

# April Breezes

This wonderfully simple quilt is a great stashbusher! Choose a border fabric that you can't bear to cut and pick fabrics that complement it for the center. You could also make a controlled scrappy quilt from a layer cake, or even a two color quilt using your favorite fabric.

This pattern assumes a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. WOF means Width of Fabric. A  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square ruler will be handy but are not required.



*Finishes about 64" x 64"*

## Fabric Requirements

*Various Colors*

- (32)  $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares of various fabrics.

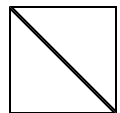
*1 yard Border Fabric*

(7) strips  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by the WOF

*2- $\frac{3}{4}$  yd Background Fabric.*

Cut this into:

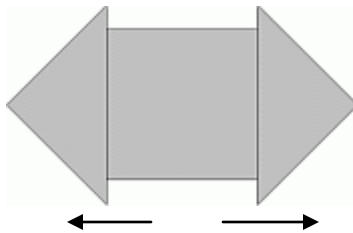
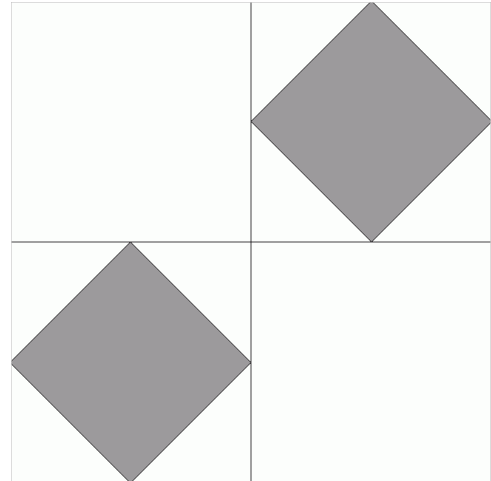
- (7) strips 4" wide by the WOF. Cut this into (64) 4" x 4" squares. Cut these squares on the diagonal to make 128 triangles.
- (14) strips  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " wide by the WOF for the sashing and first border. From (4) of these strips, cut (12) rectangles that are  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " wide and  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Sew the remaining strips end to end, mitering the join if you prefer. From that long strip, cut (5) rectangles that are  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " wide and  $52\frac{1}{4}$ " long and (2) rectangles that are  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " wide and  $54\frac{3}{4}$ " long. Label these so you don't get them confused.
- (6) strips  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by the WOF. Cut this into (32)  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.



# Path Block

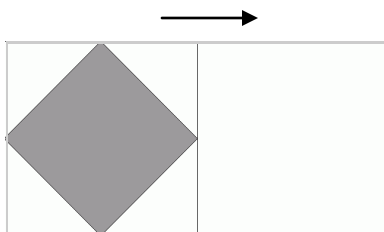
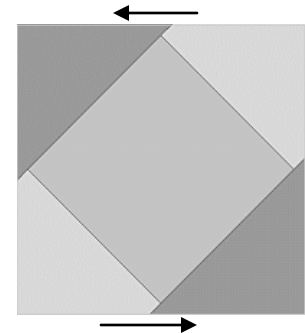
This pattern uses (16) Path blocks. To make these blocks, gather:

- (32) 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" background squares.
- (128) triangles made from 4" x 4" background squares cut on the diagonal
- (32) 4-3/4" x 4-3/4" charm squares



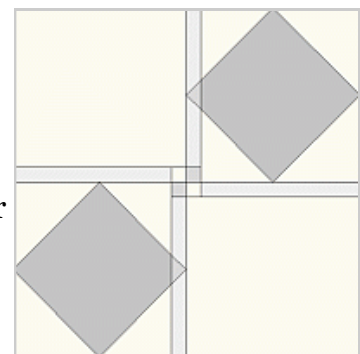
To make the Square-in-a-square corner blocks, sew a triangle to both sides of a 4-3/4" charm square, matching the center of the triangle with the center of the charm square. Press to the triangle. Make (32) units like these.

Sew the remaining triangles to the top and bottom of the unit you just made. They probably won't fit exactly, but that's okay. After you have pressed to the triangle again, square up this block to 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" , taking care to preserve the 1/4" seam allowance.



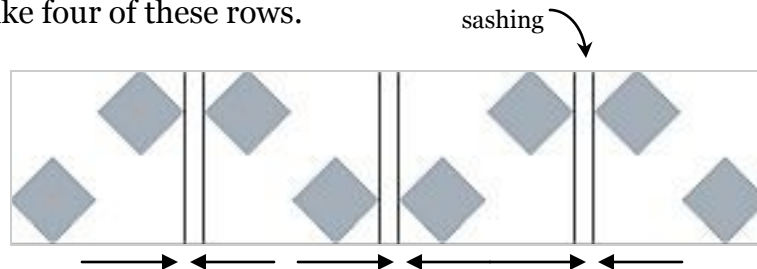
Sew these blocks to a 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" background square. Make 32 sets. Press to the background square. Sew these rows into blocks as shown at the top of the page. Because of the way you pressed your seams, your seams should nestle next to each other, giving you a crisp intersection. Square up these blocks to 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" if necessary. You should have 16 blocks.

You may like to try twirling your seams to reduce bulk and avoid the little bump of seams in the middle that happens when a four patch is sewn. To do this, pull apart the last couple of stitches of your center two patch seam (it won't ravel because the second seam putting the whole four patch together will hold it) and twirl those seams so each seam covers one patch. You know you have done it right if you get a teeny-tiny four patch in the center.



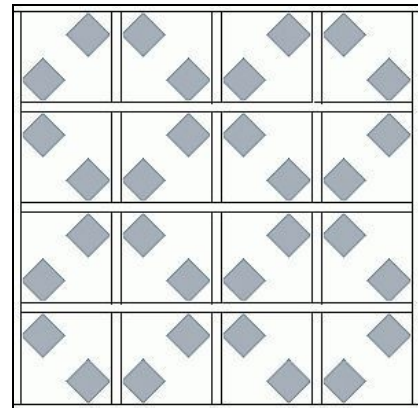
# Finishing

Sew a 1.75" x 12-1/2" background rectangle as sashing between three Path blocks to create a row (shown below.) Ease to fit if necessary. Press toward the background rectangle. Make four of these rows.

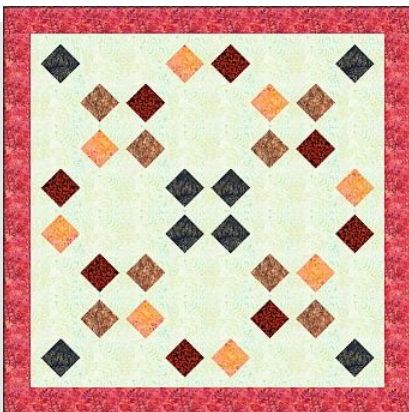


Lay out your rows so you can see the design. Rearrange the rows so they match the design on the first page or create your own design. (There is a suggestion lower left.) Once you have decided on a pleasing arrangement, sew a 1.75" x 52-1/4" background rectangle between the rows as a sashing. Match the center of the sashing strip with the center of the row, easing to fit if necessary. This will help keep your quilt top lying perfectly flat. Press to the sashing.

The remaining two 1.75" x 52-1/4" background rectangles will be used as the first border on the sides of the new quilt top. Again matching the center of the center of the sashing to the center of the quilt top, sew this border to both sides of the top. Ease to fit. Repeat this process with the top and bottom border using the 1.75" x 54-3/4" long background rectangles. Press to the border.



Sew the border strips end to end to make one long strip. From this strip, cut (2) strips that are 54-3/4" long. Matching the center of that strip with the center of the quilt top, sew it to the both sides of the quilt. Ease to fit if necessary and press to the border.



From the remaining long border strip, cut (2) strips that are 62-1/4" long. Again matching the center of the strip with the center of the quilt top, sew a strip to the top and bottom of the top. Press to the strip.

You are done! Give your top one final pressing and quilt as desired. Don't forget to add a label.