

Birdwood Flannel Rag Blanket



Finished Size: 34" x 34"

Supplies Needed

- 2 pkgs. Fabric Palette® Birdwood Flannel Squares (each pack 18 - 5" x 5" pcs.)
- 2 pkgs. Fabric Palette® Birdwood Flannel Strips (each pack 18 - 2 ½" x 42" pcs.)
- Coordinating thread
- Rotary cutter, mat and acrylic ruler
- Removable marker
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine
- Iron and pressing surface
- Walking/even feed foot (optional)
- Spring scissors (optional)

Before you begin

Read all instructions before beginning project. Do not pre-wash fabrics. Before cutting, press fabrics with a dry iron on cotton setting. Use a ¼" seam allowance.

Cutting

Before cutting, remove one Turq Letters and one Multi Flowers square and strip from each package for a total of 32 remaining strips and squares.

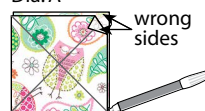
Each Strip (2 ½" x 42"): 2 - 2 ½" x 5"
2 - 2 ½" x 9"



Sewing

1. Place two matching Squares **wrong** sides together with edges even; pin well. Use the removable marker to draw diagonal lines through the center to create an "X". Sew along drawn lines through both layers (Dia. A). Repeat for the remaining Squares.
Tip: Sewing with a walking/even-feed foot is recommended when sewing through layers.

Dia. A



Make 3



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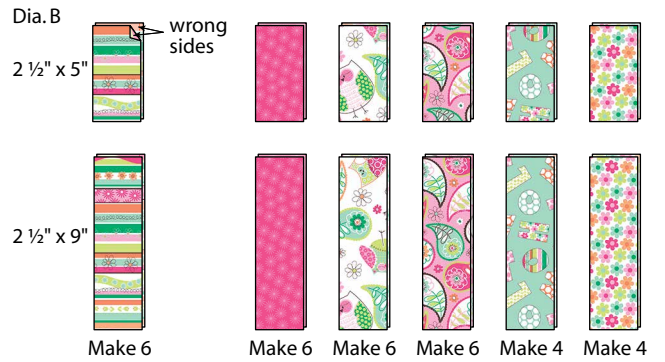


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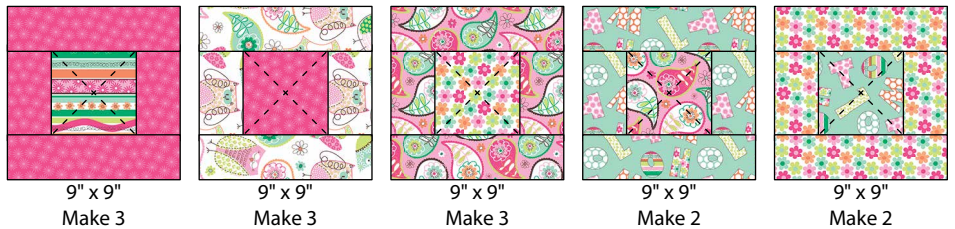
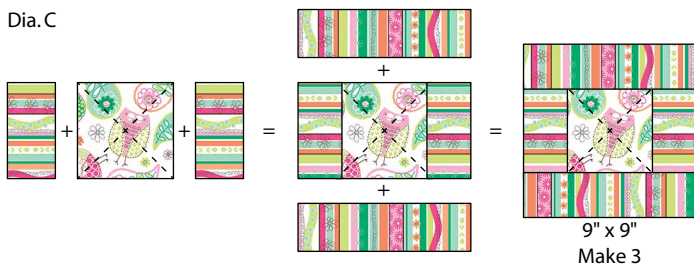


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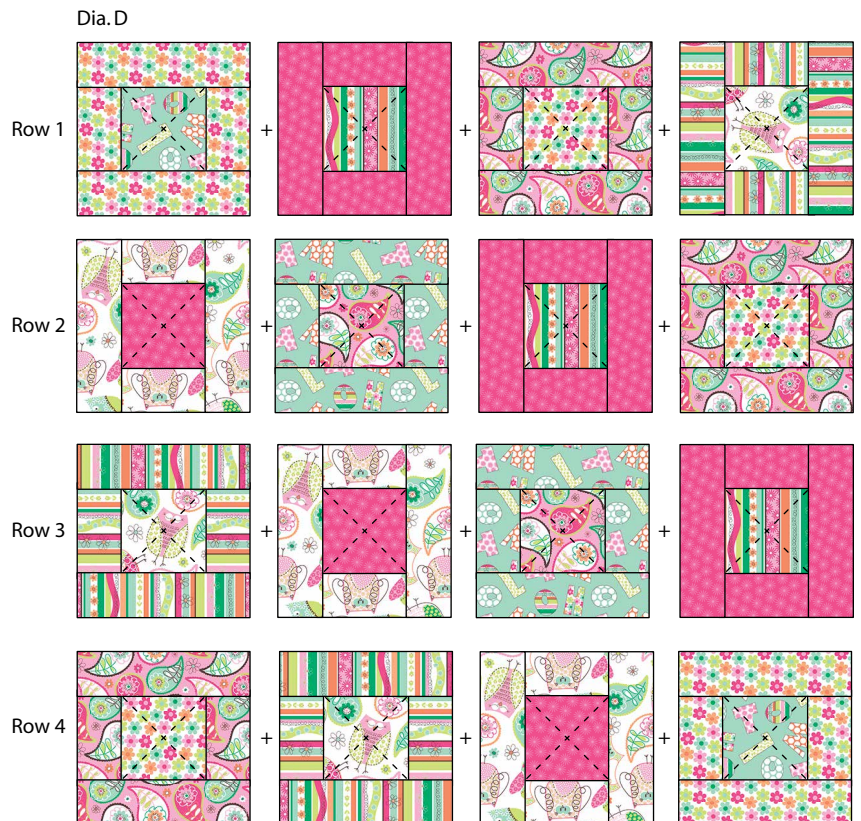
2. Place two matching Strips with **wrong** sides together as shown in Diagram B.



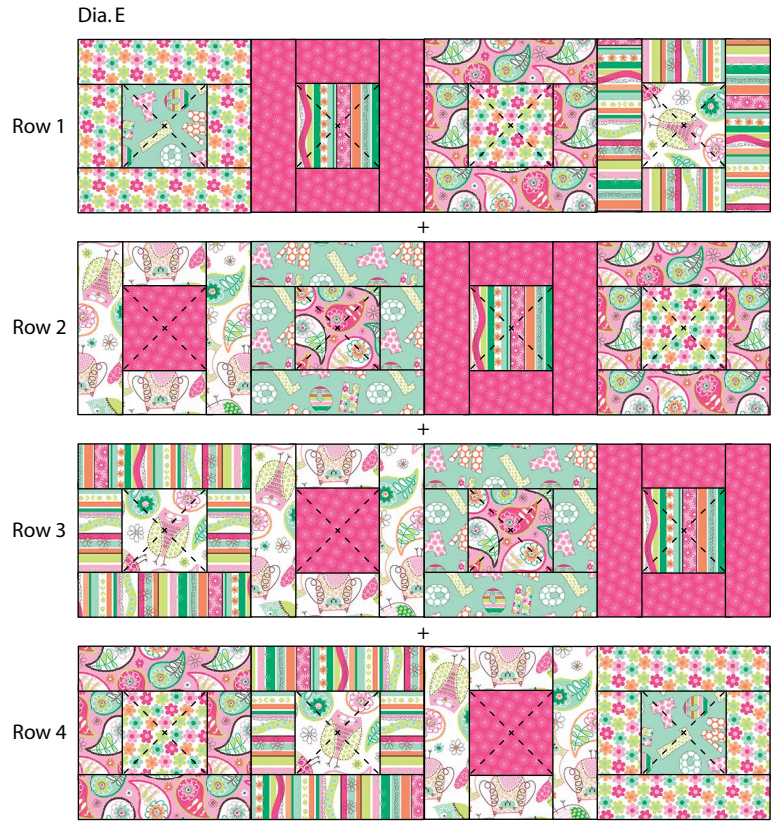
3. Refer to Diagram C to place two Strip pairs (2 ½" x 5") on opposite sides of the Square pair; pin and sew. Place two matching Strip pairs (2 ½" x 9") on the top and bottom edges; pin and sew. Press seam allowances open. Block should measure 9" x 9". **Note:** All seam allowances should be on the same side. The cut edges will be on the block front. Repeat to create a total of 16 blocks as shown in Diagram C.



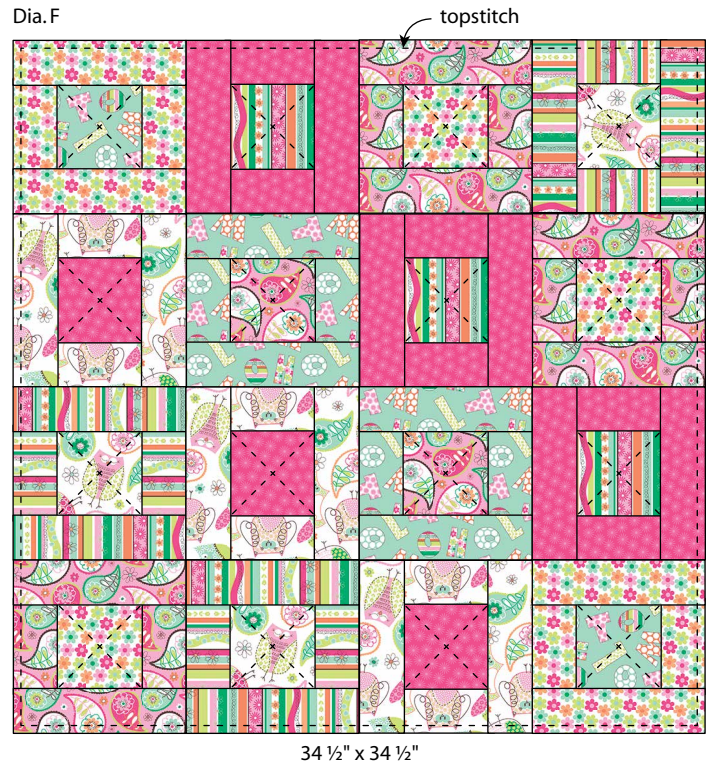
4. Refer to Diagram D to pin the blocks in rows with the **backs** together, rotating every other block 90° as shown. Check that all seam allowances are on the same side and sew; press seams open. Rows should measure 9" x 34 ½".



- Refer to Diagram E to pin the rows with the **backs** together, matching the seam intersections (with the seam allowances open); sew.



- Finished blanket measurement should be $34\frac{1}{2}'' \times 34\frac{1}{2}''$. Topstitch $\frac{1}{4}''$ around the outside edge (Dia. F).



7. Clip all seam allowances of blocks approximately every ½" up to the stitching line and all outside edges up to the topstitching (Dia. G). **Note:** Clip through both layers at a time, being careful **not** to clip into the seam. **Tip:** Any sharp scissors will work, but spring-loaded scissors reduce hand fatigue.



Finishing

8. To fray the edges and make the blanket soft and cuddly, machine wash it with a mild soap in cold water, short cycle. Machine dry until desired raveling is reached; lay flat to dry. **Tip:** Put a filter on the washer drain to help catch loose threads and clean your dryer lint filter after use.

Finished Care Instructions

Machine wash in cold water. Tumble dry, regular setting.