



Introduction

Hello, friends!

Welcome to the Community Sampler block-of-the-week virtual sew-along. A sampler quilt is a fun way to try a variety of quilt block designs and piecing techniques, as well as use up all those scraps! For this free sew-along, there will be eleven beginner-friendly quilt blocks, optional border assembly, and quilt finishing instructions presented in downloadable PDF format over a 16-week period. All of the blocks are traditional patchwork designs set on-point for a modern-fresh layout. The 2018 sampler includes an optional pieced border for a larger throw-size finished quilt.

Yardage requirements for completing the sampler (with or without borders) are given as total amounts based on 42" wide fabric (see Material List). You can use as many different fabrics as you wish to reach the necessary yardage. For instruction purposes, the fabric for the blocks are listed as A, B, C, D, etc. Feel free to change up the number of fabrics and their placements when making your blocks, just be sure to label the cut pieces as some are very close in size and can easily be mixed up. All blocks in this sampler will measure 12-1/2" square when pieced (12" finished once sewn into a quilt top). Background fabric (to set the blocks on-point), inner borders, pieced middle borders, outer borders, binding, and backing are called out separately in the Material List as total yardage for each part of the quilt. Note: Cut pieces exactly as listed in instructions. The cut sizes, where necessary, have already been slightly oversized to allow for trimming of the Half-Square Triangle, Flying Geese, and Square-in-Square units. Finished trimmed sizes of all units will be included in the assembly instructions.

Two coloring-page quilt diagrams are included in this Introduction PDF; one for a quilt with borders and another for a quilt without borders. Get out the colored pencils and play with color schemes and fabric placement. Suggestion: You may want to think in terms of light, medium, and dark when selecting your colors/fabrics. Since this quilt is a throw quilt size, a good starting point for a fabric pull is to select 5 lights, 5 mediums, and 5 dark fabrics.

Each week during the sew-along, my co-host Maureen Cracknell and I will post a photo of our completed block (or top), assembly instructions, and tips and tutorials for that block/assembly. We encourage you to share your work as well and use the hashtag #CommunitySampler when posting to a public Instagram account or on your other social platforms.

QUILT SPECS

Finished Size (with borders): 67" x 71-1/2"

Finished Size (without borders): 51-1/2" x 60"

Number and Size of Finished Blocks: (9) 12" square full blocks and (3) 12" half blocks

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MATERIAL LIST

- **2-7/8 to 3 yards** total for blocks
- **1-3/4 yards total** for background
- **1/3 yard total** for inner border (optional)
- **1/3 yard total** for small triangles in middle border (optional)
- **1 yard total** for rectangles and large triangles in middle border (optional)
- **5/8 yard total** for outer border (optional)
- **1/2 yard total** for binding
- **4 yards** backing for quilt with borders
(3-1/4 yards for quilt without borders)
- **73" x 77-1/2"** batting for quilt with borders
(57" x 65-1/2" for quilt without borders)

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Sampler (With Borders)

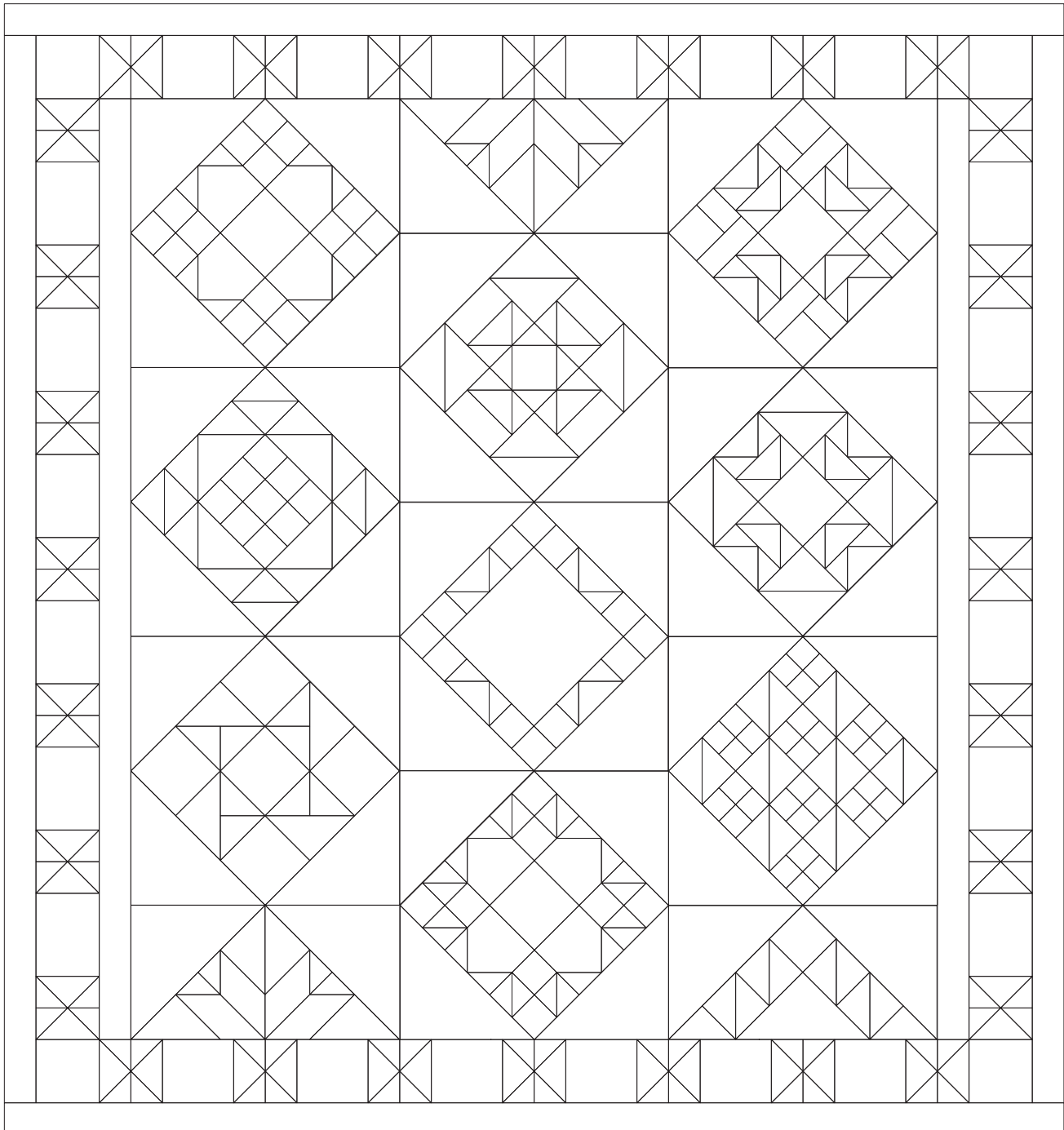


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Sampler (Without Borders)



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