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Finished quilt is 54" x 90"

Fabric requirements:

All cutting directions assume width of fabric (WOF) is 42"

Quilt top

One Layer Cake **OR** three charm packs of your favorite fabric line.

2 $\frac{1}{8}$ yard solid fabric of your choice (referred to as "background fabric" from here on out)

Backing

62" x 98" if pieced, or 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards if using off the bolt

Batting

62" x 98"

Binding (assuming you cut 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " strips)

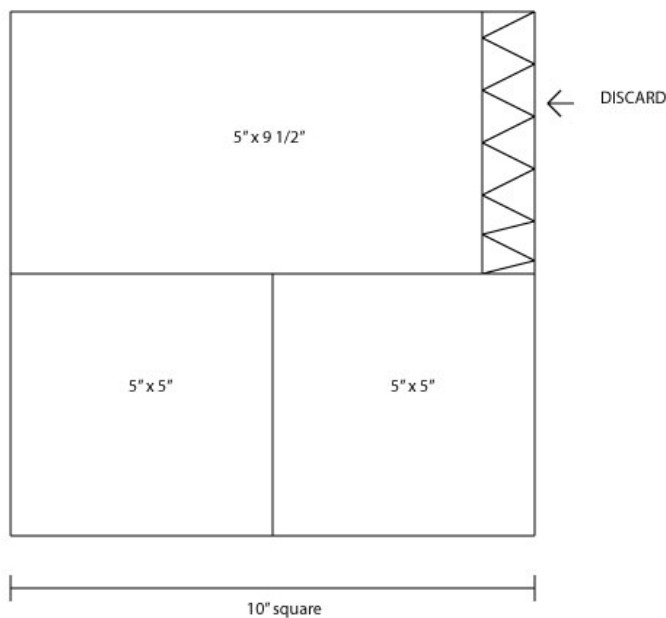
$\frac{5}{8}$ yard

This particular quilt uses a "Honey Honey" Layer Cake by Kate Spain for Moda, but you could even chop up a dessert roll (although I haven't used the dessert roll yet, myself). If you're going scrappy (and if you do, I wanna see it, so please share on my Flickr group, [Mandalei Patterns!](#)), you'll need approximately 2 yards total for the oculus and the borders.

Cutting Directions:

Layer Cake

- 1) Cut the square in half to make two 5" x 10" squares.
- 2) Take one of those 5" x 10" pieces and cut it in half to make two 5" x 5" units,
- 3) from the other 5" x 10" piece, subcut $\frac{1}{2}$ " off the short end, to make a 5" x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Do this with all forty-two sheets. You will use (30) 5" x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for the oculus and (48) 5" x 5" squares for the border.



N.B. If you're using charm packs, you will need to decide what charms you want to sew together to make the oculus: you'll need (60) 5" x 5" charms to make the oculus itself. Each rectangle on the quilt plan would be made from two charm squares.

Solid background

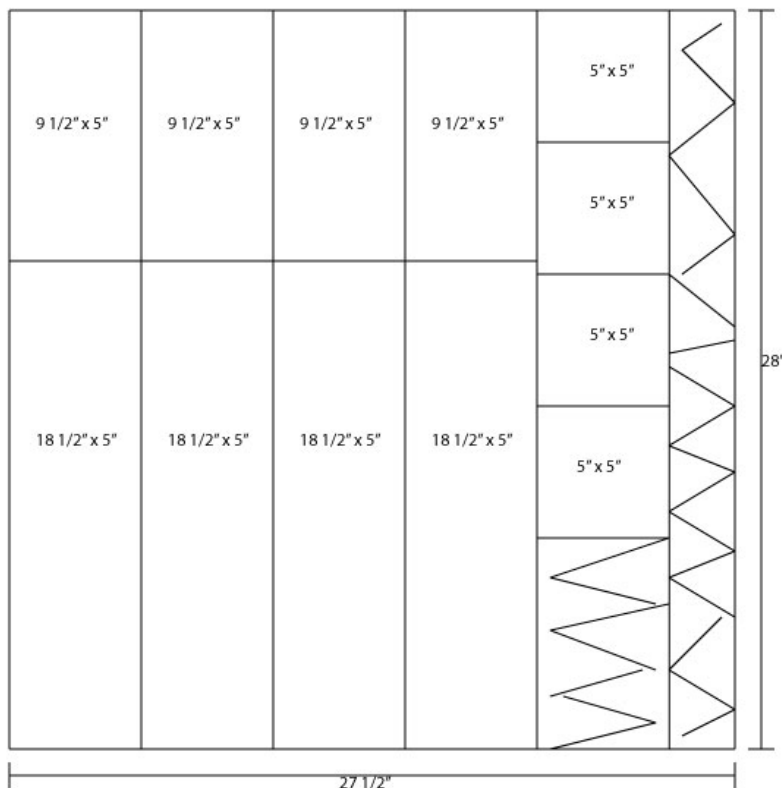
Please be very careful with your cutting here, since the measurements work out exactly. Please remember, this pattern assumes 42" wide fabric.

1) cut two units $27\frac{1}{2}"$ x WOF (width of fabric)

- from one unit, subcut (3) units $14" \times 27\frac{1}{2}"$
- from the other unit, cut (1) $14" \times 27\frac{1}{2}"$ unit. Your remainder, referred to in the diagram below as "Piece A" should be at least $28" \times 27\frac{1}{2}"$.

2) From Piece A, turn the fabric so that the longest edge is vertical, and that the $27\frac{1}{2}"$ edge is horizontal. *The orientation of Piece A in this step is crucial to cut your pieces correctly.*

- subcut (5) $5"$ strips.
- from one of these strips cut (4) $5" \times 5"$ squares
- from each of the remaining strips, cut (1) $18\frac{1}{2}" \times 5"$ unit and (1) $9\frac{1}{2}" \times 5"$ unit, for a total of four of each size. See diagram below:

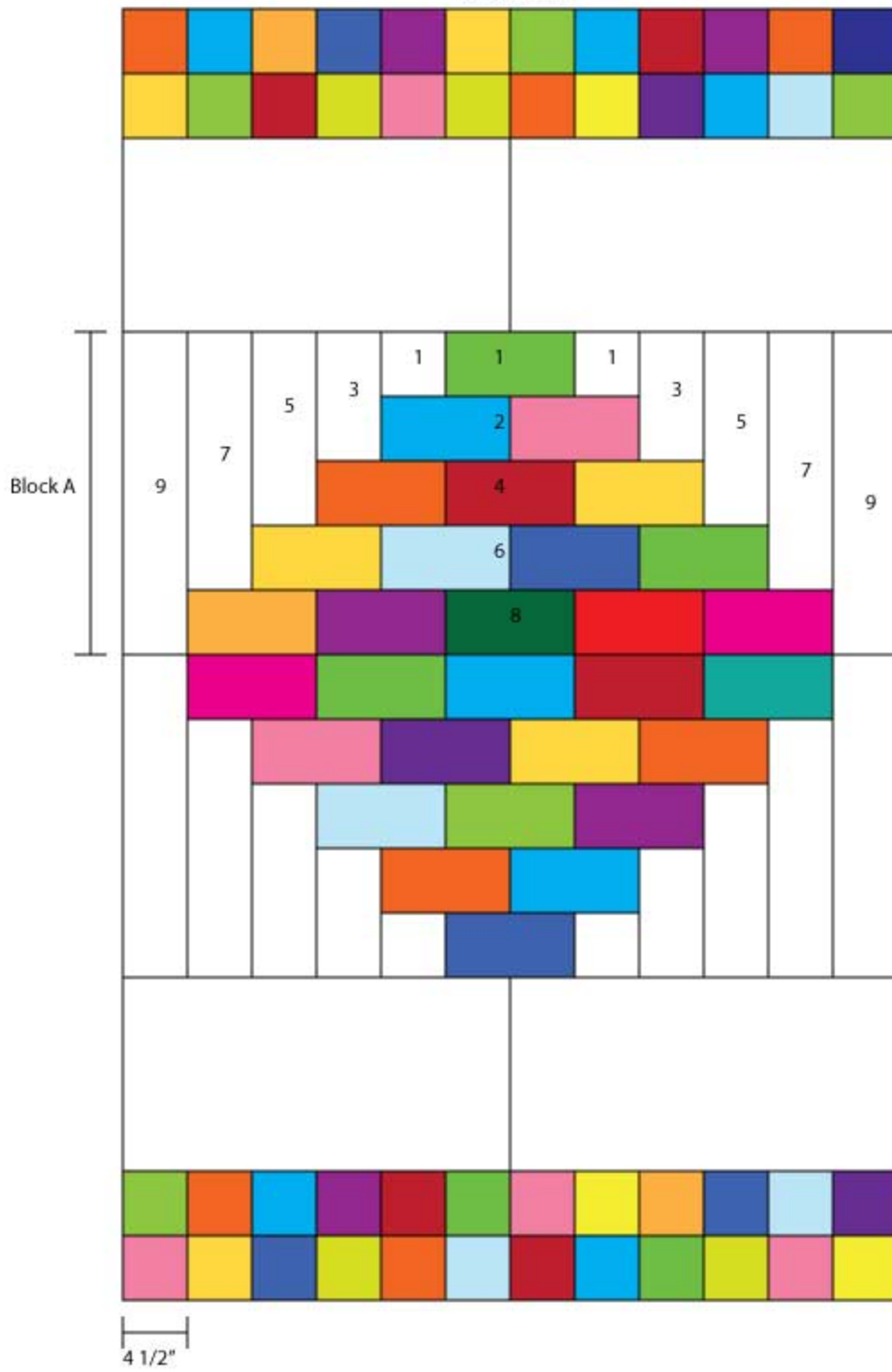


PIECE A --CUTTING DIAGRAM

3) Cut (4) $5"$ x WOF strips

- subcut each strip into (1) $23" \times 5"$ unit and (1) $14" \times 5"$ unit for a total of four units each.

QUILT PLAN



Layout and Sewing Instructions:

Some notes before you get started:

- You may have noticed that you have more pieces cut from your layer cake than you need. Before you begin to sew, refer to the Quilt Plan and lay out your pieces in a way that is pleasing to you. It may help you to take a picture to remind you what went where (it sure did for me!).
- Please note: The numbers on the Quilt Plan refer to the steps for Block A listed below: the three pieces labeled "1" are sewn together in Step 1, the row labeled "2" is sewn on in Step 2 and so forth. It may help you to know this uses a Log Cabin technique for adding rows, similar to Courthouse Steps.
- You may wish to pin each row as you add them on.

Sewing Instructions for Block A (make two of these)

Identify rows 2, 4, 6, and 8 from your layout. Sew each row, short end to short end, so that they match the rows on the Quilt Plan. Press seams to one side.

Step 1: Select (2) 5" x 5" background fabric units and your first row of the oculus medallion, a 5" x 9 ½" piece, marked with "1" on your Quilt Plan. Sew according to Quilt Plan. Press seams to one side.

Step 2: Sew Row 1 and Row 2 together, long edge to long edge (watch the orientation of your oculus fabrics! It's easy to switch them around by accident). Press seams to one side.

Step 3: Select (2) 9 ½" x 5" rectangles of your background fabric. Referring to Quilt Plan, along one short edge of your unit, sew one of the 5" x 9 ½" rectangles. Press to side. Repeat on other side.

Step 4: Select Row 4. Referring to the to Quilt Plan, sew Row 4 to the previous unit.

Step 5: Select (2) 14" x 5" rectangles of background fabric. Referring to the Quilt Plan, long one short edge of your unit, sew one of the 14" x 5" rectangles. Press to side. Repeat on other side.

Step 6: Select Row 6. Referring to Quilt Plan, sew Row 6 to the previous unit.

Step 7: Select (2) 18 ½" x 5" rectangles of background fabric. Referring to Quilt Plan, along one short edge of your unit, sew one of the 18 ½" x 5" rectangles. Press to side. Repeat on other side.

Step 8: Select Row 8. Referring to Quilt Plan, sew Row 8 to your previously-pieced unit.

Step 9: Select (2) 23" x 5" rectangles of background fabric. Refer to Quilt Plan. Along one short

edge of your unit, sew one of the 23" x 5" rectangles. Press to side. Repeat on other side.

Congrats! You've just sewn your first Block A! Repeat instructions above to make one more Block A for the other half of the oculus.

Sewing Instructions for Wide White Border

Take (2) 14" x 27 ½" units of background fabric. Sew short edges together and press seam to the left. Repeat.

Sewing Instructions for Variegated Border:

Step 1: Referring to your layout, chain piece the four rows. Once the four borders are pieced together, it's time to press.

Step 2: Take the top row (the one that does not touch the background fabric) and press all seams to the LEFT.

Step 3: Take the next row (the one that touches the background fabric) and press the seams in the RIGHT. This allows you to [nest your seams](#).

Step 4: Nesting your seams, sew the two rows together. You may wish to use pins for accuracy.

Referring to quilt plan as necessary, sew variegated and background fabric borders together, long edges to long edges.

Sew borders to oculus motif, referring to Quilt Plan as necessary. I really recommend pinning at this point, since the pieces are heavy and awkward, and it will help to keep your seams nice and smooth! Not sure you have a perfect 1/4" seam? [Check my tutorial out right here](#) for a starter.

TA DAAAAA! A completed quilt top! Quilt and bind as desired. If you have ANY questions at all, please don't hesitate to drop me a line!

Thanks for making this pattern! I'd love it if you'd add it to my [flickr page for Mandalei Patterns](#)!

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