

Slalom Race

This one block quilt makes up quickly but can create an intricate design. Use fabric with a clear contrast between light and dark for the best result. This pattern assumes a perfect 1/4" seam allowance. WOF means width of fabric.



Finishes about 54" x 54"
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Fabric Requirements:

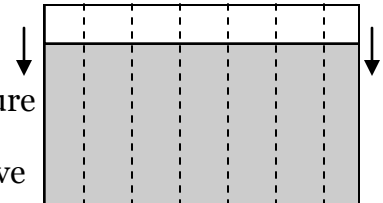
3 light fat quarters cut into (6) 10-1/2" x 17-1/2" rectangles
5 dark fat quarters cut into (10) 10-1/2" x 17-1/2" rectangles
1/3 yard first border cut into (4) 2-1/2" x WOF strips
1-1/4 yard outer border cut into (6) 6-1/2" x WOF strips

Strips 1 and 4

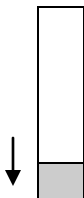
Cut a 2-1/2" x 17-1/2" strip from (3) different light 10-1/2" x 17-1/2" rectangles . Your leftover rectangles will measure 8" x 17-1/2".

Cut a 2-1/2" x 17-1/2" strip from (3) different dark 10-1/2" x 17-1/2" rectangles . Your leftover rectangles will measure 8" x 17-1/2".

Sew a 2-1/2" x 17-1/2" light strip to one side of a dark 8" x 17-1/2" rectangle. The new two-part rectangles will measure 10" x 17-1/2". Make (3) units and press to the dark. Cut the two-part rectangle into (7) 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" strips. You will have 21 strips. You will only need 16 for this project.



Sew a 2-1/2" x 17-1/2" dark strip to one side of a light 8" x 17-1/2" rectangle. The new two-part rectangles will measure 10" x 17-1/2". Make (3) units and press to the dark. Cut the two-part rectangle into (7) 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" strips. You will have 21 strips. You will only need 16 for this project.

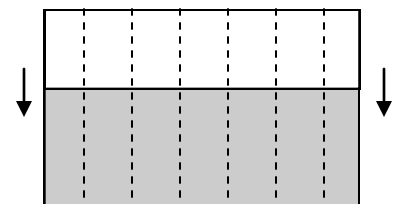


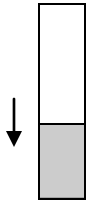
Strips 2 and 3

Cut a 4-1/2" x 17-1/2" strip from (3) different light 10-1/2" x 17-1/2" rectangles . Your leftover rectangles will measure 6" x 17-1/2".

Cut a 4-1/2" x 17-1/2" strip from (3) different dark 10-1/2" x 17-1/2" rectangles . Your leftover rectangles will measure 6" x 17-1/2".

Sew a 4-1/2" x 17-1/2" light strip to one side of a dark 6" x 17-1/2" rectangle. The new two-part rectangles will measure 10" x 17-1/2". Make (3) units and press to the dark. Cut the two-part rectangle into (7) 2-1/2" x 10" strips. You will have 21 strips. You will only need 16 for this project.





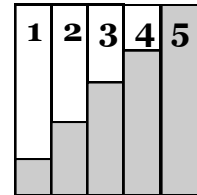
Sew a 4-1/2" x 17-1/2" dark strip to one side of a light 6-1/2" x 17-1/2" rectangle. The new two-part rectangles will measure 10" x 17-1/2". Make (3) units and press to the dark. Cut the two-part rectangle into (7) 2-1/2" x 10" strips. You will have 21 strips. You will only need 16 for this project.

Strip 5

From (3) different dark 10-1/2" x 17-1/2" rectangles, cut (16) 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" strips.

Time to Sew!

Sew strip 1 to strip 2. Make 16 sets and press. Sew strip 3 to strip 2 and press. Sew strip 4 to strip 3 and press. Finally, sew strip 5 to strip 4 and press. Square up the block to 10" x 10" if necessary.



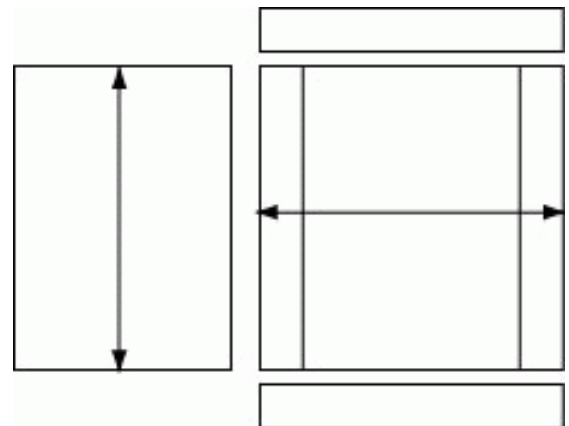
Arrange the Blocks

There are a number of different ways to arrange these blocks. You don't HAVE to use the arrangement on the first page. Lay these blocks on a floor, bed or design wall and play. Once you have decided on an arrangement, sew them in four rows of four blocks each. Press the seams of the even rows to the right and the odd rows to the left. This will help your blocks will nestle at the seams and keeps your quilt top straight.

Adding the borders

Sew the first border strips end to end to make one LONG strip. Measure your quilt through the center vertically. It should measure 38-1/2" x 38-1/2", but use your own measurement. Cut two borders to this length and sew them to both sides, matching the center of the border with the center of the top.

Press to the border. Repeat this process with the top and bottom first border.



Sew the outer border strips end to end to make one LONG strip. Press and measure through the center vertically. Cut two borders of this length and sew them to the sides of the top, matching the center of the strip to the center of the top. Repeat this process with the top and bottom outer border.

You are done! Give your top one final pressing and finish it!

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