Oases
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 yard 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:

Cut off a 2" segment to create a strip set

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
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:

   ![Diagram 1]

   Repeat. Flip the row upside down like this:

   ![Diagram 2]

   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