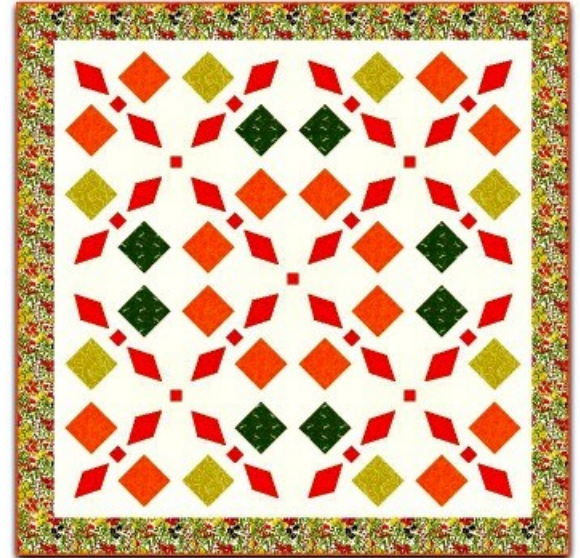


March Winds

March winds may huff and puff but they won't stop you from making this dynamic 63" x 63" quilt. This quilt could be a great stashbusher, or you could make a controlled scrappy quilt from a layer cake. This is a one block quilt. Choose your favorite fabric for the border, and pick your block fabric colors from the border.

This pattern assumes a 1/4" seam allowance. WOF means Width of Fabric. A 6-1/2" square ruler will be handy but are not required.



You will also need 2 packages of fusible web, such as [Steam a Seam 2](#).

Fabric Requirements

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Various Colors

- (32) 4-3/4" x 4-3/4" squares of various fabrics. For a controlled scrappy quilt, cut (16) squares of Color A, (8) squares of Color B and (8) squares of Color C. If you are making a two color quilt, (32) 4-3/4" squares can be made from (4) 4-3/4" strips.

1 yard Border Fabric


- (7) strips 4-1/2" wide by the WOF. Sew these strips end to end or miter them.

1 yard Accent Fabric

- Cut this into (1) strip 11" wide and (4) strips 1-1/2" wide. Cut the 1-1/2" wide strips into (64) 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" squares. Set aside the remainder for the binding.

2-3/4 yd Background Fabric

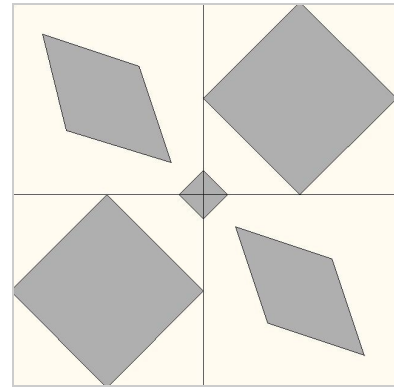
Cut this into:

- (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 1-3/4" wide by the WOF for the sashing and first border. Cut these strips into (4) rectangles which are 1-3/4" x 25-3/4" and (16) rectangles which are 1-3/4" x 12-1/2" . The remainder of the strips will be used for the first border. Sew these end to end, mitering the join if you prefer. From that long strip, cut (2) 1.75" x 52-1/4" rectangles and (2) 1.75" x 54-3/4" rectangles.
- (6) strips 6-1/2" wide by the WOF. Cut this into (32) 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" squares.

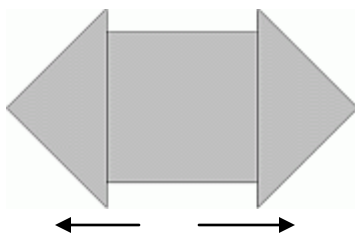
Wind-y Path Block

This pattern uses (16) Wind-y 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
- The 11" wide strip of accent fabric and (64) 1-3/4" x 1-3/4" accent squares.

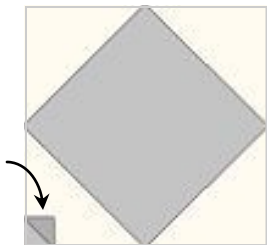
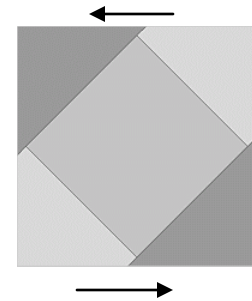


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To make the Square-in-a-square corner blocks, sew a triangle to both sides of a 4-3/4" charm square, matching the center of the triangle with the center of the charm square. Press to the triangle. Make (32) units like these.

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.

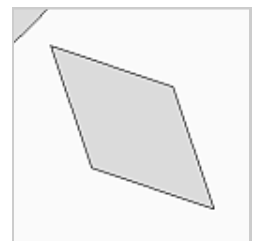


Place a 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" accent square in one of the corners of the square-in-a-square block. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Sew on this line. Fold the block over the seam and press. Your block now has a tiny triangle in the corner. You can cut away the excess if you like. Do this to all 32 blocks.

Repeat this process with all 32 of the 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" background squares.

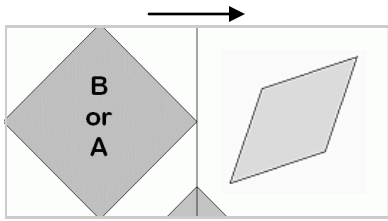
Follow the manufacturers directions to apply the fusible web to the back of the 11" wide strip of accent fabric . You will be cutting diamonds from this fabric and adhering them to the 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" background squares before completing the block. You may find it easier to trace the diamond design to the fusible web before adhering it to the fabric, or you may prefer to lay the paper over the fabric and use it as a stencil to guide your cutting.

Place the diamond on the background square and fuse it in place. Please don't stress over the exact size and placement of this piece! It is the slight irregularities in any homemade item that makes it unique and adds to its charm.

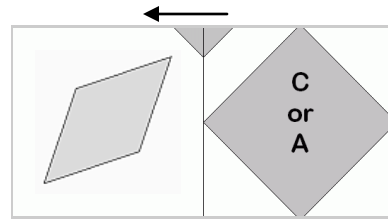


Finish the edge with any decorative stitch such as a small zig-zag stitch, a blanket stitch or a satin stitch. Practice on a scrap first .

Matching the tiny triangles, sew the square-in-a-square blocks to a 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" background square as shown. Make 32 sets. Press to the background square.



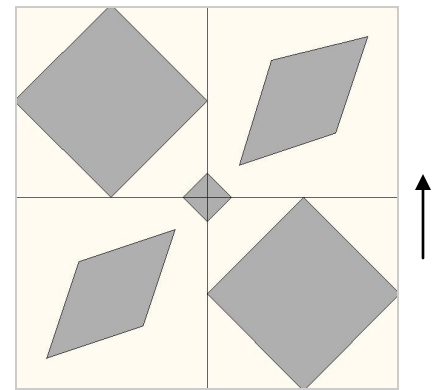
Make 8 like this using Color B
Make 8 like this using Color A



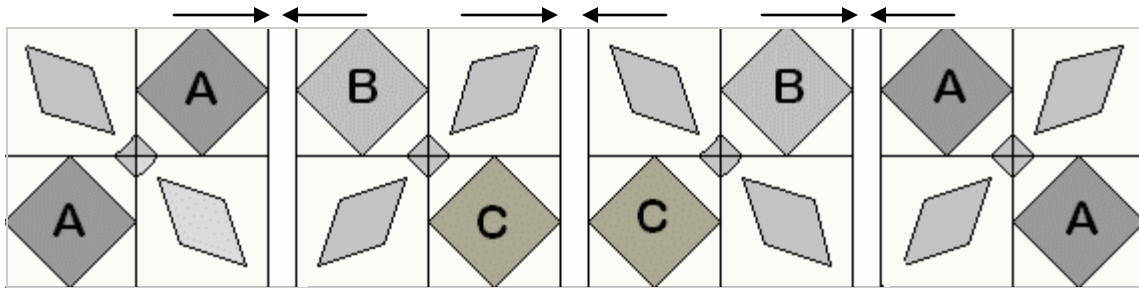
Make 8 like this using Color C
Make 8 like this using Color A

Create (8) blocks using only the Color A square-in-a-square blocks. The remaining (8) blocks should have both a Color B square-in-a-square block and a Color C square-in-a-square block. Press to the background square and square up to 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" if necessary.

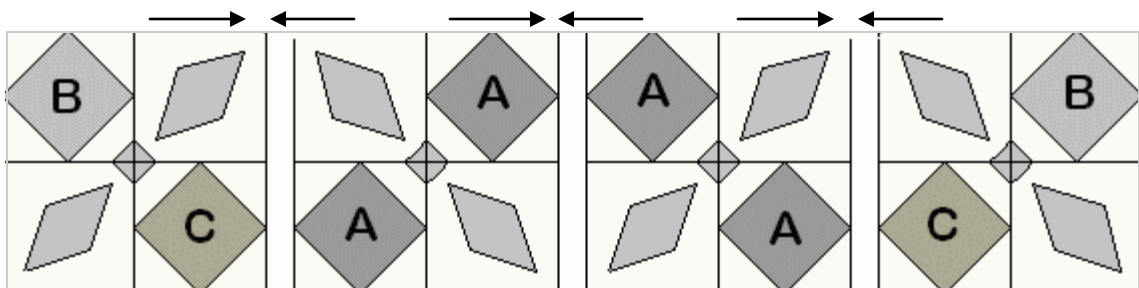
These blocks will be set into rows using the (12) of the background 1-3/4" x 12-1/2" rectangles as sashing strips. When sewing the sashing between the blocks, match the center of the sashing with the center of the block and ease to fit.



Create two rows like each of rows below. Label them as shown. Press to the sashing.

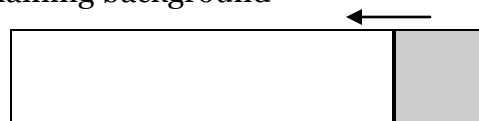


This is Row 1 and Row 4.



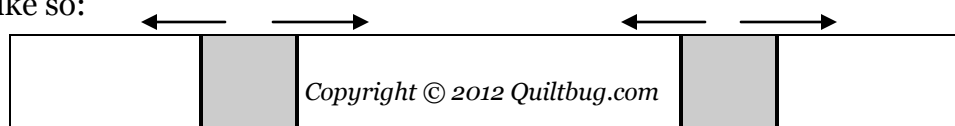
This is Row 2 and Row 3.

To make the center sashings, cut (5) $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $1\frac{3}{4}$ " squares from the leftover accent fabric. Sew a square to the end of each of the (4) remaining background $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles. Press to the sashing.



You will have (1) square left over.

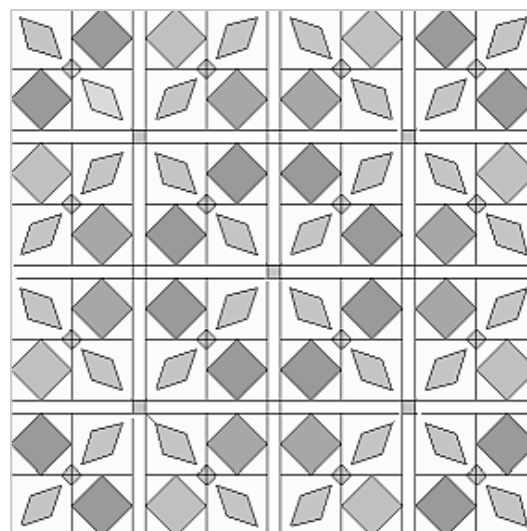
Sew your newly made sashing units to both ends of a $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $25\frac{3}{4}$ " background rectangle like so:



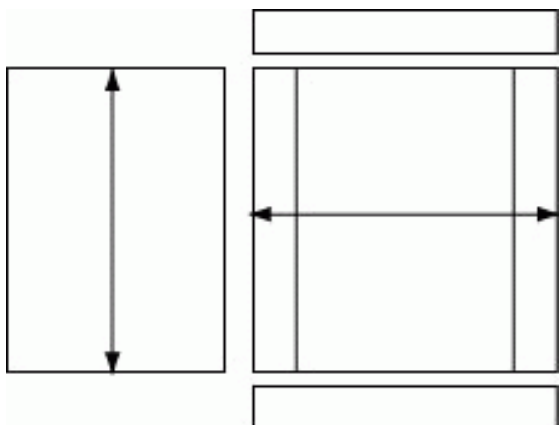
Make two rows like this. Press to the sashing. This will be your first and third sashing.

Sew the remaining $1\frac{3}{4}$ " square accent block between the remaining $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $25\frac{3}{4}$ " background rectangles. Press to the sashing. This is your center sashing.

Matching the center of the sashing strip with the center of the row and easing to fit if necessary, sew the sashing between the rows to create the design shown. By forcing your blocks and rows to match in size, you are helping your quilt top lay perfectly flat. Press to the sashing.



Sew a 1.75 " x $52\frac{1}{4}$ " background rectangle to both sides of the new quilt top, again matching centers and easing to fit. Repeat this process with the top and bottom border using the 1.75 " x $54\frac{3}{4}$ " long background rectangles. Press to the border.



From the long border strip, cut (2) strips that are $54\frac{3}{4}$ " 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. Press to the border.

From the remaining long border strip, cut (2) strips that are $62\frac{1}{4}$ " 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.

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