

Fabrics Needed:

12 Fat Quarters

3 ¼ Yards of Background

¼ yard of Accent

4 yards Backing

Helpful Tool:

Sew Straight by *Quilt in A Day*

Pearls of Wisdom



53" x 83"

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Cutting 3 ¼ yard Background:

Cut 13 @ 2 ½" WOF, sub cut five of these into 76 @ 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares.

When you have constructed all your columns, measure the length of each one. Add the 7 measurements and divide by seven = the length you need to cut the sashing and borders. Your measurement should be 76" if your ¼" seam allowance is accurate

Cut 76" (or your measurement) Whole Width of Fabric (WOF), press and fold selvage to selvage. Trim as little of the selvage as possible as you will need 43" for the long strips.

Sub cut into 4 @ 4 ½" x 76" for borders.

Sub cut 10 @ 2 ½" x 76", sub cut four of the 2 ½" strips into 120 @ 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares.

The remaining six 2 ½" x 76" will be used as sashing strips between the seven rows of blocks.

Accent Fabric 1/4 yard:

Cut 4 @ 2" WOF

12 Fat Quarters (must be at least 21" long):

Cut 2 @ 6" x 21" from each fat quarter and 2 @ 2 ½" x 21" strips (for binding)

You will have a total of 24 @ 6" x 21" rectangles, sort them into three piles of 8 rectangles.

From pile 1: Cut 8 @ 6" x 12" and 8 @ 6" x 9"

From pile 2: Cut 8 @ 6" x 11" and 8 @ 6" x 10"

From pile 3: Cut 8 @ 6" x 8", 8 @ 6" x 7" and 8 @ 6" x 6"

You will have 56 blocks and you will need 49 blocks. The seven extra blocks gives you flexibility.

Pearls of Wisdom Construction

Please read all instructions before starting so you have a good overall understanding of the pattern. $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance used throughout the construction of the quilt.

Block Construction:

You need the 196 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and the 49 blocks.

You will need to draw diagonal lines on all the 196 squares or you can use Sew Straight from Quilt in a Day. Using this tool saves you considerable time and produces very accurate blocks!



Place a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square on each corner of the square and stitch diagonally as shown in picture.



Press all seams and then cut a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on the outside of the stitching.



Press all 4 seams to the outside of the block. Repeat with the other 48 blocks.

You can save the triangles for another project if you want. They make cute triangle squares.

Sort them in order of size (Seven @ $6'' \times 6''$, seven @ $6'' \times 7''$, seven @ $6'' \times 8''$ etc.).

This will help you with the layout.

Sew a 2 ½" WOF background strip on each side of the four 2" accent strips, press towards the accent strip. Crosscut into 56 @ 2 ½" x 6" segments.

Layout:

Review the diagram, you will need one of each size of blocks for each row.

All seams are ¼".

I recommend you lay out all 7 columns according to the diagram before stitching them together, so you get the best distribution of colors and fabric patterns. You will need one of each size for each column. Label your columns so you don't get mixed up.

Now sew each column together. Pressing seams open creates less bulk or press to the small accent sashing.

Measure all rows and calculate average length:

7 x length of each row divided by 7 = the average length of all 7 rows. Now is the time to go back to cutting. Cut the remaining background fabric to your average measurement of the columns(see cutting instructions)

Attach the 6 sashing strips between the seven rows.

Attach the two border strips to the long sides of the quilt.

Measure the quilt across top, middle and bottom.

Calculate average and trim the two remaining 4 ½" x 76" to the average width of the quilt top and attach.

Quilt as desired and trim quilt.

TIP: Use square ruler to trim corners, this way you will have a 90-degree corner to attach the binding to ensuring a great result.

Binding: Stich together 18 @ 2 ½" x 21" strips diagonally (you can use the Sew Straight here). Press seams open and press wrong sides together lengthwise. Attach with walking foot using 3/8" seam and finish by hand or machine.

8	6	10	7	11	9	12
10	9	8	10	9	6	8
6	11	12	6	8	12	11
9	7	9	11	7	10	6
12	10	11	8	10	8	9
7	12	7	12	6	11	7
11	8	6	9	12	7	10