

Happy Block Swap Sampler Quilt

Quilt Assembly Instructions

Note: If your blocks did not end up exactly 15 1/2 x 15 1/2 inches, you will need to adjust your sashing and border strips to fit your blocks.

Cutting instructions:

Sashing (Color E)

6 - 3 x 15 1/2 inch strips

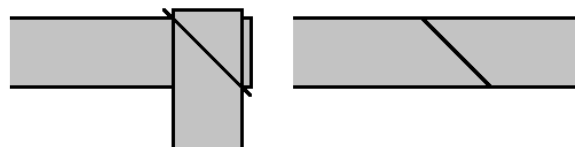
3 - 3 x Width of Fabric Strips (at least 40 inches wide)

Borders (Color E):

6 - 5 1/2 x Width of Fabric Strips (at least 40 inches wide)

1. You will first cut the 6 - 3 x 15 1/2 inch strips (adjust if your block size differs) from your sashing fabric (Color E). I like to cut 3 x width of fabric strips, then sub cut my units from that.

2. Next cut 3 - 3 inch x width of fabric strips from at least 40 inch wide fabric. Trim off the selvage. With right sides of fabric together, sew the strips into a continuous strip. I prefer sewing the ends together on the diagonal. Set aside.



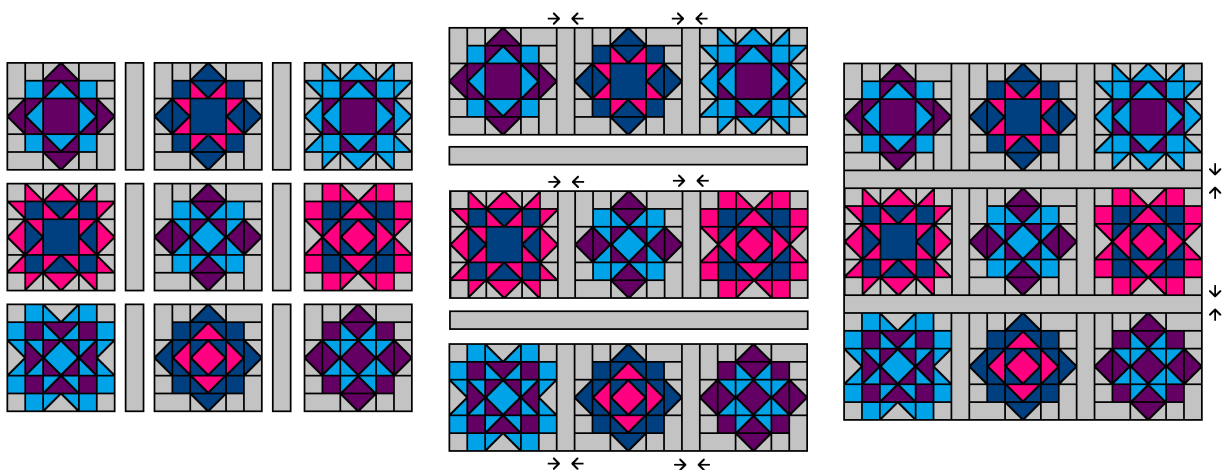
3. Lay out the blocks in 3 rows of 3 with the 3 x 15 1/2 inch sashing strips between the them. With right sides of fabric together, sew the blocks and strips together to form 3 rows. Press the seams toward the attached sashing strips.

4. From the long continuous strips you made in step 2, we will be sub cutting them to make our long sashing strips for between the rows. **You will need:** 2 - 3 x 50 1/2 inches long strips.

It's best to measure the row of blocks with a measuring tape, or lay the strip on top of the row of blocks (both flattened, not stretched out) to make sure it is the correct length before trimming to size.

NOTE: If your blocks differed from 15 1/2 inches, you will want the length of your sashing strips to be the same as the length of your rows. It's best to lay the strip on top of the row to get the correct length.

5. With right sides of fabric together, sew the long sashing strips and rows together to form the center of your top. Press the seams toward the attached sashing strips.



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6. Next we will be making our border strips. Cut 6 - 5 1/2 x Width of Fabric from at least 40 inch wide fabric. Trim off the selvage. With right sides of fabric together, sew the strip ends together to form a long continuous strip.

Press the seam to either side.



7. From the long continuous strips you made in step 6, we will be sub cutting to make 4 boarder strips.

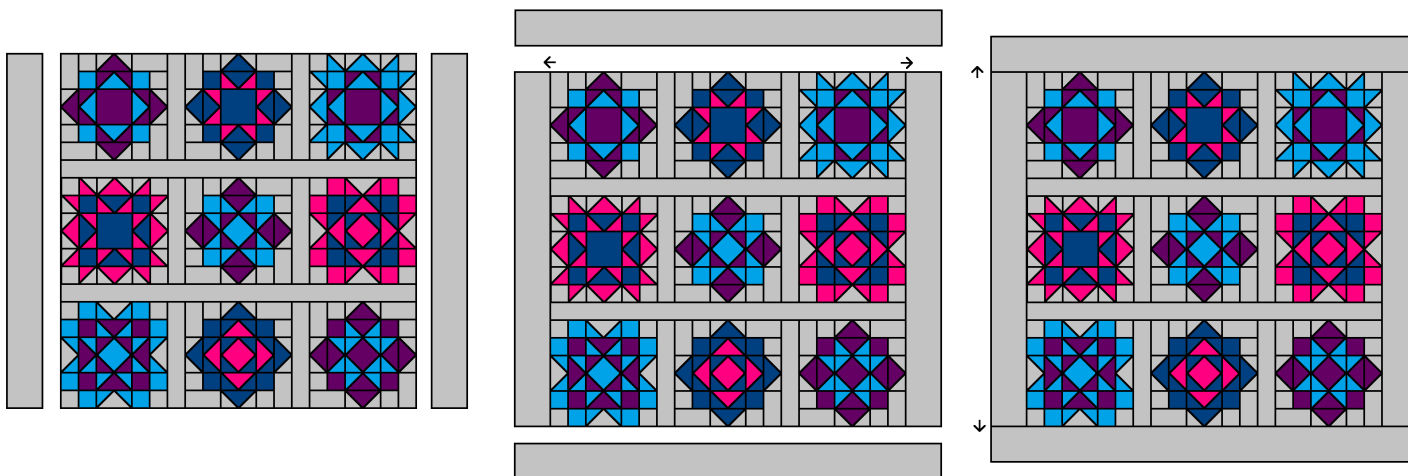
You will need: 2 - 5 1/2 x 50 1/2 inch strips and 2 - 5 1/2 x 60 1/2 inch strips

You can lay the quilt top out and measure it using a long measuring tape or lay the border strip on top of the quilt top (both flattened out, not stretched) to make sure it is the correct length before trimming to size.

NOTE: If your blocks differed from 15 1/2 inches, you will want the length of your sashing strips to be the same as the length and width of the quilt top.

8. With right sides of fabric together, pin the border strips to the sides of the quilt top, starting from the center out. Sew the strips to the quilt top. Press the seams toward the attached border strips.

Then, with right sides of fabric together, pin the border strips to the top and the bottom of the quilt top, starting from the center out. Sew the strips to the quilt top. Press the seams toward the attached border strip. Yay! Your quilt top is done!



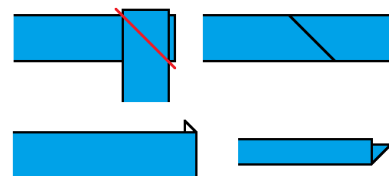
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How to finish your Quilt

1. You will need to cut and sew your backing fabric together to fit behind your quilt. You will want the backing to be at least 3 inches wider than your quilt top on all sides (6 inches wider than your quilt top total). Make your quilt sandwich by first laying your quilt backing down wrong side facing up. Tape down to a hard surface, making the fabric taut. Next lay your batting on top. Smooth out with your hands, do not stretch. Then lay your quilt top right side up, smooth out with your hands.
2. You can baste your quilt using spray baste and/or safety pins every 3 - 4 inches.
3. Quilt the three layers together as desired.
4. Trim off extra backing and batting. Square up quilt using your ruler and rotary cutter.
5. Make your binding by cutting 7 - 2 1/2 inch by width of fabric strips from at least 40 inch wide fabric. Sew the strip ends together with a diagonal seam. Trim off extra fabric 1/4 inch from the seam.

Press the seams to the side.

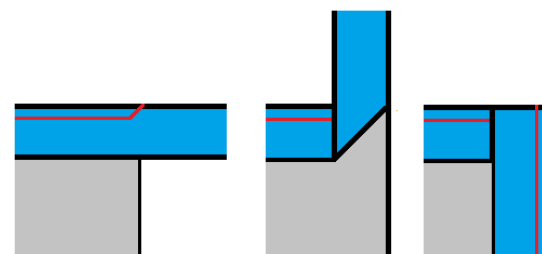
On one end of your long continuous strip fold the fabric in about 1 inch. Press so wrong sides of fabric together. Then fold the fabric in half lengthwise, wrong sides of fabric together and press flat.



6. Match up raw sides of the binding to the raw sides of the front of the quilt. Take the binding end with the folded under edge, line up the binding at least 6 inches from the corner of your quilt. Start sewing the binding to the front of the quilt a couple inches in from the folded end, use a 1/4 inch seam allowance.

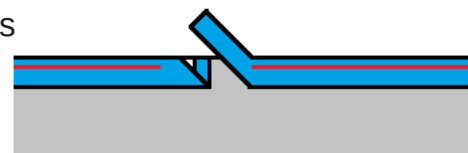
Stop stitching when you are 1/4 inch from the corner edge, then sew off the corner. Fold your binding up, so it lines up with the edge of the quilt. Then fold it down to line up with the side of your quilt. See diagram, the sewn lines are **RED**.

Start sewing from the edge of the quilt until you get to the next corner. Repeat the corner steps.



7. Stop stitching when you have reached a couple of inches from where you began, leaving a tail of binding. Trim the end leaving a couple of inches to overlap. Tuck this


into the beginning end of your binding that has the folded edge. Pin in place and sew down.



8. Fold over binding and hand sew to the back or machine sew to the back.

Yay you're done! Share your photos on Instagram with #NQCBlockSwap or #HappyCloudCreations

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