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EASY RIBBON

quilt pattern for 5" squares

64" X 71"



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Support a cause that's close to the heart with this lovely ribbon quilt. It's a meaningful pattern that would make a thoughtful gift for a cherished friend or loved one. Begin your project with three packs of their favorite 5" squares, add a roll of 2½" background strips, and one more yard for the outer border. Sharing love through quilting is a marvelous way to make a difference.

1 cut

From each of 15 background strips, cut:

- (16) 2½" squares for a **total of 240**.

From each of 4 background strips, cut:

- (4) 2½" x 9½" rectangles for a **total of 15**. Set aside for horizontal sashing strips.

From each of 6 background strips, cut:

- (3) 2½" x 14" rectangles for a **total of 16**. Set aside for vertical sashing strips.

Set aside 6 of the remaining background strips for the inner border.

From each of 3 of the print 5" squares, cut:

- (4) 2½" squares for a **total of 12**. Set aside to use as cornerstones in the sashing

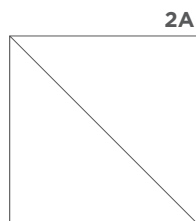
2 snowball 5" squares

On the reverse side of each 2½" background square, mark a line from corner to corner once on the diagonal.

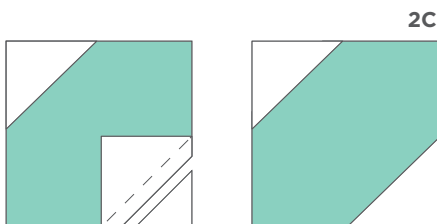
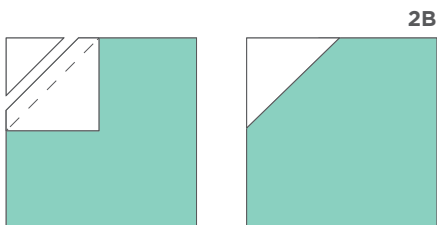
Note: if you'd rather not spend the time drawing a line, simply fold each square once on the diagonal and press a crease in place to mark the sewing line. **2A**

Select 6 matching 5" print squares. Place a marked 2½" background

square atop a corner of a 5" print square with right sides facing. Sew on the marked line, then trim the excess fabric away ¼" from the sewn seam. Open and press. **2B**



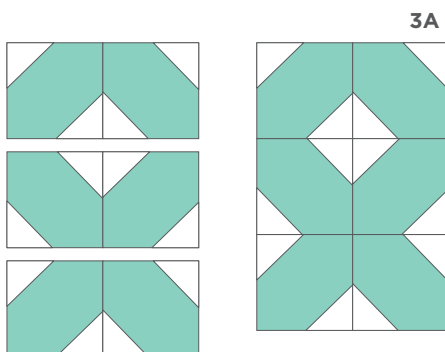
Place a marked 2½" background square atop the opposite corner of the 5" print square with right sides facing. Sew on the marked line, then trim the excess fabric away ¼" from the sewn seam. Open and press. **Make 6** snowballed squares for each block and keep all matching prints together. You'll **need 20 sets of 6. 2C**



3 block construction

Pick up 6 of the matching 5" snowballed squares. Sew 2 squares together to make a row. **Make 3 rows** as shown, then sew the rows together to complete 1 block. **Make 20 blocks. 3A**

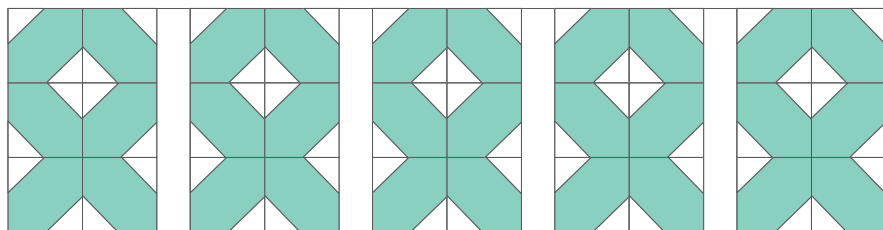
Block size: 9" x 13½" finished



4 arrange and sew

Arrange the blocks into **4 rows** with each row made up of **5 blocks**.

4A



5A



Sew a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14" sashing rectangle between each block as you sew each row together. **4A**

5 make horizontal sashing strips

Sew a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strip to a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " print cornerstone. Add another $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strip, then another $2\frac{1}{2}$ " print cornerstone. Continue on in this manner until you have sewn (5) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles and (4) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " print cornerstones together. **Make 3. 5A**

Sew the rows together, adding in the horizontal sashing strips as you go. Refer to the diagram on page 5, if necessary.

6 inner border

Pick up the (6) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips you

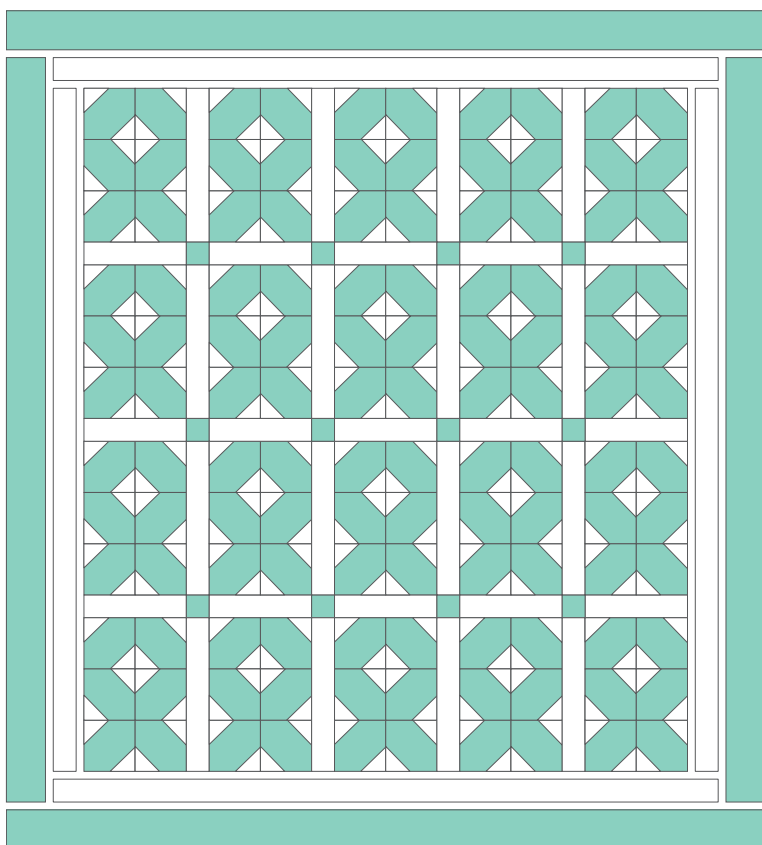
set aside earlier. Sew the strips together end-to-end to make one long strip. Trim the borders from this strip.

Refer to Borders (pg. 6) in the Construction Basics to measure and cut the inner borders. The strips are approximately $60\frac{1}{2}$ " for the sides and approximately $57\frac{1}{2}$ " for the top and bottom.

7 outer border

Cut (7) 4" strips across the width of the fabric. Sew the strips together end-to-end to make one long strip. Trim the borders from this strip.

Refer to Borders (pg. 6) in the Construction Basics to measure and cut the outer borders. The strips are approximately $64\frac{1}{2}$ " for the sides and approximately $64\frac{1}{2}$ " for the top and bottom.



8 quilt and bind

Layer the quilt with batting and backing and quilt. After the quilting is complete, square up the quilt and trim away all excess batting and

backing. Add binding to complete the quilt. See Construction Basics (pg. 6) for binding instructions.

additional resources

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come see us:	114 north davis street hamilton, missouri 64644
check out our video tutorials:	youtube.com/missouriquiltco

Construction Basics

general quilting

- All seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ " inch unless directions specify differently.
- Cutting instructions are given at the point when cutting is required.
- Precuts are not prewashed; therefore do not prewash other fabrics in the project.
- All strips are cut width of fabric.
- Remove all selvages.

press seams

- Use a steam iron on the cotton setting.
- Press the seam just as it was sewn right sides together. This "sets" the seam.
- With dark fabric on top, lift the dark fabric and press back.
- The seam allowance is pressed toward the dark side. Some patterns may direct otherwise for certain situations.
- Follow pressing arrows in the diagrams when indicated.
- Press toward borders. Pieced borders may demand otherwise.
- Press diagonal seams open on binding to reduce bulk.

borders

- Always measure the quilt top 3 times before cutting borders.
- Start measuring about 4" in from each side and through the center vertically.
- Take the average of those 3 measurements.
- Cut 2 border strips to that size. Piece strips together if needed.
- Attach one to either side of the quilt.

- Position the border fabric on top as you sew. The feed dogs can act like rufflers. Having the border on top will prevent waviness and keep the quilt straight.
- Repeat this process for the top and bottom borders, measuring the width 3 times.
- Include the newly attached side borders in your measurements.
- Press toward the borders.

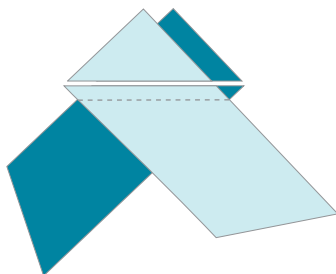
binding

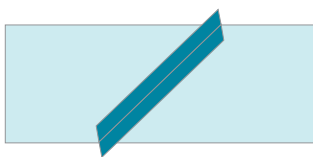
find a video tutorial at: www.msqc.co/006

- Use $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips for binding.
- Sew strips end-to-end into one long strip with diagonal seams, aka plus sign method (next). Press seams open.
- Fold in half lengthwise wrong sides together and press.
- The entire length should equal the outside dimension of the quilt plus 15" - 20."

plus sign method

- Lay one strip across the other as if to make a plus sign right sides together.
- Sew from top inside to bottom outside corners crossing the intersections of fabric as you sew. Trim excess to $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
- Press seam open.

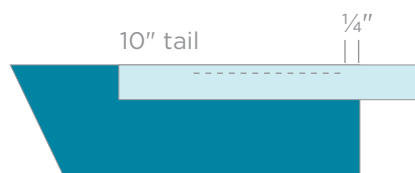




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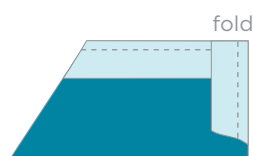
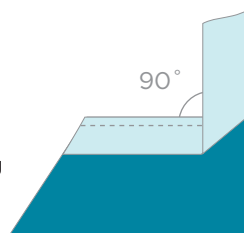
attach binding

- Match raw edges of folded binding to the quilt top edge.
- Leave a 10" tail at the beginning.
- Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
- Start in the middle of a long straight side.



miter corners

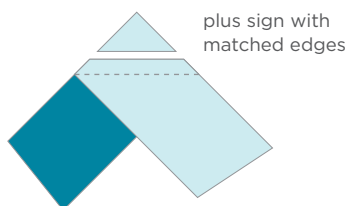
- Stop sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ " before the corner.
- Move the quilt out from under the presser foot.
- Clip the threads.
- Flip the binding up at a 90° angle to the edge just sewn.
- Fold the binding down along the next side to be sewn, aligning raw edges.
- The fold will lie along the edge just completed.
- Begin sewing on the fold.



close binding

MSQC recommends **The Binding Tool** from TQM Products to finish binding perfectly every time.

- Stop sewing when you have 12" left to reach the start.
- Where the binding tails come together, trim excess leaving only $2\frac{1}{2}$ " of overlap.
- It helps to pin or clip the quilt together at the two points where the binding starts and stops. This takes the pressure off of the binding tails while you work.
- Use the plus sign method to sew the two binding ends together, except this time when making the plus sign, match the edges. Using a pencil, mark your sewing line because you won't be able to see where the corners intersect. Sew across.



- Trim off excess; press seam open.
- Fold in half wrong sides together, and align all raw edges to the quilt top.
- Sew this last binding section to the quilt. Press.
- Turn the folded edge of the binding around to the back of the quilt and tack into place with an invisible stitch or machine stitch if you wish.

Easy Ribbon

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SAMPLE QUILT

Pinking of You by Wilmington Essentials

QUILT SIZE

64" X 71"

BLOCK SIZE

9" x 13½" finished

QUILT TOP

3 packages 5" print squares
1 roll of 2½" background strips
- includes inner border

OUTER BORDER

1 yard

BINDING

¾ yard

BACKING

4 yards - horizontal seam(s)



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