Sixteen in the Spotlight

Top finishes at 92”x108.5”

To make the quilt pictured:

You need:

- reds : 2 1/3 yards (for 16 patches, corners of frames, 4 patches and sashing)
- whites/cream: 5 1/2 yards (for 16 patches, cream strips, lights in the 4 patches, sashing, first border)
- bold colors such as blue, red, green: 30 - 2"x26" strips
- browns: 2/3 yard of various scraps
- lighter browns/tans: 2/3 yard of various scraps
- 3/8 yard each of 4 colors bold colors for border pieces
- ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding. (I used scrappy 2.5” strips.)

**Cut:**

- From various reds for 16 patches and corners of frames
  600 – 2x2” squares
  24 – 2”x3.5” rectangles (for sashing)
- From cream/whites:
  480 – 2”x2” squares
  480 - 2”x3.5” strips
  48 – 2”x6.5” (for sashing)
- From browns:
  120 – 2”x3.5” strips
- From lighter browns/tans:
  120 – 2”x3.5” strips
- From bold colors such as blue, red, green
  30 matching sets of 4 – 2”x6.5” strips

**Construct Blocks:** *This quilt consists of only one block plus sashing.*

Make all the segments:

16 patches: from red/white 2” squares.
4 patches: From red and cream or white:

Sets of cream 2"x3.5" strips for center of blocks: They look like this: (You could use a 3.5" square here, but I used various creams as I was trying to use up my 2" strips.)

Sets of tan/brown 2"x3.5" strips:

Then, I built my blocks from the inside out:

1. Put frame around the 16 patch:
   Sew a 2"x6.5" bold colored strip to the right side and one to the left.
   Sew together one red square to a 2"x6.5" bold colored strip and then another 2.5" red square. Like this:

   Attach to the top. Do the same on the bottom. It will now look like this:
At this point it should be 9.5”x 9.5”.

2. Sew the 3 strip sets together – cream, brown/tan, cream

3. Put the strips on the sides. It will now look like this:
5. Sew together the next set of blocks so that they look like this:

Sew to top and bottom of block so that the finished block looks like this:

It should measure 15.5”x15.6”.

Make sashing pieces:

Sew a 2”x6.5” cream strip to a 2”x3.5” red strip, and then to another 2”x6.5” cream strip.

They will be 2”x15.5” long at this point:
How to make this quilt:

1. **Lay out completed blocks according to diagram.** Make sure the frames are laid out so that the colors are pleasing to you.

2. **Sew together in rows.**
   You will sew together, block, sashing , block, sashing strip, block, etc. until the layout is 5 blocks wide by 6 blocks tall.
3. **Add borders:**
   - **Inner border of cream:**
     Cut 2 – 2”x98” pieces for sides. (You will need to piece this.)
     Cut 2 – 2” x 84.5” pieces for top and bottom. (You will need to piece.)
     Attach, putting on side pieces first.
   - **Outer border:**
     Cut from four colors:
     Cut 2 - 4.5”x101” (Piece it.)
     Cut 2 - 4.5” x 92.5” (Piece it.)

4. **Press well.**
5. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
6. **Quilt** as desired.

   Congratulations!

   Your quilt is finished!

   Enjoy!

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