally shown.

5. **Press well.**
6. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
7. **Quilt** as desired. I did a variety of things.
8. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!
Enjoy!

