

## 屋 SEWING I SKILL LEVEL: BEGINNER

## MATERIALS

Coats \& Clark ${ }^{\text {m }}$ Cotton Machine Quilting Thread, 7450 Temple Gold Coats \& Clark ${ }^{\text {Tm }}$ Quilting and Piecing Thread, 450 Nugrey
1 pre-cut fabric pack containing $31 / 2$ yds ( 2.4 m ) backing fabric [or (85) $5^{\prime \prime}(13 \mathrm{~cm})$ squares or 2 packs enough to piece a 53 " x $62^{\prime \prime}$ ( $135 \times$ containing 42 squares*

158 cm ) or larger quilt back]
$1 / 4$ yd (.25m) Inner border fabric 50 " x 60" (127 x 153 cm ) batting
$1 / 2$ yd ( 0.5 m ) Outer border fabric
$1 / 2$ yd ( 0.5 m ) Binding fabric
*You can also cut your own 5" ( 12.5 cm ) squares using scraps from other projects. We used Dark Color Story, Kona ${ }^{\oplus}$ Cotton Solids, 85 squares.

## Featuring Coats \& Clark ${ }^{\text {rM }}$ Quilting and Piecing Thread, Coats \& Clark ${ }^{T M}$ Cotton Machine Quilting Thread

This quilt uses $5^{\prime \prime}$ ( 12.5 cm ) pre-cut fabric squares and is a great project for all skill levels from beginners to experts alike! Just pick out your favourite fabric pre-cuts and learn all the basics of making a quilt from start to finish! For more in-depth step-by-step tutorials, follow along with our on-going blog series.

## MEASUREMENTS

45 " x 54" ( $115 \times 137 \mathrm{~cm}$ ).

## CUTTING

From the inner border fabric, cut:
(4) $1 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} x$ width of fabric strips (WOF) ( $4 \mathrm{~cm} \times$ WOF)
From the outer border fabric, cut:
(5) $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF fabric strips
(9cm x WOF)

From the binding fabric, cut:
(6) strips, $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " $\times$ WOF ( $6.5 \mathrm{~cm} \times$ WOF)

Seam allowances are $1 / 4 / 1(.6 \mathrm{~cm})$.



## ASSEMBLING THE QUILT TOP

## Subheadings

1. There are 10 rows of 8 squares each. Lay out the 5 " ( 12.5 cm ) squares and then have fun arranging and rearranging the colors.

2. Number each row before moving the squares. Stack the squares by number.

Hint: Mark each stack with the row number.

3. Thread the sewing machine with Coats \& Clark ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Quilting and Piecing thread on top and in the bobbin. Nugrey is a neutral that will blend with the square colors.
4. Beginning with Row 1 , sew the squares together being sure to maintain an accurate $1 / 4$ " $(.6 \mathrm{~cm})$ seam allowance. Press seam allowances together toward one side.

5. Sew Row 2 squares together. Press the seam allowances in the opposite direction from Row 1.

6. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 for the remaining rows.

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7. Align Row 1 and 2. Pin together at the seams nesting the seams together. This will be easy since you pressed them in opposite directions. Sew Rows 1 and 2 together. Press the seam down (toward row 2).

8. Repeat Step 6 working in pairs, for example, sew Rows 3 and 4 together, 5 and 6 and so on.
9. Sew the 2 row units together in order again nesting the seams. When complete, press the seams joining the rows up (each row should be pressed in the opposite direction).

## Borders

1. Join the $11 / 2$ " $(4 \mathrm{~cm})$ strips end to end. Press seams open. Subcut into two 47" (120cm) strips and two 40" (102cm) strips. Sew the 47 " $(120 \mathrm{~cm})$ strips to the sides of the squares unit. Trim off any extra. Sew the 40" ( 102 cm ) strips to the top and bottom of the squares. Trim away extra if necessary. Press the seam allowances toward the border.
2. Join the $31 / 2$ " $(9 \mathrm{~cm})$ strips end to end. Press seams open. Subcut into two 48" (122cm) strips and two 45 " (114cm) strips. Sew the 48 " $(122 \mathrm{~cm})$ strips to the sides of the quilt. Trim off any extra. Sew the 45" (114cm) strips to the top and bottom of the quilt. Trim off any extra. Press the seam allowances toward the outer border.

## Quilting

1. Layer the backing and batting wrong side up and the quilt top right side up. Secure layers together by using basting spray or pinning.

2. Thread the machine with Coats \& Clark ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Cotton Machine Quilting thread on top and in the bobbin. Attach a walking foot. Quilt as desired. An easy way to quilt this design is to stitch next to each joining seam using the edge of the presser foot as a guide.

3. Trim the batting and backing to match the quilt top. Machine baste around the quilt $1 / 8^{" ~}(.3 \mathrm{~cm})$ from edge with a longer stitch length.


## Binding the quilt

4. Sew the binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Press the seams open, then press the binding lengthwise wrong sides together.

5. Start pinning the binding to the right side of the quilt leaving about a 6" tail free at the beginning.

6. Sew the binding to the quilt top, stopping to miter (fold diagonally) each corner. Stop about 6" ( 15 cm ) from the first stitching. Place the binding ends right sides together away from the quilt and sew a diagonal seam. Check to make sure the binding fits the space remaining to be stitched, then trim binding seam allowance. Finish stitching binding to the quilt.

7. Roll the binding to the back of the quilt and hand stitch in place.

