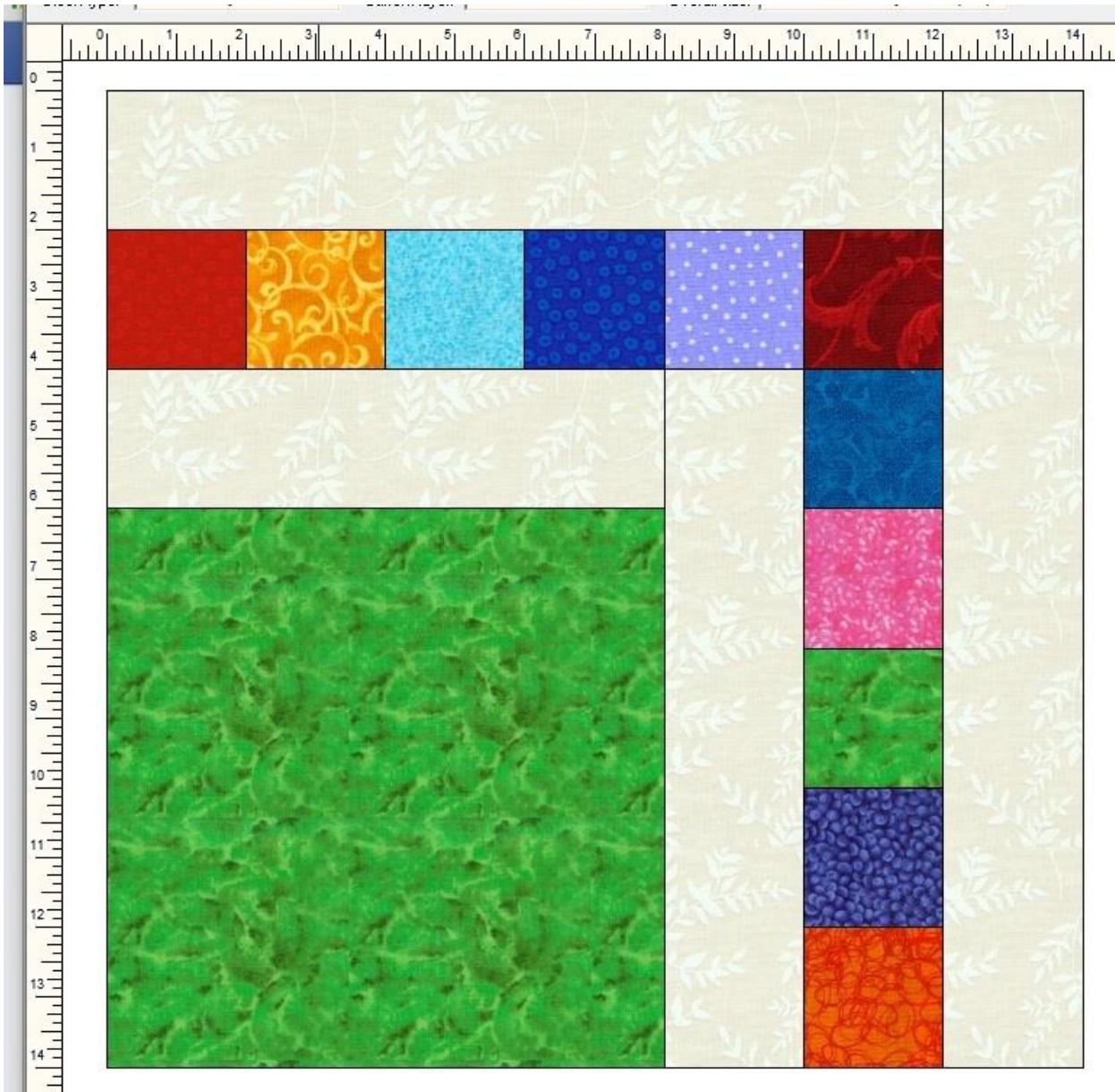


# “Big Block” quilt

In order to make a big block quilt you need to first make some Big Blocks. They measure 14.5” x 14.5” when finished but before sewn into a quilt, so they do work up fast.

Here’s the block. I used cream in the illustration because it is easier to see the lines with the cream than with black.



To make one block of these blocks you will need these pieces:

1. 8.5”x8.5” square of bold/main color
2. Cream fabric – 1 of each
  - 2.5”x8.5”
  - 2.5” x 10.5”
  - 2.5” x 12.5”
  - 2.5” x 14.5”

3. 11 – 2.5"x2.5" squares of colorful fabric

To make this block: (See layout above for help in understanding).

1. Sew 2.5"x8.5" strip of white to 8.5"x8.5" block. Press .
2. Sew 2.5"x10.5" strip of white/cream. Press.
3. After sewing 5 -2.5"x2.5" squares together to make a strip, attach that strip to the top of your block. Press.
4. After sewing 6 - 2.5"x2.5" squares together to make a strip, attach that strip to the right of your block. Press.
5. Sew your 2.5"x 12.5" strip to the top of the block. Press.
6. Sew your 2.5" x 14.5" strip on the right. Press. All done. The block should measure 14.5"x14.5" at this point.

After I sewed the blocks together in the layout of my choice (below) using a ¼" seam, I added a cut 3.5" border all around to make it the width I needed and so that all edges had black on the border. Because the block is asymmetrical, I thought it looked better.

What makes this block so interesting are the various layout options! Let me include many of the nicer ones. I'm using the black layouts as that is how I made my quilts. I'm showing you 10 different layouts from these blocks. There were more, but I stopped. You can get the idea.

This is with a 4x6 block arrangement. Mine finished at about 60"x86" after quilting and washing. (Perfect for a twin bunk bed.) The top finishes at 62"x90" before quilting and washing.

