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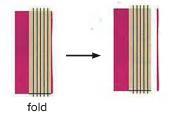
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finished quilt size: 72" x 85"



#### TIPS FOR CUTTING LONG STRIPS OF FABRIC

1. Fold fabrics in half selvage to selvage and place the ruler so that the horizontal measurement on the ruler is perpendicular to the fold. Trim the edge of the fabric even.

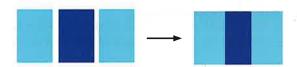


2. Flip the fabric over, check that the edge is straight. Move the ruler to the desired width as directed, and cut. For sashing: keep strip folded in half, measure 18 ¼" from the fold, and cut. When you unfold the strip it should measure 36 ½".

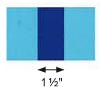
# SCANT 1/4" SEAM ALLOWANCE

To achieve precision in piecing you will need to determine your scant ¼" seam allowance. This will compensate for the folding of the fabric and the thread in the seams that often causes blocks to measure too small.

1. Cut 3 strips measuring 2" x 3". Sew the strips together using a 1/4" seam allowance and press seams to the SIDE.



2. The middle strip should measure EXACTLY 1½" wide. If not, adjust your needle position as needed. Move the needle to the left if your strip is too wide, and move the needle to the right if your strip is too harrow.



3. Repeat the above steps until your piece is the correct size.

Note: If you always press your seams open, repeat the above process to find the correct scant ¼" for that pressing method.

#### FEATHERING FOR PAPER PIECING

When paper piecing, you do not get to choose which direction you press the seams. A general rule of thumb is to press seams towards the darker fabric to avoid shadowing, where the darker fabric shows through the lighter fabric on the front of the quilt. In order to avoid shadowing you can feather the seams as follows:

- 1. When placing a lighter value color on top of a darker value, extend the lighter fabric slightly over the edge of the darker fabric as shown below. It only has to be offset by a few threads.
- 2. Sew as directed next to the fold. The lighter fabric's seam allowance will be a bit wider than the darker fabric.
- 3. When you press towards the lighter fabric, the feathering of the fabrics prevents the darker fabric from showing through.



# **ROW 2: PLUSES**

This row is composed of 2 different blocks: 15 plus blocks, and 16 rectangle blocks. The plus block measures  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished; the rectangle block measures 2" x 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished. The row measures 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 72  $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.

#### **CUTTING FABRIC**

Fabric S: Cut (3) strips 2" by WOF. Sub cut (30) 2"  $\times$  3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. From the remainder, cut (2) 2"  $\times$  6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces.

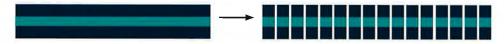
Cut (1) strip 3 1/2" by WOF, and trim down to 33".

Cut (4) strips 11/2" by WOF. Trim down to (2) 22" strips and (2) 25" strips.

Fabric V: Cut (2) strips  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by WOF. From one strip, sub cut (8)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. Trim the remaining strip down to 25". Fabric Y: Cut (2) strips  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by WOF. From one strip, sub cut (7)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. Trim the remaining strip down to 22". Fabric BB: Cut (2) strips 2" by WOF. Trim down to (2) 33" strips.

#### SEWING THE PLUS BLOCK

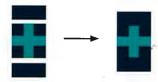
1. Match the 25" strip of Fabric V with the 25" strips of Fabric S, and sew together with Fabric V in the middle. Press seams towards the middle. Sub cut the strip set into (16)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " units.



2. Sew a unit to each side of a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Fabric V. Press seams towards the middle.



3. Add a 2"  $\times$  3 ½" piece of Fabric S to top and bottom. Press seams towards the outside of the block. Make a total of (8) blocks in Fabric S/V combination.



4. Repeat Step 1 with the 22" strips of Fabrics S and Y to make (14)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " units. Repeat remaining steps to make (7) blocks in Fabric S/Y combination.



## SEWING THE RECTANGLE BLOCK

1. Match the 33" strip of Fabric S with the 33" strips of fabric BB, and sew together with Fabric S in the middle. Press seams towards the middle. Sub cut the strip set into (16) 2" units.



#### SEWING THE ROW

1. Alternating plus blocks and rectangle blocks, sew together into a row as shown below. Add (1)  $2" \times 6 \frac{1}{2}"$  piece of Fabric S to each end. The row should measure  $6\frac{1}{2}" \times 72\frac{1}{2}"$  unfinished.



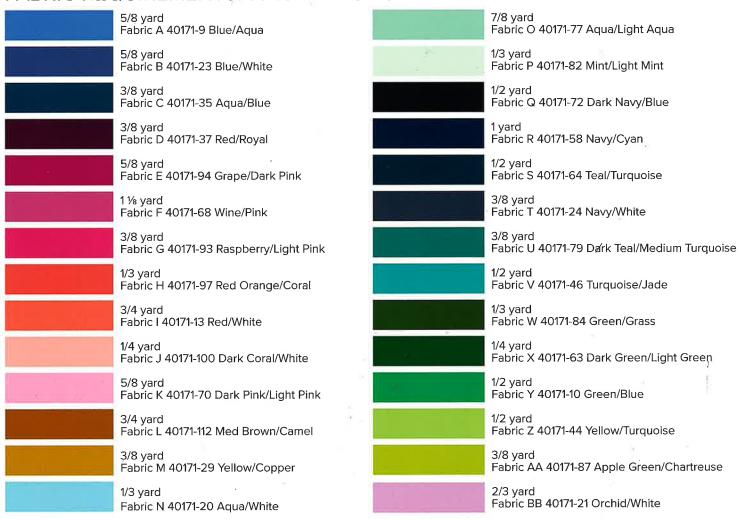
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#### **QUILT SIZE: 72" X 85"**

# FABRIC REQUIREMENTS: 14 3/3 YARDS TOTAL



BACKING: 2 3/3 yards 108" wide backing fabric (or 5 1/3 yards standard width fabric)

BATTING: 80" x 93" minimum

BINDING: 5/8 yard

## SPECIAL MATERIALS:

- Marking pencils for both light and dark fabrics
- Washable glue sticks
- Printer and copier paper
- Square acrylic ruler



Fabric requirements assume 42" usable width from selvage to selvage. Yardage requirements given are minimums, and you may wish to purchase extra fabric to account for mis cuts, or if you plan on preshrinking your fabric.

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