

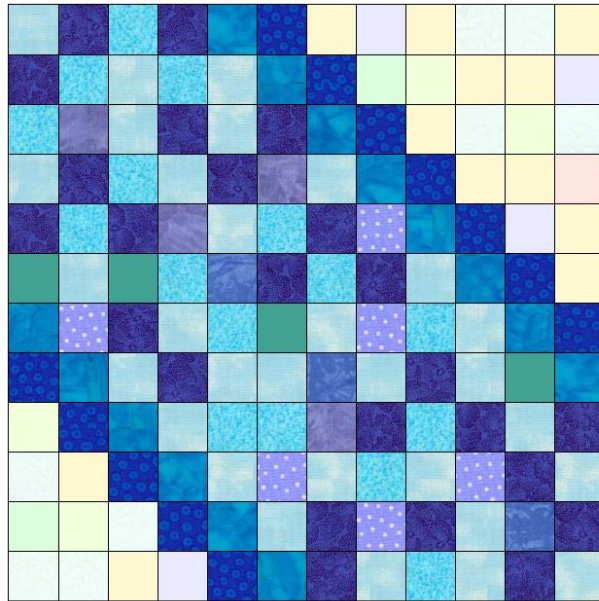
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104"x104"

To make the quilt pictured:



This quilt is made up of 1 block – it measures 18.5" square before sewing into the top – and looks like this: (I ended up using white instead of pastel though I originally thought I would use pastels– pattern shows both)



You need:

- 3½ yards of white or very, very lights
- 12 5/8 yards of various blues – make sure of them are quite dark to create nice line differentiating the blue and the white/light section
- 3/4 yards of your color choice for the binding. I am going to make a scrappy binding.

Cut:

I strip pieced every place I could – which was virtually everywhere.

I cut a bunch of white and blue 2” strips!

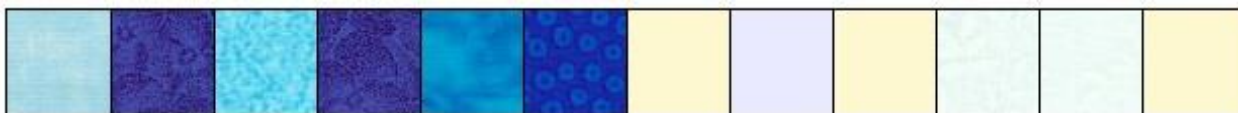
(I had considered using pastels instead of whites – and you can do that- but I knew a lot of my blues were pastels or very light blues, so I wanted more contrast. I used white – but it is shown on the pattern as pastel sometimes.)

Cut dozens of them. I was using scraps, so my pieces were usually not more than 10-12” long, though some were quite long – maybe even width of fabric long.

You are going to be making strip pieced sections – before you start piecing together the blocks.

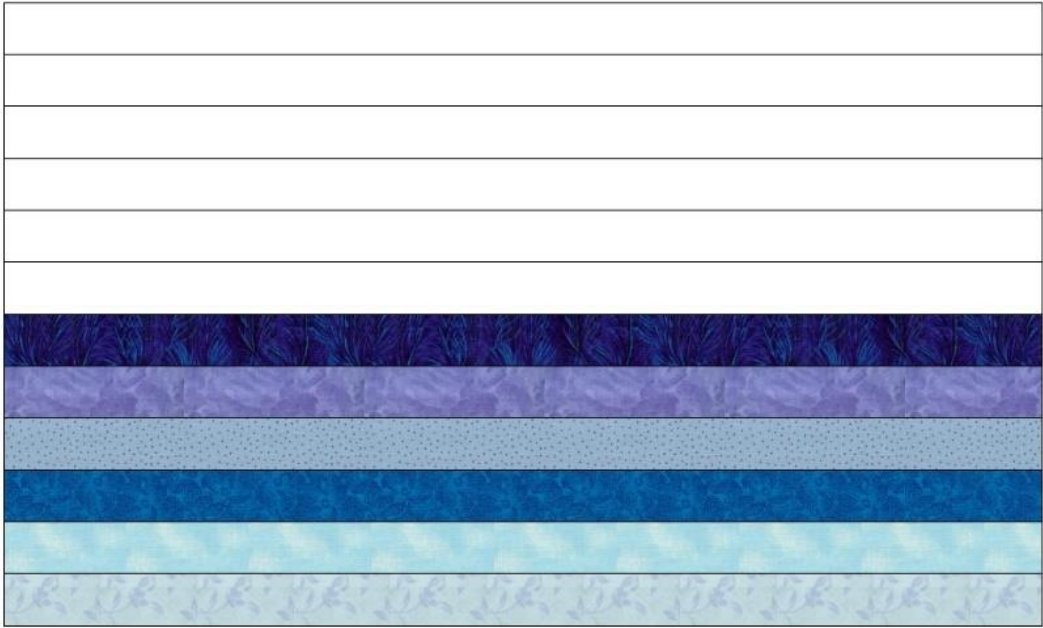
How to strip piece the pieces needed for this block:

Sew together several blues and several whites – let’s use the first one as an example:

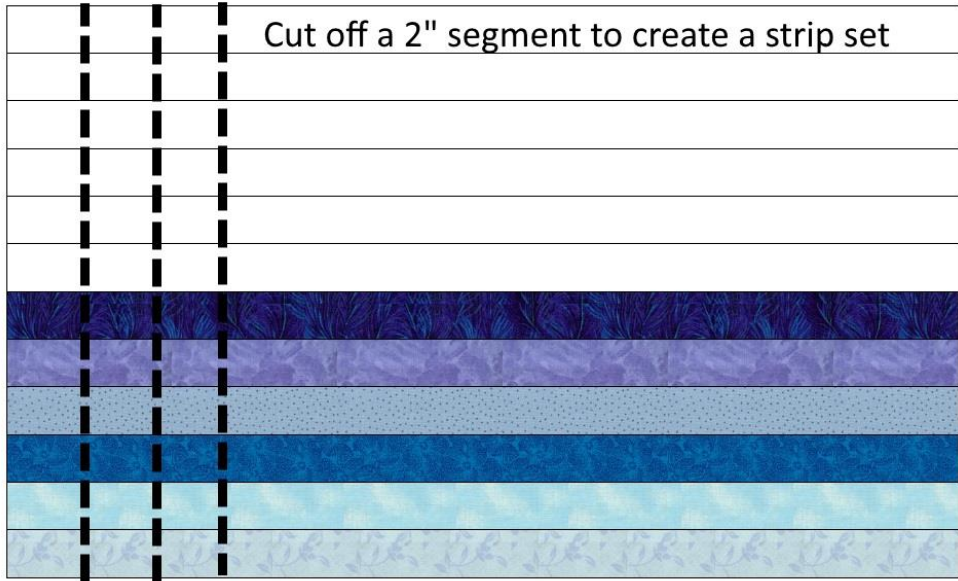


You will need to sew 6 blue 2” strips together and 6 whites. Sew together to make one nice big piece of fabric that is 18.5” tall and however long you can make it using your scraps – like this: (white and pastels – represent the same thing in this pattern)

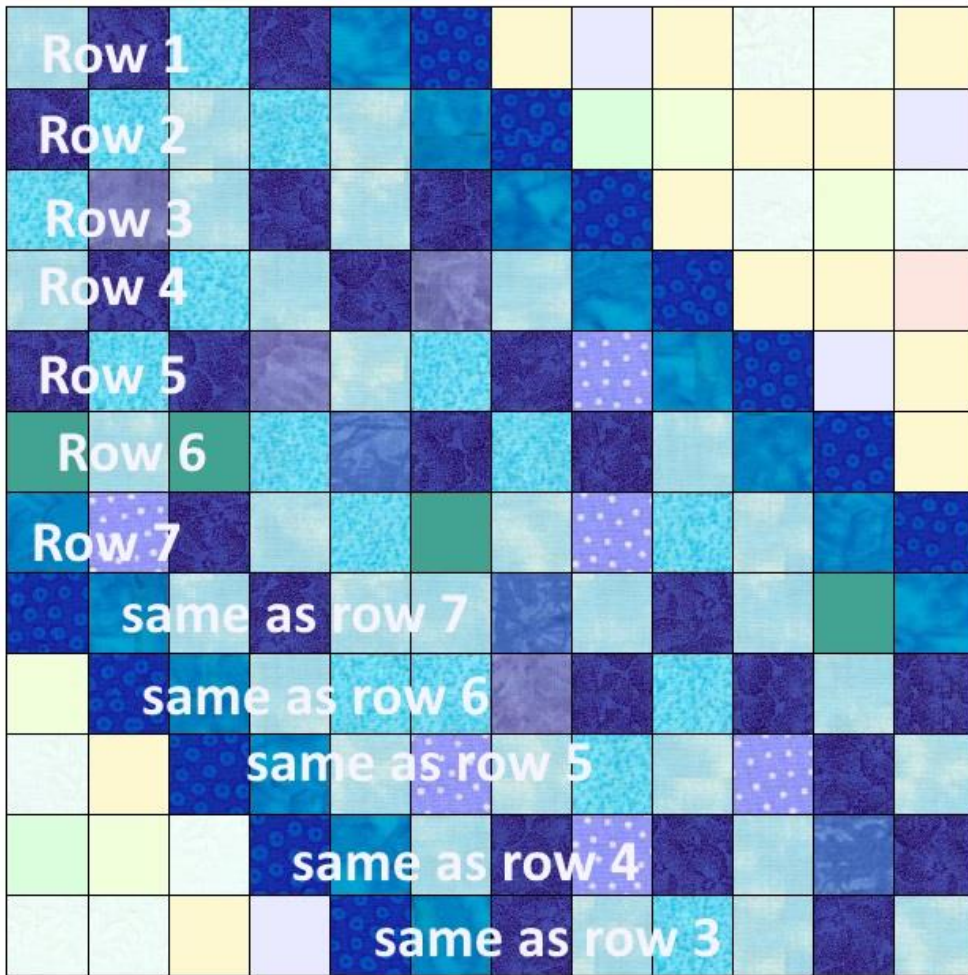
When you make these strip sets, put a dark, or fully saturated with color piece next to the white or pastels. Do not put a pale blue there, for example. This will keep the design sharp and crisp!



Cut off 2" strips:



Repeat for other strip sets needed for this block:



For the entire block you will need this many strip sets for 36 blocks:

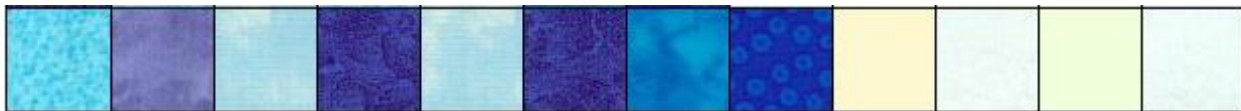
Row 1: 36 strip sets



Row 2: 36 strip sets



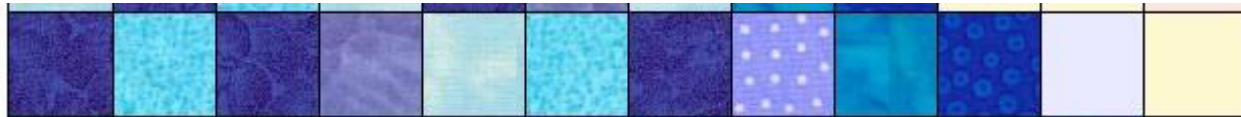
Row 3: 72 strip sets



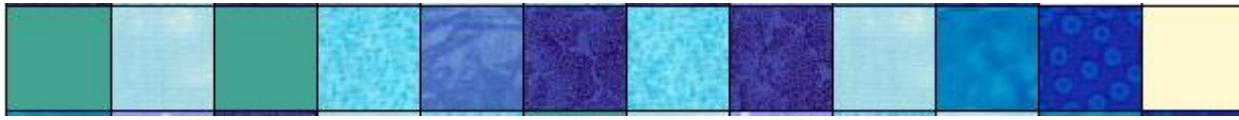
Row 4: 72 strip sets



Row 5: 72 strip sets



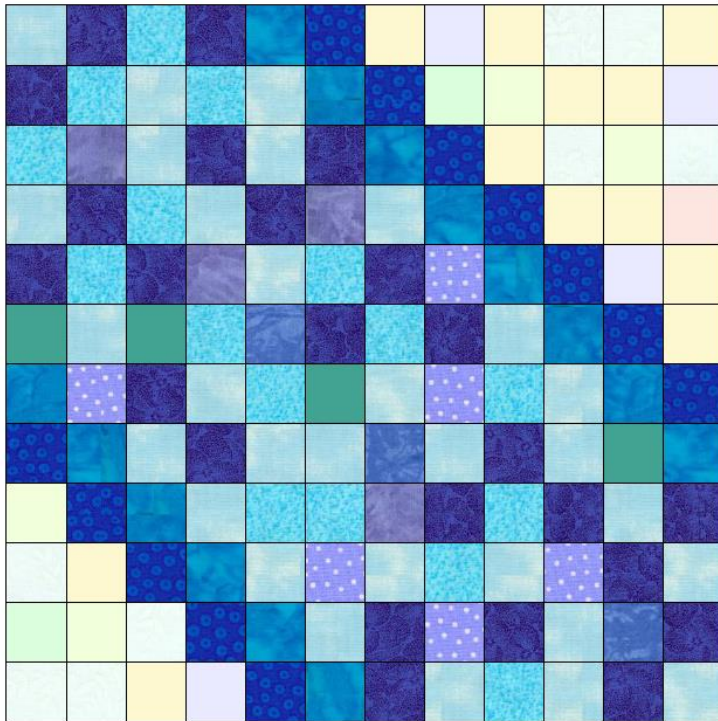
Row 6: 72 strip sets



Row 7: 72 strip sets



How to make the block:



Using your previously made strip sets, sew them together. Press strip sets alternate directions so that they nest nicely when you sew them together.

Sew strip set row 1 to strip set row 2 and then add row 3, Row 4, Row 5, etc. After Row 7, you will rows – using the strip sets you have already made – follow diagram above. Your block is asymmetrical – not even. Your block will grow as you add strip sets – and it is great fun to watch!

Make 36 blocks! Press very well!

Note: When pressing, make half of your blocks with the strip sets pressed one direction and half with them pressed the other direction (for example, Row 1 is pressed to the left on half of the blocks and pressed to the right on the other half.) This will help you when laying out the blocks.

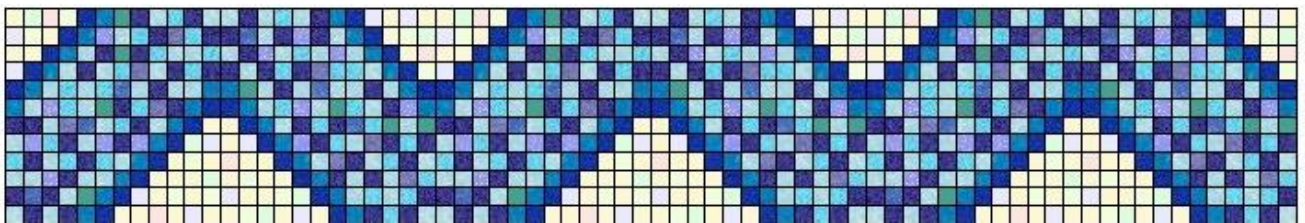
My blocks looked like this:



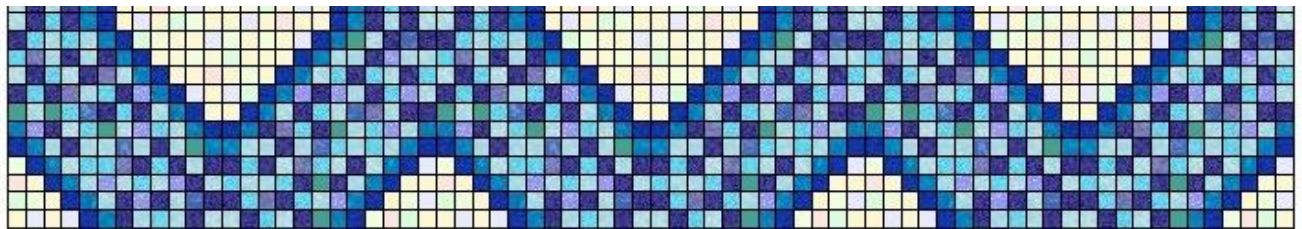
How to make this quilt:

1. Using this diagram, lay out your blocks in rows.

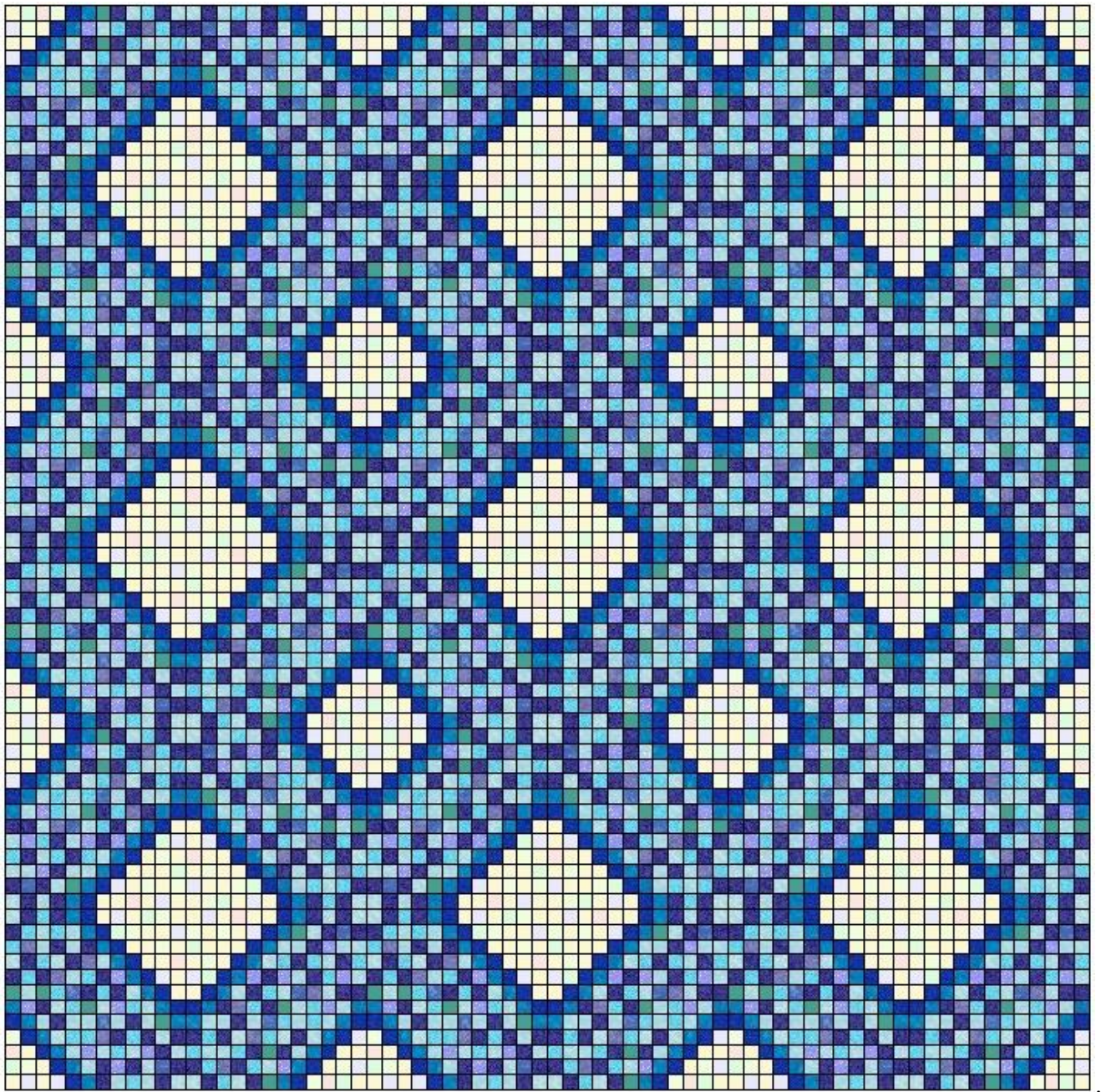
Put 6 blocks in a row like this. Sew together:



Repeat. Flip the row upside down like this:



Repeat until the top is finished:



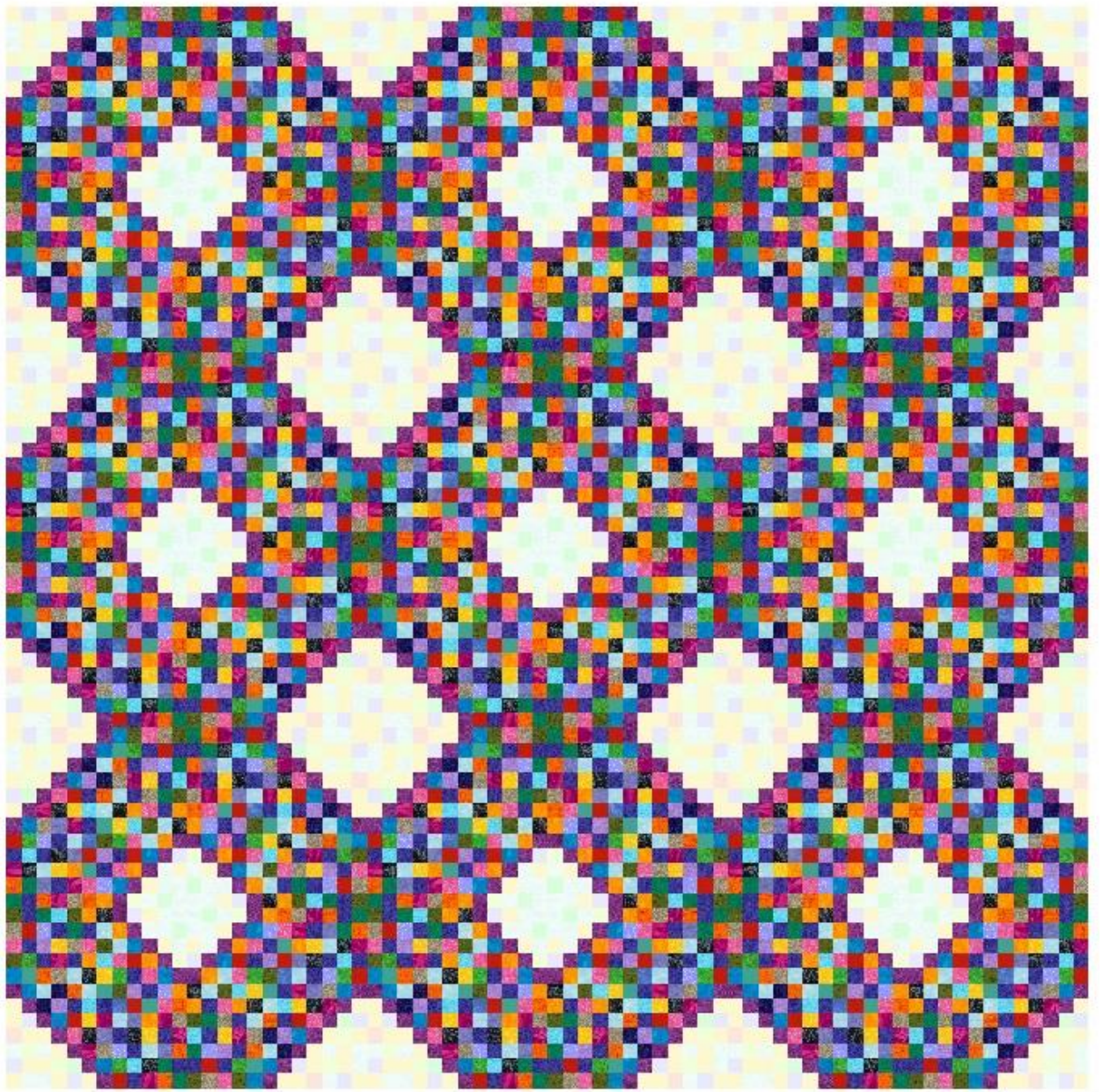
2. **Press** well.
3. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
4. **Quilt** as desired.
5. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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Here's how it would look if you made it all different colors





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