## GRAY MATTIERS

Quilt by Laura Blanchard of Plum Tree Quilts


Featuring fabrics from the Gray Matters and Crystals collections by P\&B Textiles

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Fabric collection by P\&B Textiles<br>Original quilt designed by Laura Blanchard of Plum Tree Quilts Skill level: Confident Beginner • Finished Quilt Size: approximately 68" x 78"<br>Finished Block Size: 8" square

## Yardages:



## Cutting Instructions:

Please read all instructions carefully before beginning. Strips are cut across the width of fabric unless otherwise stated. All seams are sewn with a $1 / 4$ " seam unless otherwise stated.

## From Fabric A (26799 SIL1):

1. Cut seven $61 / 2$ " strips for Outer Border C.
2. Cut thirteen $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. Crosscut into forty-nine $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ sashing strips.
3. Cut six $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips for Inner Border A.

From Fabric B (26799 GRY1):

1. Cut five $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21^{\prime \prime}$ strips (label A Block - strip \#3).

From Fabric C ( 26800 SIL1):

1. Cut five $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21^{\prime \prime}$ strips (label C Block - strip \#2).

From Fabric D ( 26800 GRY1):

1. Cut five $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21^{\prime \prime}$ strips (label B Block - strip \#2).

From Fabric E (26801 LTGRY1):

1. Cut five $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21^{\prime \prime}$ strips (label B Block - strip \#1).

From Fabric F (26802 LTGRY1):

1. Cut five $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21^{\prime \prime}$ strips (label C Block - strip \#3).

From Fabric G (26802 SIL1):

1. Cut five $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21^{\prime \prime}$ strips (label A Block - strip \#1).

From Fabric H (26803 CHAR1):

1. Cut five $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21^{\prime \prime}$ strips (label B Block - strip \#3).

From Fabric I ( 26803 GRY1):

1. Cut five $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21^{\prime \prime}$ strips (label A Block - strip \#4).

From Fabric J ( 26804 CHAR1):

1. Cut five $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21$ " strips (label C Block - strip \#4).

From Fabric K (26804 GRY1):

1. Cut five $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21^{\prime \prime}$ strips (label A Block - strip \#2).

From Fabric L (26804 SIL1):

1. Cut eight $21 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ strips for binding.

From Fabric M(26784 BLA1):

1. Cut five $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21^{\prime \prime}$ strips (label B Block - strip \#4).

From Fabric $\mathbf{N}$ ( 26784 ORA1):

1. Cut six $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips for Middle Border B.
2. Cut two $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. Crosscut into twenty $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares for cornerstones.

## From Fabric O (26784 PALGRY1):

1. Cut five $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21$ " strips (label C Block - strip \#1).

## Block Piecing Instructions:

1. To make A blocks: Sew one each of strips \#1-4 together to make a strip set (Figure 1). Press seams in one direction. Repeat to make five identical A strip sets.
2. Crosscut each strip set into two $81 / 2$ " squares (Figure 2) for a total of ten A blocks.
3. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 to make ten $B$ blocks and ten $C$ blocks.


Figure 1 Make 5 sets.


Figure 2 Cut 10.

## Quilt Assembly: Refer to cover and quilt diagram.

1. The Block Rows: Arrange five blocks in alphabetical order with four sashing strips to make row 1 (Figure 3). Sew the blocks and strips together to complete the $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 481 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ row. Press toward the sashing strips. Repeat to make a total of six rows, continuing alphabetical order from row to row.


Figure 3
2. The Sashing Rows: Sew five sashing strips together with four cornerstones to make a $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 481 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ sashing row. Press toward sashing strips. Repeat to make a total of five rows.


Figure 4
3. Sew the block rows and sashing rows together, matching seams, to complete the quilt center. Press toward sashing rows.
4. Inner Border A: Sew six $2^{1 ⁄ 2}$ " A3 strips together, end to end. Press seams open.
a. Cut two lengths equal to length of the quilt center. Sew to the sides of the quilt. Press toward the strips.
b. Cut two lengths equal to the width of the bordered quilt center. Sew to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press toward the strips.
5. Middle Border B: Sew six $21 / 2{ }^{\prime \prime}$ M1 strips together, end to end. Press seams open. Repeat steps $4 a$ and $b$ to add the middle border.
6. Outer Border C: Sew seven $61 / 2$ " A1 strips together, end to end. Press seams open. Repeat steps $4 a$ and $b$ to add the outer border.

## Finishing:

1. Prepare the backing with a vertical seam to measure 76" x 86" Press seam open.
2. Layer backing, batting and quilt top. Baste layers together.
3. Quilt as desired.
4. Trim layers even with top.
5. Join eight $21 / 4^{\prime \prime} L$ binding strips with diagonal seams. Press seams open. Press strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together to make double-fold binding. Sew binding to quilt using your favorite method.
6. Make a label and sew to back of the quilt.


Quilt Diagram


26799 SIL1*


26801 LTGRY1*


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*Fabrics used in quilt.


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