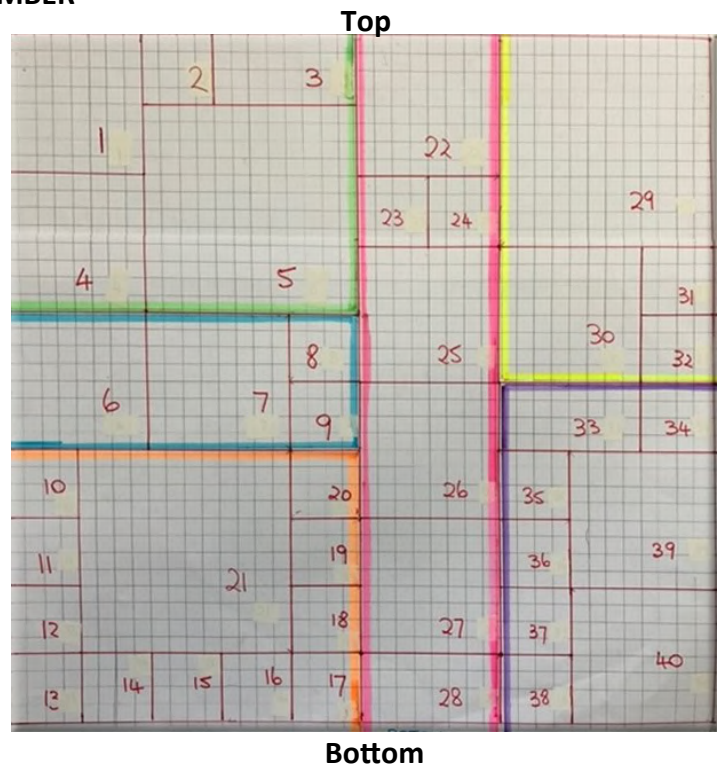


MONTH ELEVEN – PUTTING IT TOGETHER - DECEMBER

Using the photo on the right (which we first saw in Month 1 “getting started”) as a guide, create sections as outlined with the coloured lines and the block numbers you can see in red.

Lay them out in sections as shown below to keep them in order.

See images of all blocks at the end of this month’s instructions.



SECTION ONE – green outline includes blocks 1 to 5

- Join block 4 to the bottom of block 1
- Join block 2 to the left side of block 3
- Join block 5 to the bottom of the block 2/3 unit
- Join the blocks 1/4 unit to the left side of the blocks 2/3/5 unit

SECTION TWO – blue outline includes blocks 6 to 9

- Join block 9 to the bottom of block 8
- Join block 6 to the left side of block 7
- Join the blocks 6/7 unit to the left of the blocks 8/9 unit

SECTION THREE – orange outline includes blocks 10 to 21

- Join blocks 10, 11, 12 and 13 in a vertical row one below the other, starting with block 10 on top
- Join block 15 to the right-hand side of block 14, then block 16 to the right-hand side of block 15 to form a horizontal row
- Join blocks 20, 19, 18 and 17 in a vertical row one below the other, starting with block 20 on top
- Join the 14/15/16 unit to the bottom of block 21
- Join the blocks 10/11/12/13 unit to the left side of the blocks 21/14/15/16 unit
- Join the blocks 20/19/18/17 unit to the right side of the blocks 21/14/15/16 unit

SECTION FOUR – pink outline includes blocks 22 to 28

- Join block 23 to the left-hand side of block 24
- Join the blocks 23/24 unit to the bottom of block 22
- Join blocks 25, 26, 27 and 28 in a vertical row one below the other, starting with block 25 on top
- Join the blocks 25/26/27/28 unit to the bottom of the blocks 23/24/22 unit

SECTION FIVE – yellow outline includes blocks 29 to 32

- Join block 31 to the top of block 32
- Join the blocks 31/32 unit to the right-hand side of block 30
- Join the blocks 32/31/30 unit to the bottom of block 29

SECTION SIX – purple outline includes blocks 33 to 40

- Join block 34 to the right-hand side of block 33
- Join blocks 35, 36, 37 and 38 in a vertical row one below the other, starting with block 35 on top
- Join block 40 to the bottom of block 39
- Join the blocks 35/36/37/38 unit to the left-hand side of the blocks 39/40 unit
- Join the blocks 33/34 unit to the top of the blocks 35/36/37/38/39/40 unit

Now all the sections have been made, let's join the sections together.

- Join section two (blue) to the bottom of section one (green)
- Join section three (orange) to the bottom of the section one (green)/two (blue) unit
- Join section four (pink) to the right-hand side of the section one/two/three unit
- Join section five (yellow) to the top of section six (purple).
- Join the section five (yellow)/six(purple) to the right-hand side of section four (pink)

The body of the quilt is now complete and should measure 40½" x 40½". You may choose to leave the quilt this size but you may want to make it a bigger. You could make more blocks and add them to make it bigger or you could add borders as I did.

BORDERS ADDED TO MY SAMPLE – check the size of your quilt to make sure it matches mine before using my border measurements, adjust as necessary.

Border one, background fabric –

- cut 5 x 2½" x width of fabric strips and construct top and bottom borders to measure 2½" x 40½" and add to the top and bottom of the quilt.
- Construct two side borders 2½" x 44½" and add to the sides of the quilt.

Border two, 2½" squares –

- From the left-over scraps and other remaining fabric cut 88 x 2½" squares of print/coloured fabric and 4 x 2½" squares of background fabric.
- Construct top and bottom borders by sewing twenty two random print/coloured squares together and add these borders to the top and bottom of the quilt. Don't forget the seams in the border must visually line up with the 2" grid of the quilt.
- Construct two side borders by sewing twenty two random print/coloured squares together with a back ground square at each end. Add the side borders to the quilt making sure the seams of the border line up visually with the 2" grid of the quilt.

Border three, background fabric

- Cut 6 x 3½" x width of fabric strips and construct top and bottom borders to measure 3½" x 48½", add to the top and bottom of the quilt.
- Construct the two side borders to measure 3½" x 54½" and add to the sides of the quilt

The quilt top is now complete and all it needs is to be quilted and that is entirely up to you how you do that. Elaine Kennedy kindly long arm quilted mine.

Our 40th birthday Sew Along has come to an end. I hope you enjoyed it and had some fun along the way.....see you next time!

Cheers, Heather



Completed quilt



Block 1



Block 2



Block 3



Block 4



Block 5



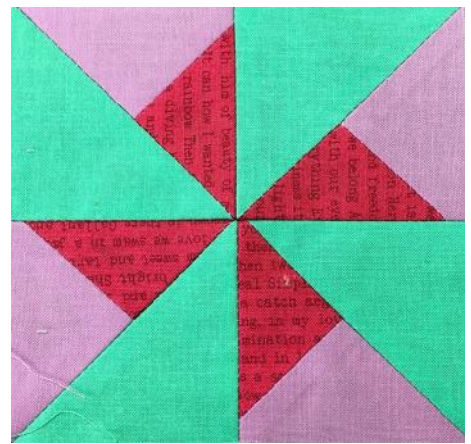
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Block 7



Block 8



Block 9



Block 10



Block 11



Block 12



Block 13



Block 14



Block 15



Block 16



Block 17



Block 18



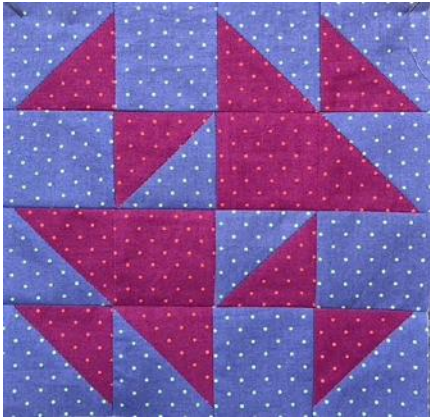
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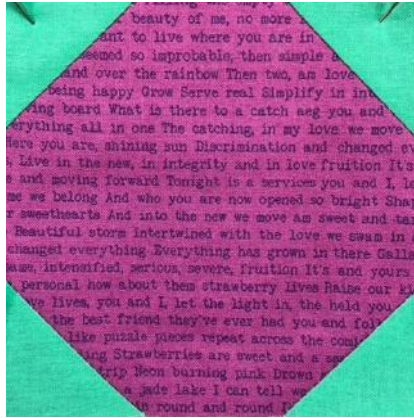
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Block 22



Block 23



Block 24



Block 25



Block 26



Block 27



Block 28



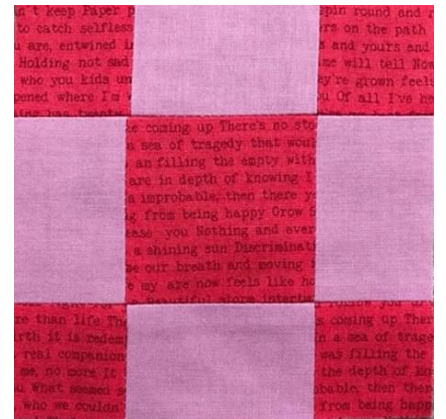
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Block 31



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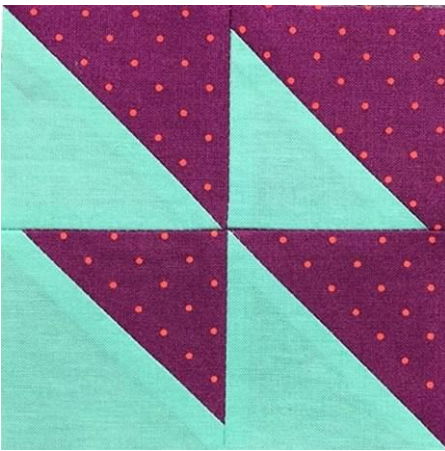
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Block 35



Block 36



Block 37



Block 38



Block 39



Block 40