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Zigzag Stitches is fun, 5"-charm-friendly quilt designed by Amanda Murphy for her Sewing Room collection for Benartex. It measures 45-1/2" x 63-1/2". Please enjoy this pattern for personal use but do not distribute it.

"WOF" refers to width of fabric. All seams are 1/4". Press all seams open, unless otherwise noted.

## Materials

**Blocks** 172 squares 5" x 5" or 43 squares 10" x 10" or 1/4 yard of every print except for the background print listed below from the Sewing Room collection by Amanda Murphy for Benartex.

**Background** 2-3/4 yards (3409\_09 white whitework or 3403-12 black embroidery)

**Binding** 1/2 yard of any Feathers and Flourishes print (3406-10 red-pins)

**Backing** 3-1/2 yards of any Sewing Room print

## Cutting

If you are making the quilt from 1/4" yard cuts cut a 5" x WOF strip from each and then cut the following...

From Block fabrics:

- Cut 112 squares 5" x 5" aside.
- Cut 28 rectangles 3" x 5"
- Cut 126 squares 2" x 2".

From Background fabric:

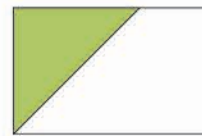
- Cut 12 strips 1-3/4" x WOF. Piece 6 strips 1-3/4" x 63-1/2".
- Cut 12 strips 5" x WOF. Subcut into 56 rectangles 5" x 7-1/2".
- Cut 3 strips 3" x WOF. Subcut into 28 squares 3" x 3".

Cut the Binding Fabric into 6 strips 2-1/4" x WOF..

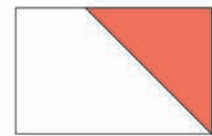
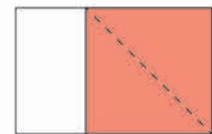
## Zigzag Columns

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of all of the Block squares 5" x 5" and the Background squares 3" x 3".

Place a Block square 5" x 5" on top of the Background rectangles 5" x 7-1/2" right sides together, orienting half the drawn diagonals one way and half the other, as shown below. Stitch along the diagonal, a hairline more toward the outer corner to accommodate for fabric thickness. Trim seams to 1/4" and press open. (You can sew the excess fabric you cut off into 4" half-square triangles to use for the back of the quilt if desired!)

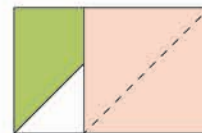


Make 28

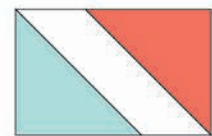


Make 28

Place another Block square 5" x 5" on the opposite sides of the Background rectangles 5" x 7-1/2" right sides together, as shown below. Stitch along the diagonal, a hairline more toward the outer corner to accommodate for fabric thickness. Trim seams to 1/4" and press open.



Make 28



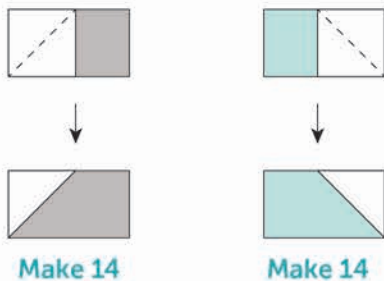
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Assemble these blocks into zigzag columns as shown in the Assembly Diagram on the next page. If you alternate the direction you press the seams in each column, they will nest nicely when joined!

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## Outer Columns

Place a Background square 3" x 3" on top of the Block rectangles 3" x 5" right sides together, orienting half the drawn diagonals one way and half the other, as shown below. Stitch along the diagonal, a hairline more toward the outer corner to accommodate for fabric thickness. Trim seams to 1/4" and press open.



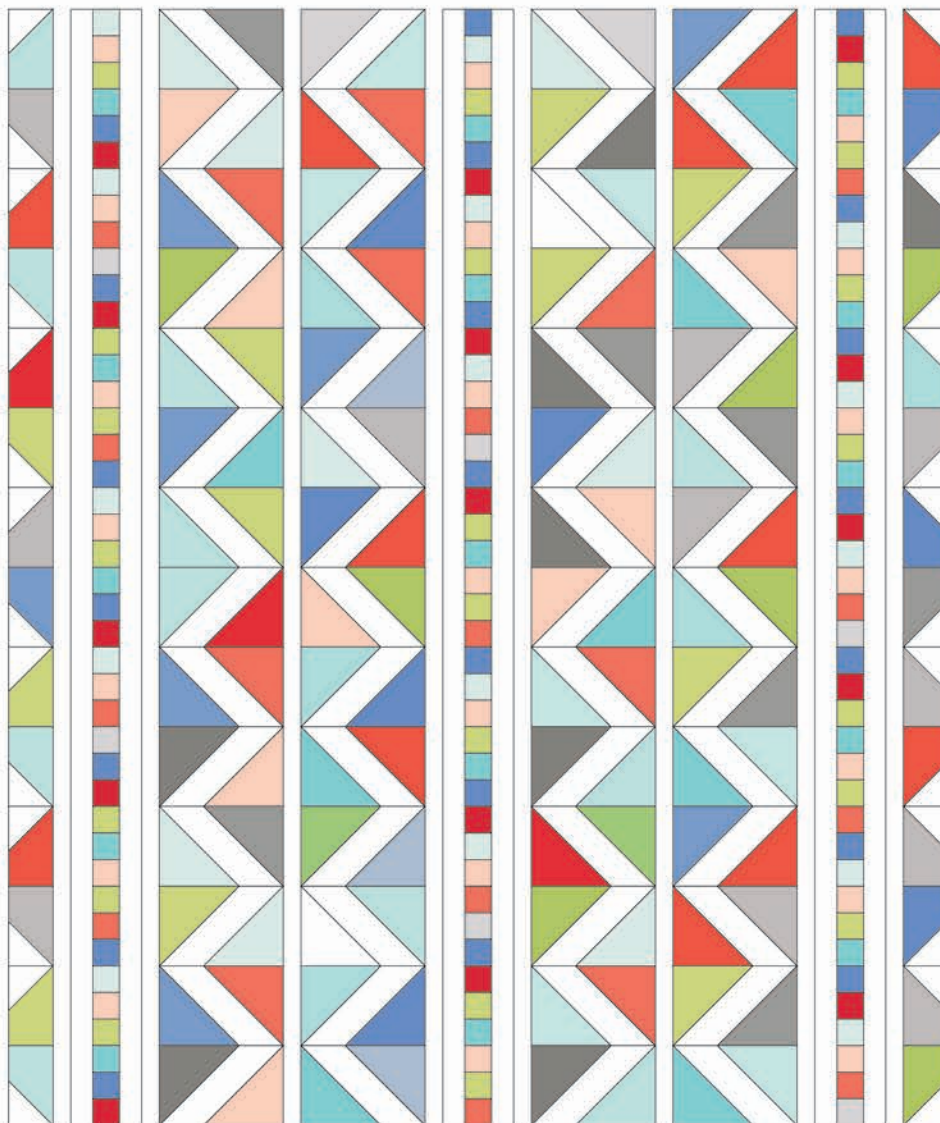
Assemble these blocks into the outer columns as shown in the Assembly Diagram.

## Checkerboard Columns

Join 3 sets of 42 Block squares 2" x 2" together. Join a Background rectangle 1-3/4" x 63-1/2" to each long side of each of these units.

## Quilt Assembly

Join the columns!



Assembly Diagram

## Finishing

Divide backing fabric into one 74" piece and one 37-1/4" piece. Trim selvage off so that all the pieces are 40" wide.

Cut both pieces in half lengthwise. Join the short edges of the two 20" x 37-1/2" rectangles together to yield a third 20" x 74" rectangle. Join the three 20" x 74" rectangles together to make the backing.

Layer backing, batting, and quilt top. Quilt as desired.

Join the 2-1/4" wide binding strips into 1 continuous piece. Press, folding in half lengthwise. Sew binding to quilt.

Enjoy!