

Our Picnic Quilt was created to be a quick, simple, and beautiful pieced project to make all of your outdoor plans just a little bit more special. It is an easy and approachable dive into patchwork, and a fun way to mix and match fabrics for a unique make.

## PICNIC QUILT

## MATERIALS

Fabric Requirements:
Color A (center): . $53 y$ yds or 19"
Color B (cross): 1.06 yds or $38^{\prime \prime}$
Color C (corners): 53 yds or 19"
Color D (corners): : 53 yds or 19"
Backing: 1.5 yds $54^{\prime \prime}$ wide fabric or 3 yds 45'
Binding: . 38 yds or $13.5^{\prime \prime}$

## Additional Materials:

Coordinating thread, throw size batting, rotary cutter or shears, cutting mat (only if using a rotary cutter), clear ruler (for rotary cutter use), sewing machine, iron, 1/4 machine foot (optional), yarn for ties.

Finished size: $54^{\prime \prime} \times 54^{\prime \prime}$

## INSTRUCTIONS

## CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

From color A cut one (1) 18.5" square.
From color $B$ cut four (4) $18.5^{\prime \prime}$ squares, and from colors $C$ and $D$ cut two (2) 18.5" squares.

## PIECING INSTRUCTIONS

For this quilt we are making a traditional nine patch quilt block, but giant. The entire quilt top is one "block".

Using a quarter inch seam allowance, sew your strips. For strips one and three, your block order will be; color D, color B, color C. For strip two, the order will be color B, color A, color B. Once you've sewn your strips, press all of the seams open flat.

After pressing the seams you'll sew your strips together using a quarter inch seam allowance.


You want to make sure that strips one and three are arranged in opposite directions so that the color $C$ corners are diagonally opposite from each other, and that the same is true for the color D corners.

So strip one will read: color D, color B, color $C_{;}$strip two will read color $B$, color $A$, color $B$; and strip three will read color $C$, color $B$, color D. Press seams open.

Your quilt top is finished! Now, you will put the layers together.

You can choose to quilt with your backing piece as a whole piece, as we've done here, or
experiment with using your scraps to do some colorblock piecing on the quilt back.

Create a sandwich with your quilt top, batting and quilt back and quilt your layers together using your preferred method. Here we chose to use a "tied" or "tufted" method. A tie is simply a stitch taken through all three layers of your quilt and tied using a square knot.

Cut your binding fabric into six $2.25^{\prime \prime} \times 44^{\prime \prime}$ strips, seam the ends together and bind your quilt to finish.

