

Homeward Bound

This 18" square block goes together quickly and is perfect for making bed-size quilts.

Materials

4¼ yards cream print (blocks, sashing)
2 yards blue print (blocks)
3¾ yards blue-and-black print (blocks, sashing, middle border)
5/8 yard solid black (inner border)
5/8 yard blue check (outer border)
111" square batting
10¼ yards barn print (backing, binding)

Finished quilt: 105" square

Finished blocks: 18" square

Quantities specified are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics. All measurements are ¼" seam allowances unless otherwise noted.

Cut the Fabrics

To make best use of fabrics, cut in following order:

From cream print, cut:

- * 40--3½x18½" rectangles
- * 64--3 7/8" squares
- * 192--3½" squares

From blue print, cut:

- * 64-6½" squares

From blue-and-black print, cut:

- * 9-6½x44" strips for middle border
- * 16-6½" squares
- * 64-3 7/8" squares
- * 89-3½" squares

From solid black, cut:

- * 9-2x44" strips for inner border

From blue check, cut:

- * 10-2 x44" strips for outer border

From barn print, cut:

- * 11-3x44" binding strips

Assemble Blocks

1. Use a pencil to draw a diagonal line on wrong side of each cream print 3 7/8" square.

2. Referring to Diagram 1 for placement, align a marked cream print square atop a blue-and-black print 3 7/8" square. Sew ¼" on each side of drawn line. Cut units apart on drawn line. Press open units to make two triangle-square units, pressing seams toward farm print. Repeat to make 128 triangle-square units. The triangle-square should measure 3½" square including seams.

3. Sew together one cream print 3½" square, two triangle-square units, and one blue-and-black print 3 1/2" square in pairs (see Diagram 2). Press seam allowances toward squares. Join pairs to make a corner unit. Press seam allowance open. The pieced corner unit should measure 6½" square including seams. Repeat to make 64 corner units total.



4. Referring to Diagram 3 for placement, align a marked cream print square with one corner of a blue print 6½" square. Sew on drawn line; trim excess fabric, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Press open attached triangle. Repeat with second cream print square on adjacent corner of blue print square to make a side unit. The side unit should measure 6½" square including seams. Repeat to make 64 side units total.

5. Referring to Diagram 4 for placement, sew together four corner units, four side units, and a blue-and-black print 6½" square in three horizontal rows. Press seams toward side units. Join rows to make a block. Press seams away from center. Repeat to make 16 blocks total.

Assemble Quilt Top

1. Sew together blocks, sashing rectangles and remaining farm print 3½" squares in nine horizontal rows. Press seams toward sashing. Join rows to make quilt center. Press seams in one direction. The quilt center should measure 87½" square including seams.

2. Cut and piece solid black 2x44" strips to make the following:

- * 2-2x90½" inner border strips
- * 2-2x87½" inner border strips

3. Cut and piece blue-and-black print 6½x44" strips to make the following:

- * 2-6½x102½" middle border strips
- * 2-6½x90½" middle border strips

4. Cut and piece blue check 2x44" strips to make the following:

- * 2-2x105½" outer border strips
- * 2-2x102½" outer border strips

5. Sew short inner border strips to opposite side edges of quilt center. Then join long inner border strips to remaining edges of quilt center. Press seams toward inner border. In same manner add middle and outer borders to complete quilt top.

Finish It

Layer quilt top with batting and backing. Quilt as desired. Bind quilt with barn print binding strips.