

The Main Thing

63"x80"

To make the quilt pictured:



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This quilt is made up of one 8.5" block and it looks like this: and sashing strips and cornerstone blocks like these:



which are 5.5"x8.5" and 5.5" square respectively.

You need:

- 1 ½ yards of novelty panda fabric
- 7/8 yard of green
- 7/8 yard of brown
- 3 yards of light pink with some of it very light pink for the middle sashing strip
- 5/8 yards of very light pink for making the middle light sashing strip
- 1/8 yard of dark pink
- ½ yard of your choice for binding. I used hot pink.

Cut:

For main blocks: (20)



From novelty fabric:

- 20 – 8.5" squares

From brown:

- 40 – 2.5" squares

From green:

- 40 – 2.5" squares

For sashing blocks: (49)



From green:

- 49 – 1.5"x8.5" strips

From brown:

- 49 – 1.5"x 8.5" strips

From various light pinks:

- 98 – 1.5"x 8.5" strips (I put a light pink in the middle and more medium pinks on each side of the middle)

From a very light pink:

- 49 – 1.5"x 8.5" strips (I put a light pink in the middle)

For cornerstone blocks: (30)



From light pink:

- 2 - 2.5" strips x WOF (width of fabric) for strip piecing the center pieced unit
- 60 – 1.5"x 2.5" rectangles
- 60 – 3" squares

From dark pink

- 1.5" strips x WOF for strip piecing the center pieced unit

From brown:

- 30 – 3" squares

From green:

- 30 – 3" squares

Go ahead and construct the center pieced unit like this by sewing together 2 long 2.5" light pink segments to a 1.5" dark pink segment and subcutting at 1.5" intervals:



You will need 30 of these. If your fabric is a typical 40-42" wide, you will not be able to get quite 30 out of these. Cut about 12" more inches of both and make 30 such segments. They will measure 1.5"x5.5"

Border will be dealt with under "How to put together this quilt"

Construct blocks:

The main block:



Take your 8.5" square of novelty print fabric and "snowball" the corners using 4 browns or 4 green 2.5" squares.

To snowball the corner, place the 2.5" square of brown fabric on top of the corner of the novelty print and sew diagonally across the middle from corner to corner like this:

From a previous pattern, I showed how to "snowball" the corners of a block. Here are those pictures: This shows a rectangle – but you will need to do this on a square and do all four sides!

1. Line up small square with corner of block

(right sides together!)

2. Sew on dotted line

Place second 2.5" square on rectangle and sew on dotted line
right sides together

(right sides together!)
Trim on pink line 1/4" from sewing line

Trim 1/4" to the outside of the sewn line
Press remaining blue to the outside

Make 20 – 10 with brown and 10 with green corners. They should measure 8.5"x8.5"

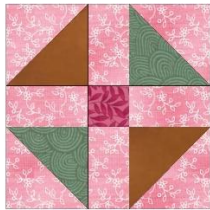
The sashing block:



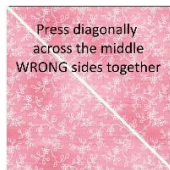
Using your previously cut 1.5"x8.5" green, brown and pink strips, lay them out so that the green is along one edge and brown on the opposite and put the pinks as shown. Sew together. Press. It should finish at 5.5x8.5".

Make 49. They should measure 5.5"x8.5".

The cornerstones block:



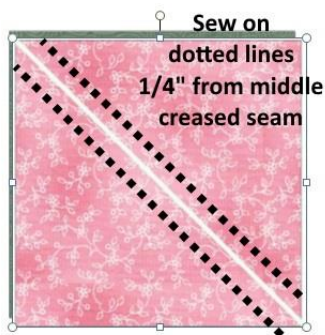
Press a diagonal line diagonally across your 60, 3" pink squares.



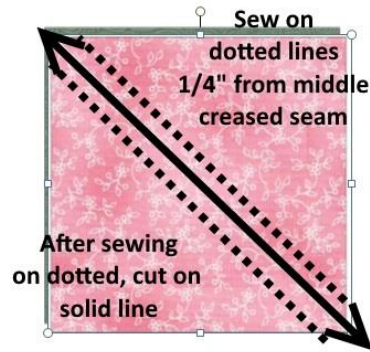
Take your 3" pink and 3" brown squares and place them right sides together after pressing a line diagonally across the middle (or draw it) of one of them.



Sew 1/4" to each side of the creased line like this:




Trim in the middle between the sewing lines like this:



Now you have two half square triangles! Open up and press.

Trim down half square triangle to an even 2.5" square.

Make 60 HST using brown and pink and 60 with green and pink.  and

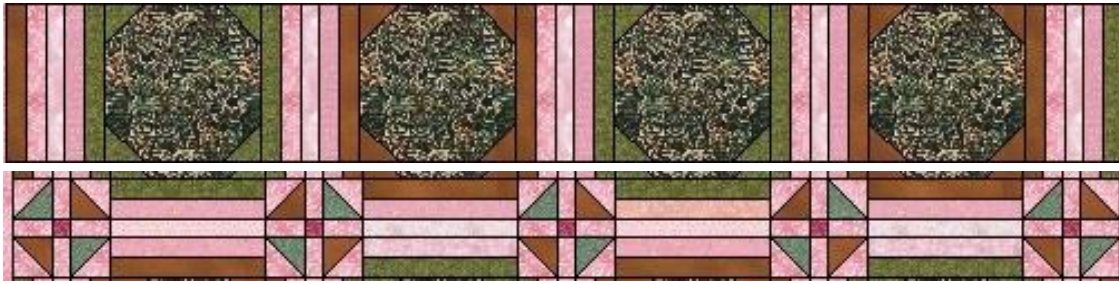
Now put together this block by using those HST you just made, your previously made strip segments as mentioned above in the cutting section and 1.5"x2.5" pink segments.



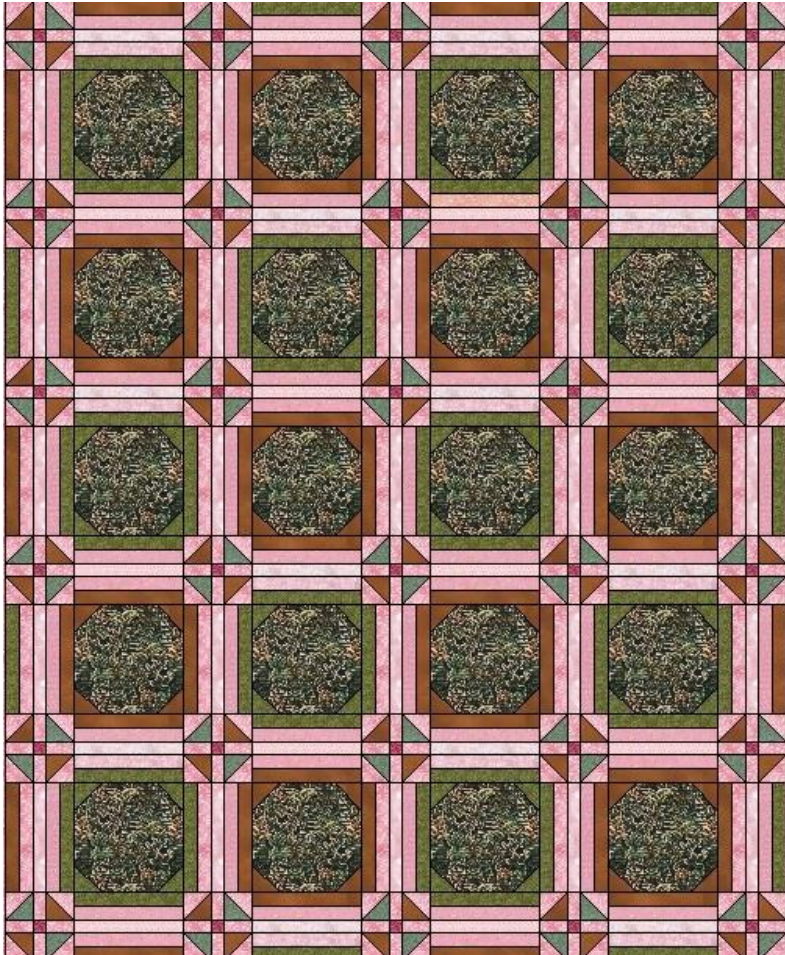
Make 30. They should measure 5.5"x5.5".

How to put together this quilt:

- 1. Construct your blocks as described above.** The main block is simply a block that has cornerstones on it, so construct the sashing rail fence blocks and your cornerstone blocks as described above.
- 2. To make the center, using the diagram below,** lay out the blocks and sew together in rows putting in sashing as pictured.
First sew the rows together and then sew the rows together - alternate the coloring of the inner borders for variety.



Repeat over and over until you get this:

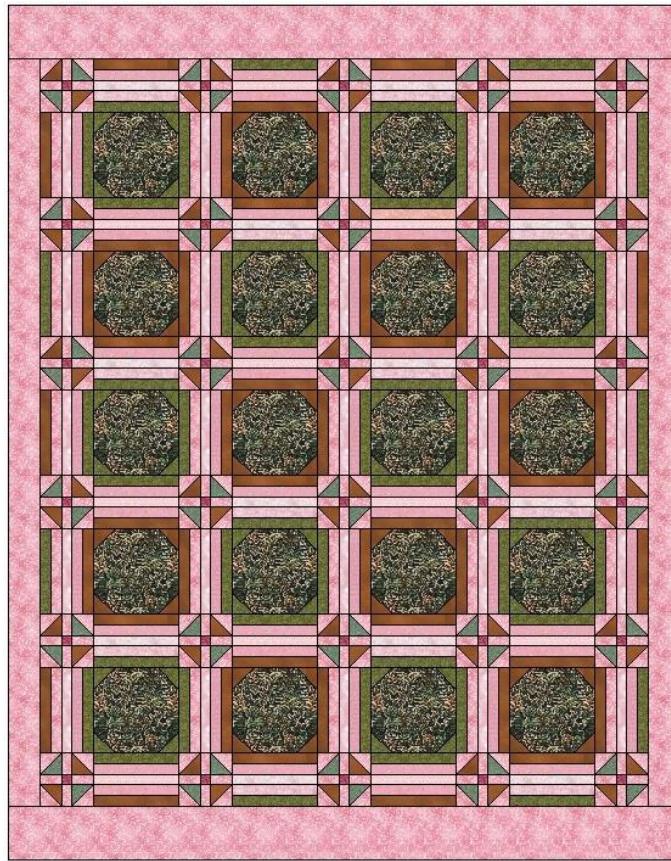


3. Add borders: Cut and/or piece as necessary to get the length needed

From light pink fabric:

- 2 – 3.5" x 70.5" – add to the sides of your center
- 2 – 5.5" x 63.5" – add to the top and bottom

Layout now is this



4. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
5. **Quilt** as desired. I did loops all over.
6. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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