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98.5"x98.5"

To make the quilt pictured:

This quilt is made up of 4 – 12.5" blocks (before being sewn into the quilt)

10 blocks  8 blocks  8 blocks  10 blocks
You need:

- 6 7/8 yards of various very light blues
- 4¼ yards of various medium blues
- ½ yards of navy blue
- ½ yards of royal blue
- ¼ yard of white
- 3/4 yard of fabric for the binding

Cut:
Numbers are given for one block. (Total for all blocks in quilt in parenthesis).

Block 1: (10 blocks)

From very light blue –
- 4 - 3.5”x 6.5” (40)
- 4 – 2.5”x2.5” (40)

Using strip piecing methods, make the following segments and pieces for the blocks as follows:
- From a strip of 2.5” light blue and a 1.5” strip of medium blue –

Segment measures 1.5” x 3.5” at this point

- From a 1.5”strip of medium blue and 2 – 1.5” strips of light blue, make a segment like this:
You will need 4 of these segments for each block – total of 40 segments for all 10 blocks

Segment measures 1.5”x 3.5” at this point.

- From a 1.5” strip of medium blue and 1 – 1.5” strip of light blue, make a strip set like this:

Cut off segments:

You need 8 segments (80). Each measures 1.5”x 2.5”.

- From a 1.5” strip of medium blue and 1 – 1.5” strip of a different medium blue, make a segment like this:

Cut off at 1.5” intervals:
You need 2 of these segments: (20)

To summarize:

From very light blue –
- 4 - 3.5”x 6.5” (40)
- 4 – 2.5”x2.5” (40)
PLUS
- 8 segments (80) like this:
- 4 segments (40) like this:
- 8 segments (80) like this:
- 2 segments (20) like this:

Block 2: (8 blocks)

Follow the same steps for cutting and making strip sets and segments as for Block 1 but substituting pure white fabric for the medium blue (to make the chain) and use a medium blue – I used a variety – instead of the very light blues.

To summarize:

From medium blue:
- 4 - 3.5”x 6.5” (32)
- 4 – 2.5”x2.5” (32)
PLUS
• 8 segments (64) like this: 

• 4 segments (32) like this: 

• 8 segments (64) like this: 

From white:
• 1 - 2.5”x 2.5” square (8)

Block 3: (8 blocks)

From very light blues:
• 4 – 3.5”x 6.5” (32)  
• 4 – 1.5”x 3.5” (32)

From royal blue:
• 2 – 2” squares (16)

From navy blue:
• 2 – 2” squares (16)

Strip piece the other segments:

Using a 2” x width of fabric (WOF) of royal blue
And a 2” x WOF of very light blue create segments that look like this:

They look like this:
They measure 2”x 3.5”

You need 4 (32) such segments.

Repeat this step only use navy blue 2” strips instead of royal blue:
You will need 4 (32) segments like this:

Make another strip set using 2” royal blue and 2” navy blue like this:

Then cut off 2” segments like this:

You need 2 (36) segments: This will be enough for block 3 and block 4

**To summarize:**

From very light blue:
- 4 – 3.5”x6.5” rectangles (32)
- 4 – 2”x 3.5” rectangles (32)

From royal blue:
- 2 – 2” squares (16)

From navy:
- 2 – 2” squares (16)

Segments that look like this:
• 2 – 2” royal blue/2” navy blue - (16)
• You should have already made these with block 3
• 4 – 2” light blue/ 2” royal blue - (32)
• 4 – 2” light blue/2 “navy blue - (32)

Block 4: (10 blocks)

Cut the same as for block 3 only use medium blues instead of very light blue. Use the same navy and royal blue. Make sure there is enough contrast between your royal and navy blues and your medium blues to see the chain well.

To summarize:

From medium blue:
• 4 – 3.5”x6.5” rectangles (40)
• 4 – 2”x 3.5” rectangles (40)

From royal blue:
• 2 – 2” squares (20)

From navy:
• 2 – 2” squares (20)

PLUS segments that look like this:

• 2 – 2” royal blue/2” navy blue - (20)
• 4 – 2” medium blue/ 2” royal blue - (40)
• 4 – 2” medium blue/2 “navy blue - (40)
How to make the blocks:

*If you have made the strip sets as indicated above, making the blocks isn’t hard.*

1. Block 1.

Using the strip sets you made, make 4 blocks like this:

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and 4 like this:

And

One like this:

Make the center section of your block using 4 – 4 patches and 4 2.5” light blue squares and the middle square with 4 medium blues:

First sew your blocks together in rows, then sew the rows together.

This finished section should now measure 6.5” square.

Now put together your block like this using these made sections:
Make 10 total blocks.

2. Block 2:

Follow the same method as for Block 1 only use the pieces using the pure white and medium blues. Sew together in rows. Then sew rows together:
Make 8 total blocks

3. Block 3: This block uses your 2” squares (not 1.5’’!)

Using your previously cut segments, make up a navy/royal blue 4 patch like this:

Make a center block:
Add a 2”x3.5” very light blue strip to the sides.

Make two of these using a 2”x3.5” very light blue and a 2” royal blue and a 2” navy blue square.

Add them to the top and bottom of the previous piece to make this middle:

Now, pay attention to the direction that the royal blue and navy “chains” are going and continue the direction by making your 4 patches using navy/very light blue and royal blue/very light blue –
You need 2 of each color per block.

Now, lay out your block using your previously made and cut pieces:

Make 8 total blocks.

4. **Block 4:**

Make Block 4 just like Block 3 only use medium blues instead of very light blue. Make the center block, then the 4 patches. Put the little blocks into rows and then finally put the rows together to make the block.
Make 10 total blocks!

How to make this quilt:

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

I first made big 9 patches from my lights and medium backgrounds like this:
Then I sewed those together to get the center as shown above.

2. Add borders: Piece as necessary to get the length indicated
   A. First border: light blue
      1. Cut 2 – 1.5” x 72.5” Add to sides.
      2. Cut 2 – 1.5” x 74.5” Add to top and bottom.
   B. Second border medium blue
      1. Cut 2 – 1.5” x 74.5” Add to sides.
      2. Cut 2 – 1.5” x 76.5” Add to top and bottom.
   C. Third border: light blue
      1. Cut 2 – 1.5” x 76.5” Add to sides.
      2. Cut 2 – 1.5” x 78.5” Add to top and bottom.
   D. Fourth border: 6.5” blocks Make 56.

Using strip pieced segments using 1.5” medium blues and 1.5” very light blues, make segments like this: Make 4 patches from them – need three 4-patches per block – total of 168 4 patches: (These 4 patches will measure 2.5” square until sewn into the block.)

PLUS 6 – 2.5” (336) squares of various very light blues. Put together block in rows
Sew 13 blocks together in 2 long strips following the diagram. Attach to sides. Sew 15 blocks together. Attach to the top – following the diagram. Full sized diagram shown at the end of the pattern.

E. Fifth border: light blue
   1. Cut 2 – 1.5” x 90.5” Add to sides.
   2. Cut 2 – 1.5” x 92.5” Add to top and bottom.

F. Sixth border: medium blue
   1. Cut 2 – 1.5” x 92.5” Add to sides.
   2. Cut 2 – 1.5” x 94.5” Add to top and bottom.

G. Seventh border: light blue
   1. Cut 2 – 2.75” x 94.5” Add to sides.
   2. Cut 2 – 2.75” x 99” Add to top and bottom.

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

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!
Enjoy!

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Note: with my top, the border area where it is supposed to be very, very light blue – I had run out so I had to use my tiny bit darker light blues – but in my ideal plan, they would all be extremely light blue. But I was using my upcycled blues and ran out of that shade.
That diagram shows all the same background.
This is the one I worked up first:
Have a great day! I hope you find this useful!

I loved how many lights I was able to use up with this pattern. I had had way too many light blues and not enough darks!