



QUILT-ALONG

Join us for series three of our fabulous Quilt-along to create this fabulous quilt-as-you-go quilt!

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Bernie's passion for sewing started when she was very young. She has a very talented mother who taught her to sew, knit and crochet and she's still Bernie's go-to person whenever she gets stuck! This has now turned full circle as Bernie shares her wealth of knowledge and inspiration as a Craft Expert for CC and by running weekly workshops.

SKILL LEVEL

YOU WILL NEED

- 100cm (39½") Navy Star Flowers (A)
- 175cm (69") Red Star Flowers (B)
- 175cm (69") Green Grid (C)
- 375cm (147½") Cream Star Flowers (D)
- 125cm (49½") Blue Grid (E)
- 125cm (49½") Pink Grid (F)
- 175cm (69") of at least 84" wide wadding

TOOLS

- sewing machine with walking foot
- Threaders Shape Creator
- Threaders 6x24" Folding Ruler
- Threaders 12½x12½" Folding Ruler
- Threaders – Introduction to Foundation Paper Piecing CD-ROM
- Gemini Build-a-Block™
- Gemini Build-a-Block Plus™
- Threaders Stick & Spray for Fabric
- iron
- rotary cutter & cutting mat
- Threaders heat-erasable fabric pen
- Gemini Quilting Pattern Guides
- Gemini Reference Guide

PREPARATION

- Cut 2 110x6.4cm (43¼x2½") strips from Fabric A
- Cut 3 110x6.4cm (43¼x2½") strips from Fabric B
- Cut 4 110x6.4cm (43¼x2½") strips from Fabric C
- Cut 1 110x110cm (43¼x43¼") square from Fabric D and wadding
- Cut 4 22.9x22.9cm (9x9") squares from Fabric D
- Cut 1 33x33cm (13x13") square from Fabric D
- Cut 2 72.4x3.8cm (28½x 1½") strips from Fabric D
- Cut 2 77.5x3.8cm (30½x 1½") strips from Fabric D
- Cut 96 3½" half-square triangles from Fabrics B and E

STITCH LENGTH & SEAM ALLOWANCE

Use a 2mm stitch length on your sewing machine and a 0.6cm (¼") seam allowance unless otherwise stated

FINISHED SIZE

160x160cm (63x63") square

WHAT IS THE QUILT-ALONG?

Two years ago, we launched our amazing Quilt-along series, which has had an overwhelming response! We were thrilled that so many of you chose to partake, to learn new skills, revitalise your love of quilting and give back to the community! We're back with a brand-new design which shines a spotlight on quilt-as-you-go. This colourful quilt concept, designed by Bernie Corner, will enable you to push yourself to learn new skills over four issues of Sew Inspired. By issue 22, you'll have completed the quilt! Sewing machines at the ready, it's time to start your quilting adventure! The quantities shown in the materials list are for the full quilt, however this issue we are focussing on the medallion centre of the design.



SHARE YOUR PROGRESS!

We're encouraging you to donate your fabulous quilts to local organisations or charities as it can make the world of difference. Part of the fun of the Quilt-along is not only creating the quilt and raising awareness for those in need, but it's also sharing your progress within our sewing community! Whether you're feeling on top of the world with your growth, or finding that you need some advice, don't be afraid to share your Quilt-along journey with us! Share and spread the word by using the hashtag #Quilt4Kindness on social media such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We'd also love for you to keep us updated on our Sew Inspired Facebook page (www.facebook.com/sewinspiringwithCC) and don't be afraid to write and email us too – our contact details can be found on page 53.



HOW TO MAKE

1 Take the 110x6.4cm (43¼x2½") strips cut from Fabrics A, B and C and divide them into three sets as follows; A/C/B, A/C/B and C/B/C. Stitch each set of three strips together along the long sides, staggering the short ends [A]. Press the seams in A/C/B toward the outer strips and in C/B/C toward the inner strip.

2 Take one strip set and use the Threaders 6x24" Folding Ruler to trim one edge at a 45-degree angle. Measure in 6.4cm (2½") from the angled edge and sub-cut a strip [B]. You will need eight in total from this strip set. Repeat this step on the remaining two strip sets.

3 Take one strip from each set and arrange to form a diamond [C] then stitch together. Take care to match the seams. Repeat with the remaining strips. You will now have eight diamonds.

4 To form the star, join the diamonds in pairs until you have two sets of four. Next join these two sets together. This method eliminates any y-seams. Press the final seam open.

5 Take the 33x33cm (13x13") square cut from Fabric D. Using the 6x24" Threaders Folding Ruler, cut the square into four quarter-square triangles [D].

6 Lay the star out on a flat surface and place the triangles in opposite corners. Also

place the four 22.9x22.9cm (9x9") squares cut from Fabric D in the remaining corners. You should have one large square once pieced. To insert each square and triangle, pin one side well. The tip of the diamond should overhang by 0.6cm (¼") and the inner point should overhang by 1.3cm (½"). Use a fabric pen to mark in 0.6cm (¼") as shown [E]. This point is where you will start stitching, then sew towards the tip of the diamond, securing stitches at the start and end. After sewing one side of the shape in, clip the inner corner of the star slightly to help manoeuvre the fabric then pin and sew the other side.

7 Trim this centre panel to 72.4cm (28½"). Next take the two 72.4x3.8cm (28½x1½") strips cut from Fabric D then pin and stitch to opposite sides of the panel. Repeat on the remaining sides with the two 77.5x3.8cm (30½x1½") strips. Press well.

8 To complete the centre panel, take the 96 half-square triangles cut from Fabrics B and E. Join them all in pairs of opposite colours to form squares. Take four of these pairs and join together to make a larger square [F]. Repeat with the remaining pieces until you have 24 squares. Divide and sew these into two sets of five and two sets of seven. Take the two sets of five squares, then pin and stitch to opposite sides of the panel. Repeat on the remaining sides with the two sets of seven. Press well.

9 The centre panel should now measure 42½" square. Place the backing piece wrong side up onto a large surface. Add the wadding on top followed by the centre panel with right side facing. Adhere the wadding to both pieces using Threaders Stick & Spray for Fabric. You can now set this piece aside ready for quilting later in the Quilt-along. Join us in issue 20 to learn how to start making the remaining borders.



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All of the fabrics used in our Quilt-along sampler quilt are from the Sara Signature Sew Retro collection! For the fabrics in the Sara Signature Sew Retro range, our very own Sara Davies has partnered up with US-based fabric brand, Riley Blake, to bring you a collection of funky and fresh designs that emulate the era of flower power.

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