



QUILT-ALONG

Continue with series two of our fabulous Quilt-along to create the borders you'll need for our 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.

SKILL LEVEL

YOU WILL NEED

- template download from crafterscompanion.co.uk
- 100cm (39½") Navy (A)
- 175cm (69") Orange (B)
- 175cm (69") Green Grid (C)
- 350cm (137¾") Cream (D)
- 125cm (49¼") Blue Grid (E)
- 125cm (49¼") Pink Grid (F)
- 175cm (69") of 84" wide wadding

TOOLS

- basic sewing kit
- 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
- Quilting Pattern Guides
- Reference Guide
- computer & printer

FINISHED SIZE OF QUILT

- 160x160cm (63x63") square

STITCH LENGTH & SEAM ALLOWANCE

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

PREPARATION

First border

- Cut 4 110x6.4cm (43¼x2½") strips from Fabrics A, C & F

Second border

- Cut 2 110x6.4cm (43¼x2½") strips from Fabrics A, B, C & E
- Cut 1 110x10.2cm (43¼x4") strip from Fabric A
- Die-cut 16 4½" isosceles triangles from Fabric C
- Die-cut 16 4½x2½" half rectangle triangles in one direction from Fabric B

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, and this colourful quilt concept, designed by Bernie Corner, will enable you to push yourself even further to learn some handy new skills. Sewing machines at the ready, it's time to start your next quilting adventure!



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.

- Die-cut 16 4½x2½" half rectangle triangles in the opposite direction from Fabric B
- Die-cut 4 4½" squares from Fabric D

TOP TIP

Always lay your pieces out between stitching to ensure you are joining the correct ones together



HOW TO MAKE

1 To make the first border, take the 110x6.4cm (43 $\frac{1}{4}$ x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") strips cut from Fabrics A, C and F and divide into four sets (one of each colour). With Fabric A in the centre [A], stitch each set of three strips together along the long sides, ensuring one end is aligned. Trim to 108cm (42 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") and press the seams in the same direction.

2 Print off the download for the foundation paper piecing design. You will need four copies. Using scraps of Fabrics A and D, and the instructions from the Threaders Foundation Paper Piecing CD-ROM, complete the four squares then trim to 16.5cm (6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") square.

3 Take two of the strip sets from Step 1 and add an FPP square to each end using the main quilt to check the direction of the diamond. Set these border pieces aside as they need to be backed and quilted before being joined to the centre panel later.

4 To make the second border, take the 110x6.4cm (43 $\frac{1}{4}$ x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") strips cut from Fabrics A, B, C & E and the 110x10.2cm(43 $\frac{1}{4}$ x4") strip cut from Fabric A and arrange in order [B]. Stitch the strips together along the long sides, ensuring one end is aligned. Alternate the end you start adding the next strip to avoid bowing the fabric. Use the Threaders Shape Creator to sub-cut into 11.4cm (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") strips. You will need eight in total.

5 Next take the half rectangle triangles and isosceles triangles and make 16 complete sets [C].



6 To each strip cut in Step 4, add a block from Step 5 to each end. The base of the isosceles triangle will join to the strip. Join two of these pieces end to end. You will then have four long pieces.

7 To complete the second border, add a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square cut from Fabric D to the ends of two of these long pieces. Again, set these aside ready to back and quilt in the next instalment.