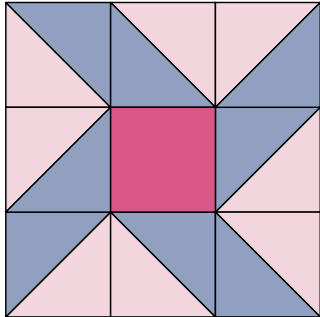


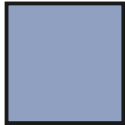
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This month we will be adding a Whirly Gig (Eccentric Star) border to our quilt. These stars are made from half square triangles and we will be using Triangles on a Roll that finish at 2" to make the half square triangles. You can watch the video for this block here [April 2018](#).



Cutting Instructions

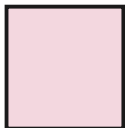
Dark purple: Cut two strips - 6 1/2" x wof



Raspberry: Cut one strip - 2 1/2" x wof.
Sub cut into twelve - 2 1/2" squares



Light pink: Cut 4 strips - 6 1/2" x wof
Two strips will be used with the triangle paper.
The remaining strips will be sub cut into:
four - 6 1/2" squares
sixteen - 1 3/4" strips.



Sewing Instructions

Making half square triangles with Triangles on a roll. We will be making 96 - 2 1/2" half square triangles. Please refer to this video ([April 2018](#)) for visual instruction on using Triangles On A Roll paper.

Using the dark purple and light pink 6 1/2" strips, RST, pin triangle paper to the fabric. To make paper removal easier, use a slightly shorter stitch length.

Sew on the dotted lines, cut apart on the solid lines.

Remove the paper by folding it over and creasing it with your thumb. Tear the paper gently. Do not pull the fabric.

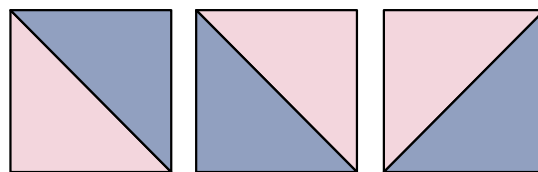
Press the half square triangles toward the dark purple or press the seams open. (Your preference)

If you sewed exact, all 96 half square triangles should measure 2 1/2". It is a good idea to check each one and square them!

Make the Eccentric Star (This block is a basic nine patch)

1. Using 8 half square triangles and one 2 1/2" raspberry square, lay out the fabric pieces so that the half square triangles are laying in the correct orientation and the raspberry square is in the middle. Refer to diagram.

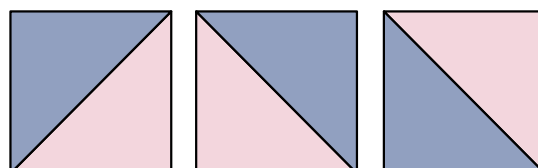
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Row #2



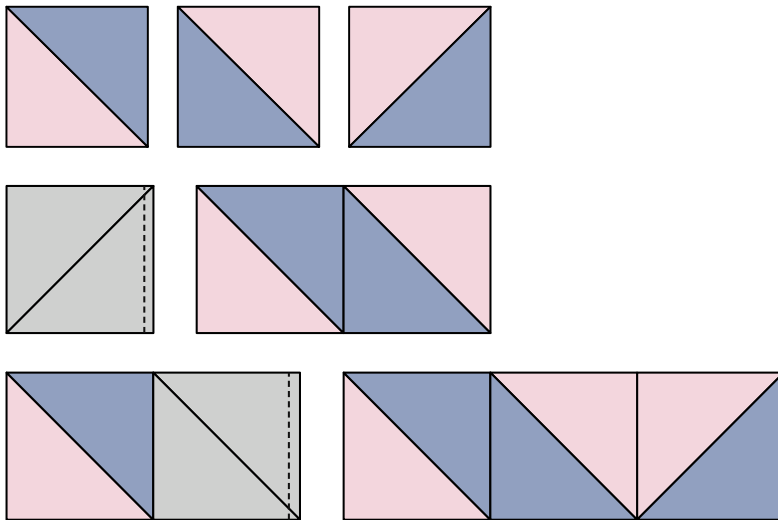
Row #3



2. Sew the nine patch together by sewing the half square triangles together into three rows and then sewing the rows together.

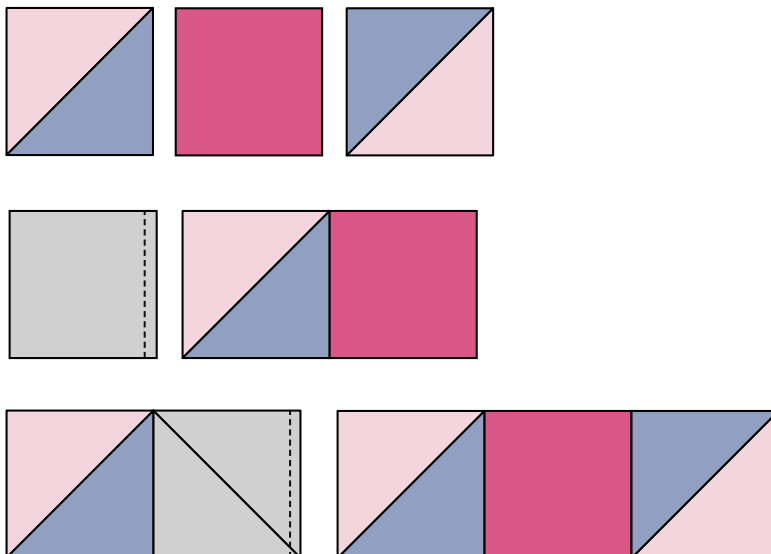
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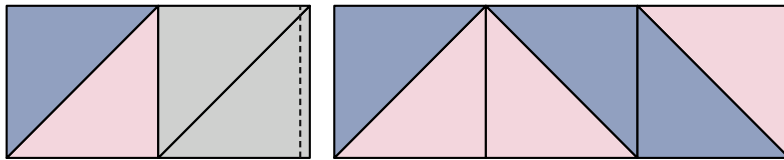
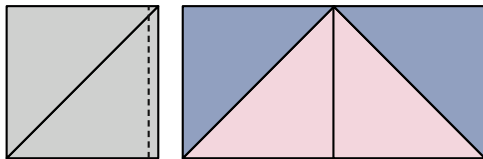
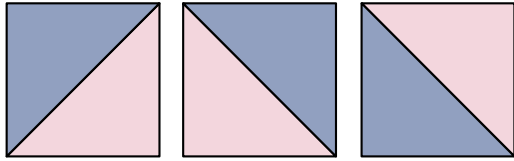
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Set seams and press toward center.

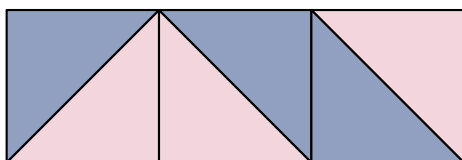
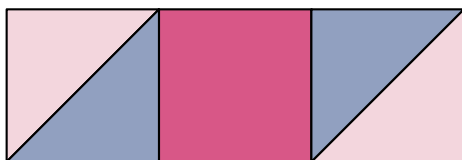
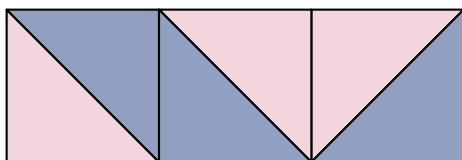


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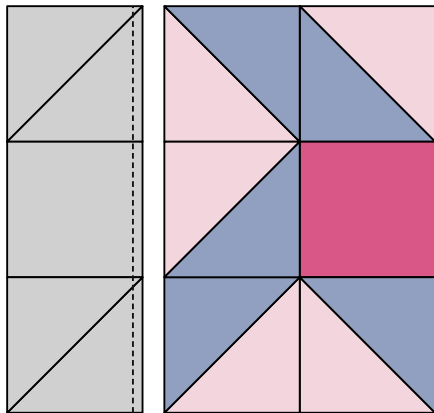
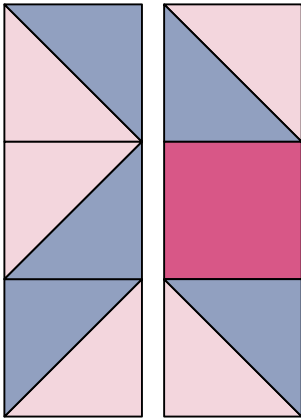
Set seams and press away from center.



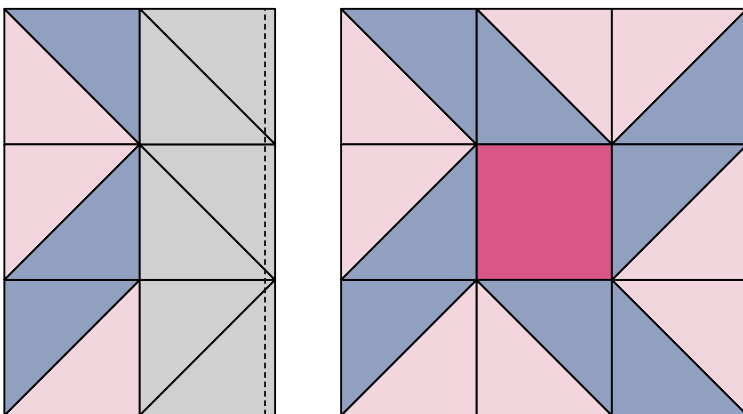
Making the Nine Patch



3. Sew row #1 to row #2.

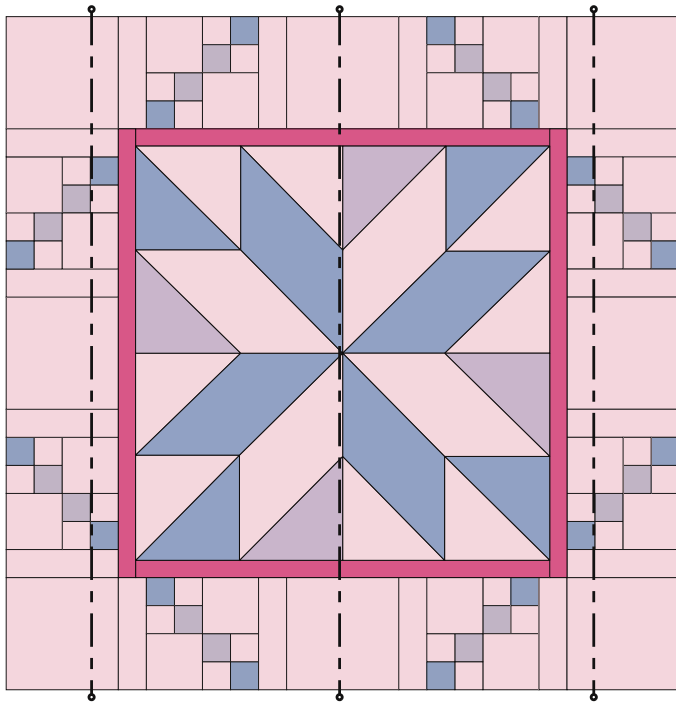


4. Sew row #3 to the unit. Set seams and press open or to one side (your preference). Square the block to 6 1/2". Make 12 blocks.



Making and attaching eccentric star border to the quilt

5. Quilt should measure 23.5" square. Measure in three places as previously done and take the average to get the exact measurement.



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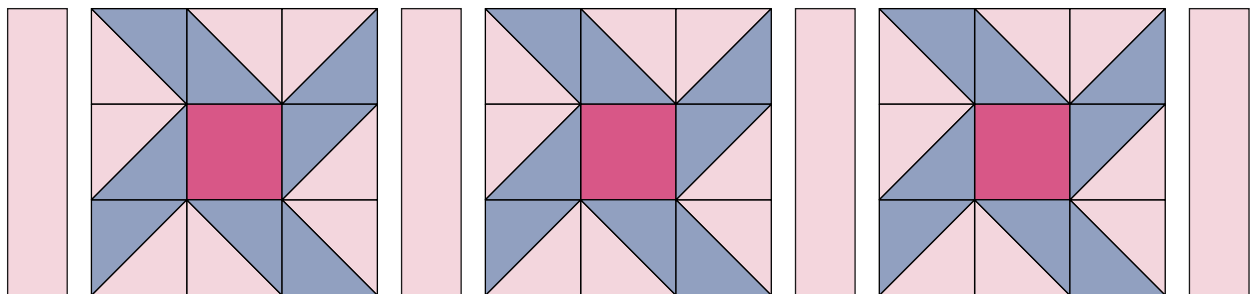
Center

Right

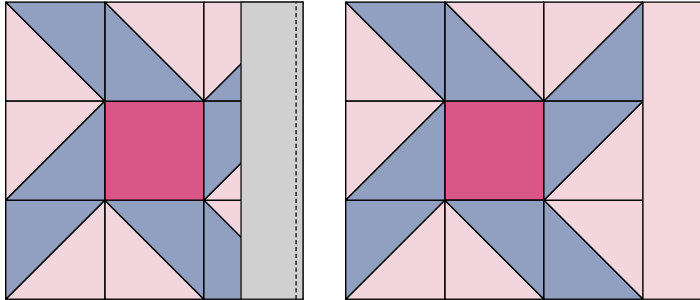
Total

Average

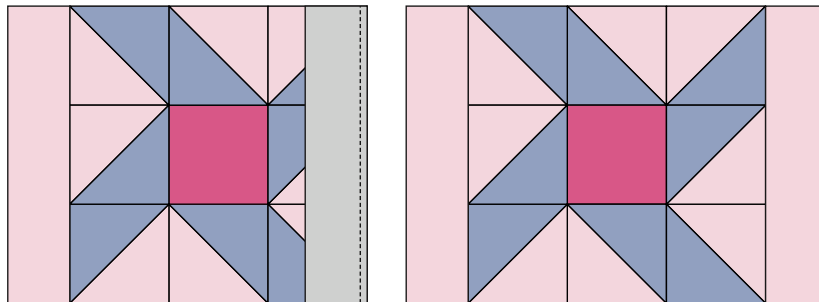
6. Lay out the fabric pieces: light pink 1 3/4" strip, star block, light pink 1 3/4" strip, star block, 1 3/4" light pink strip, star block, 1 3/4" light pink strip.



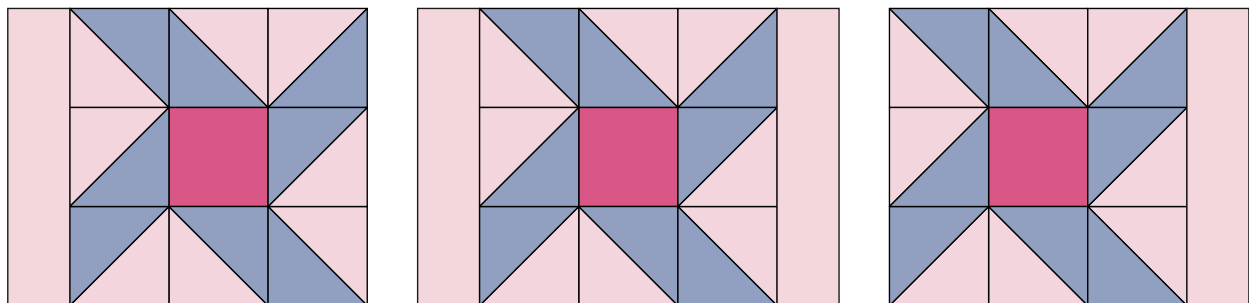
7. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew a light pink strip to the right side of each of the three star blocks. Set seams and press away from center.

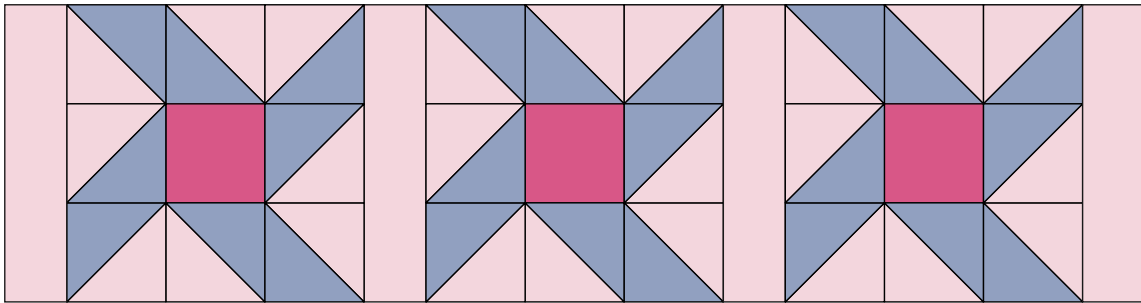
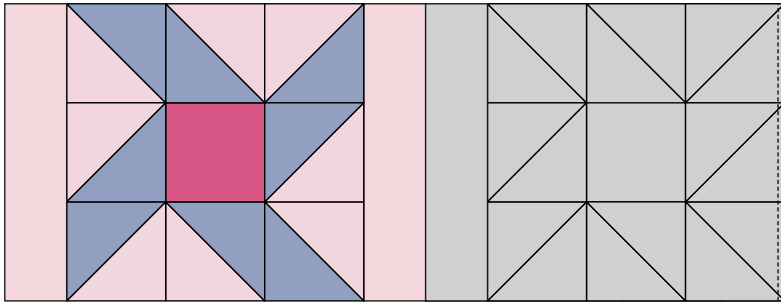
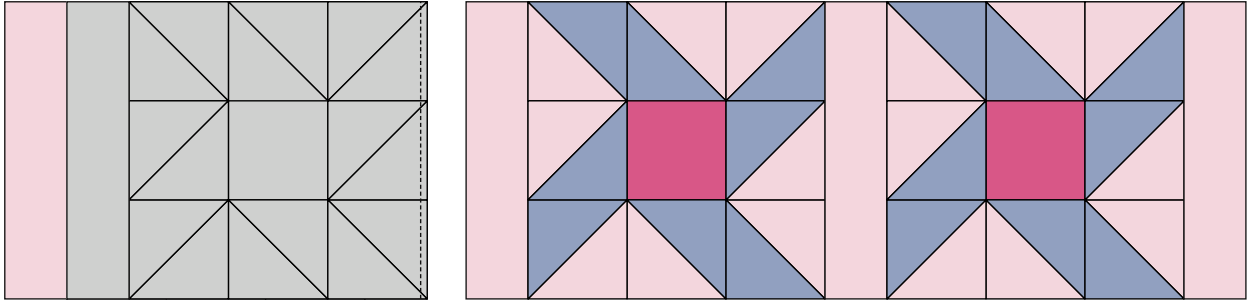


8. Sew a light pink strip to the left side of one star block. These are the two strips you will use to adjust the size of the strip if needed.

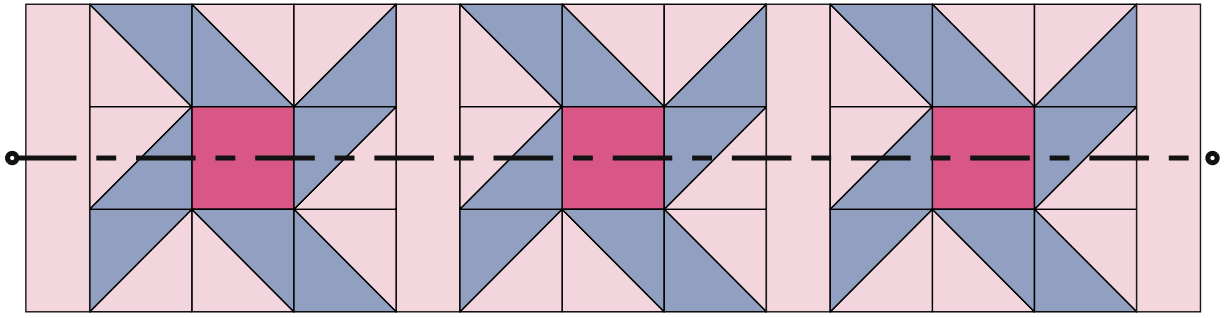


9. Sew the three units together. Set seams and press away from center. Make 2.

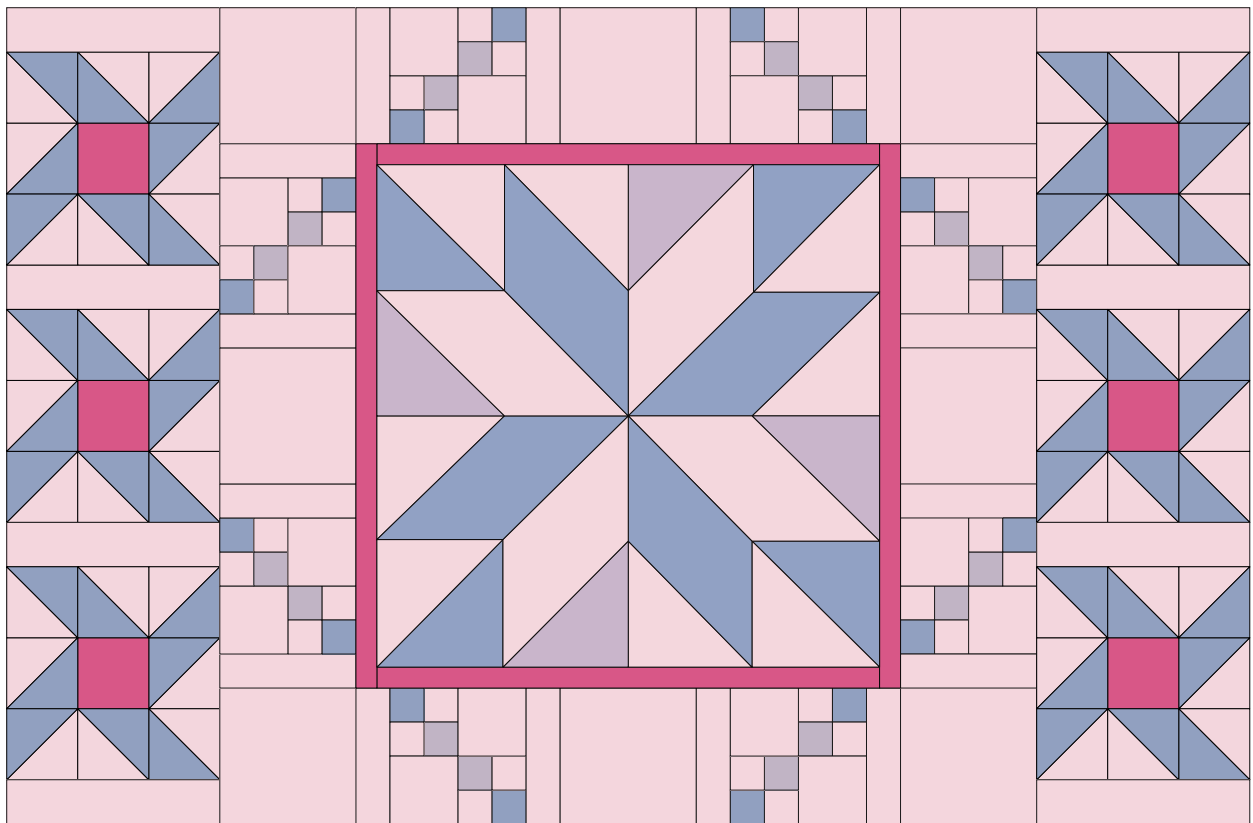
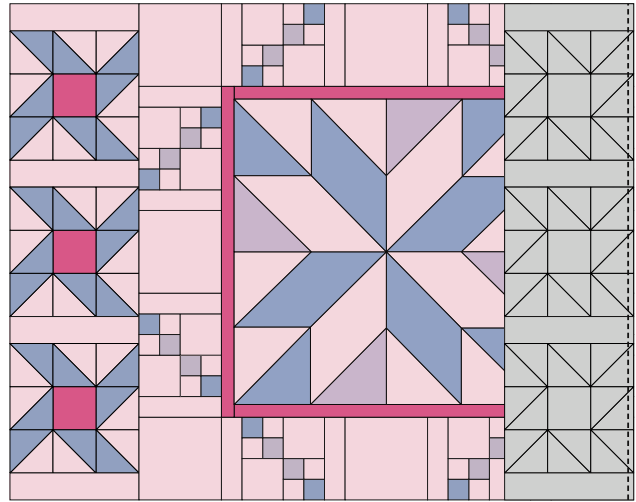
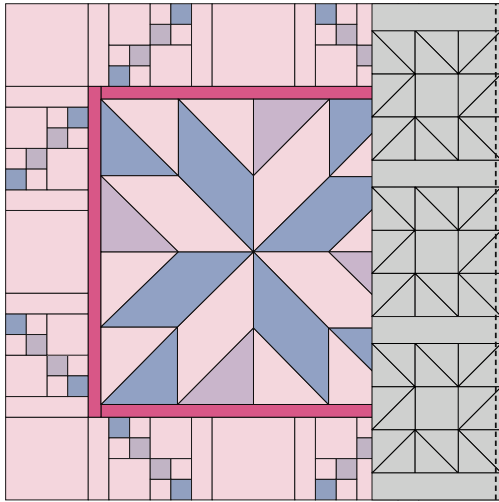




10. Measure the strip sets to ensure they are 23 1/2".

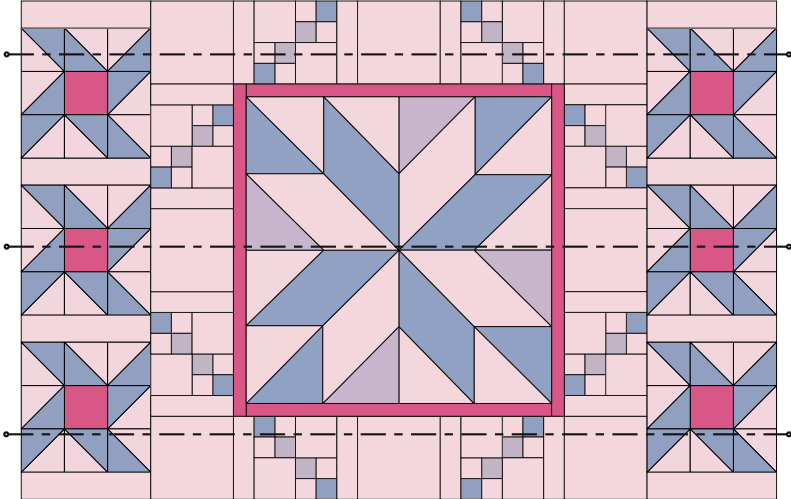


11. Sew the two strip sets to opposite sides of the quilt using a 1/4" seam. Set seams and press toward center.



Making the Second Set of Strip Sets

12. Measure your quilt top in three places.



Top _____

Middle _____

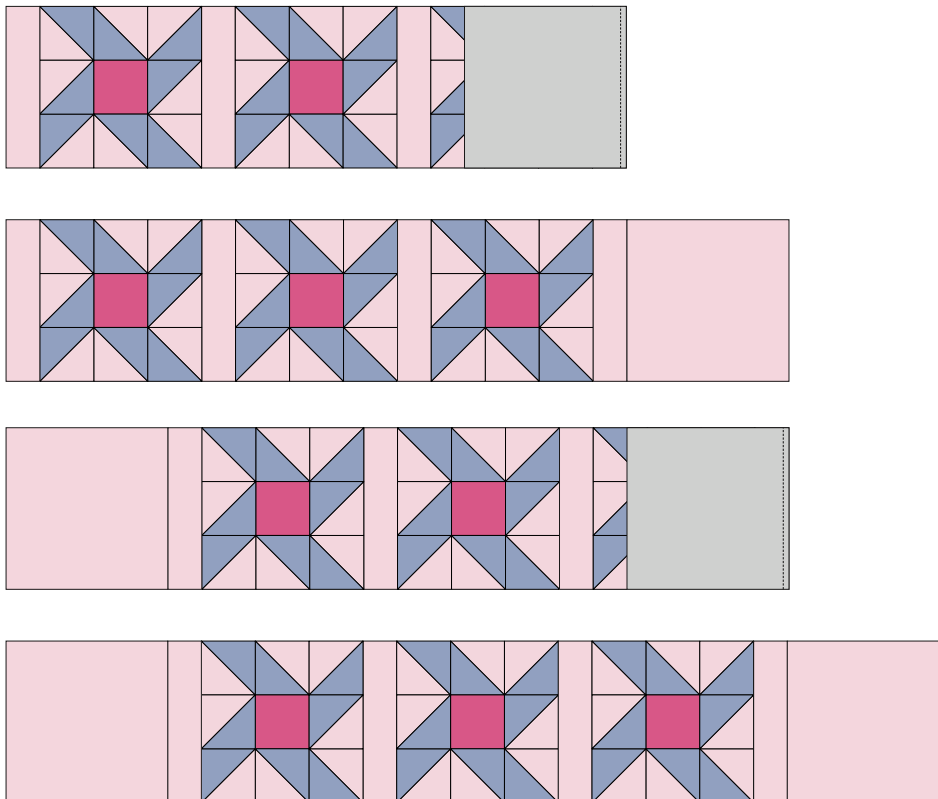
Bottom _____

Total _____

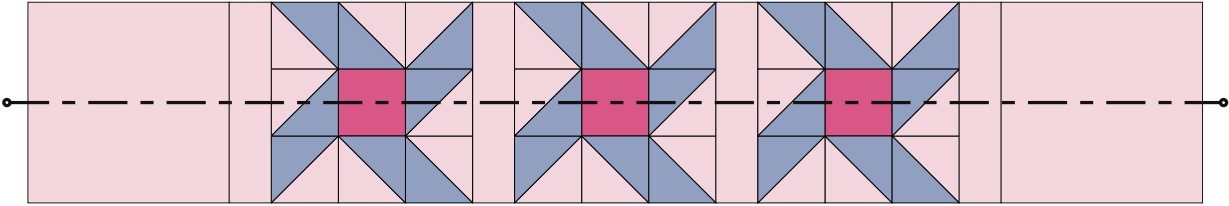
Average _____

13. Repeat steps 6 - 10.

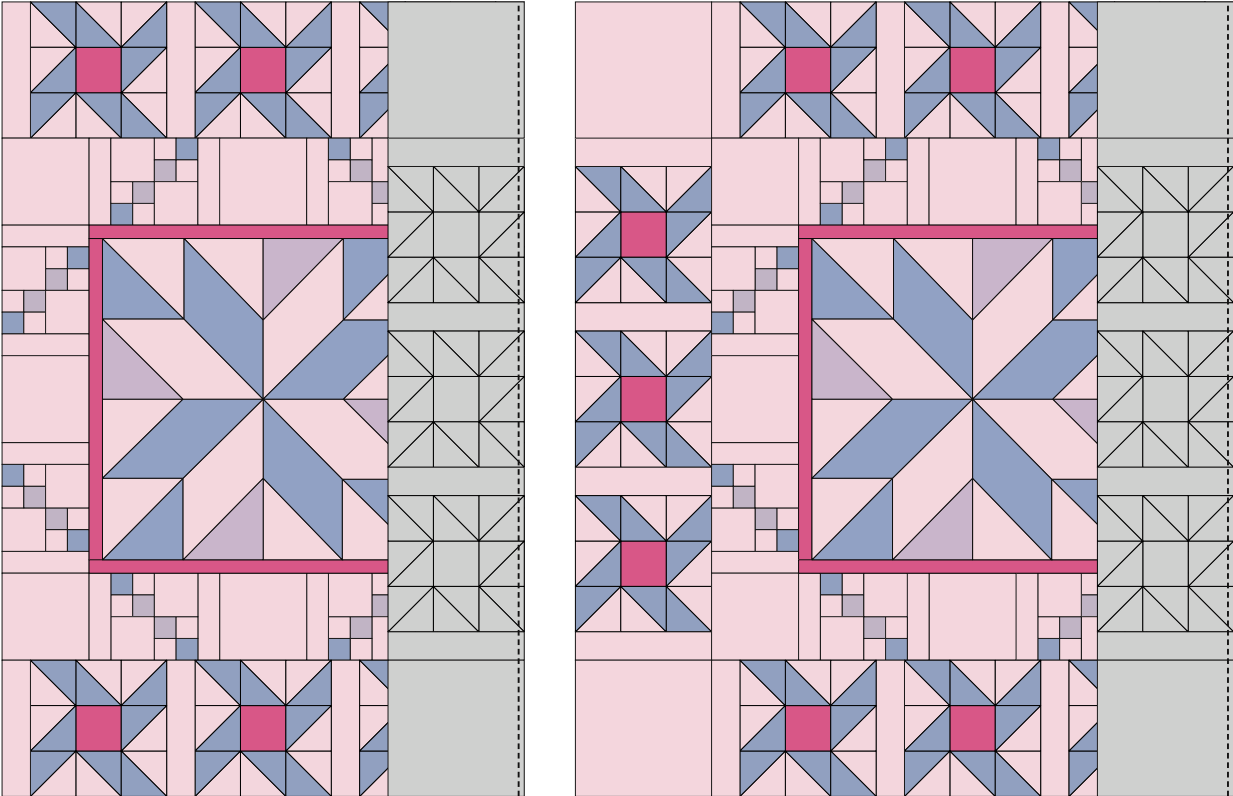
14. Add a 6 1/2" light pink square to each end. Set seam and press away from center.



15. Measure and adjust the width of the 1 ¼” strips of the center block if needed.



16. Sew to the other two sides.



The quilt now measures 35 1/2 "square.

