This quilt is made up of two different 9.5” blocks (before sewing into the top) and look like this:

![Quilt Blocks](image1)

This quilt is 99”x99”.

To make the quilt pictured:
One of the “easy” things about this quilt is there is no sashing, no cornerstones and no borders!

**You need:**

- 6 yards of dark/medium blues
- 1½ yards of light blues
- 7 yards of white
- 3/4 yard of your color choice for the binding. I am going to make a scrappy binding.

**Cut:**

Block 1:

You will need to make 50 blocks to make the size quilt I made.

**Note:**

For EACH block you will need these pieces:

If you strip piece, you can skip cutting the pieces noted with an asterisk (*)

**White:**

- 13 – 1½” squares (5 for center 9 patches and 8 for the rest)*
- 4 – 1½”x 3½” strips *
- 4 – 2½” squares

**Med/Dark Blues:**

- 8 – 1½”x 3½” strips (for rail fence segment)*
- 4 – 2”x2” squares for “snowballing” the corners of the squares
- 4 – 1½”x 1½” squares (for center 9 patch) *

**Light blues:**

- 8 – 1½” squares *
Block 2:

You will need to make 49 of these blocks to make the size of quilt I made.

For EACH block you will need these pieces:
If you strip piece, you can skip cutting the pieces noted with an asterisk (*)

White:
4 – 3½” squares
4 – 1½” x 3½” strips*

Med/Dark Blues:
8 – 1½” x 3½” strips *
4 – 2”x2” squares for “snowballing” the corners of the squares

Light blues:
1 – 3½” square

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Note:
I chose to strip piece both my center 9 patches AND the rail fence sections and other sections as much as possible.
I highly recommend doing it this way!

How to strip piece these segments:
Rail fence segments:
To make the rail fence sections,
Cut 2 as-long-as-I-could dark 1.5” blues strips (I used the same fabrics, but you don’t have to)
And 2 as-long-as-I could white 1.5” strips
Sew them together to look like this:
Cut off 3½” segments to look like this:

They are now 3½”x 3½” square.

*When pressing the rail fence segments for block 1, press towards the dark!*  
*When pressing the rail fence segments for block 2, press the dark rail fence segment seams towards the white!*  
This will help ensure that they will nest nicely when putting this top together.

You will need 4 such rail fence segments for each block. This quilt consists of 99 blocks, so you will need 396 rail fence segments. Use a variety of blues if you want it to look like mine. I tried to make sure mine were a medium or dark blue – keeping my lighter blues for other pieces.

**9 patch segment:**

Sew together sets of 1.5” strips of dark/med blues and 1.5” strips of whites like this and cut off 1.5” segments:

And then
You need one of these segments for each 9 patch center, so you need 50 of these segments for the entire quilt as shown.

AND

And then

You need 2 of these segments for each 9 patch center, so you need a total of 100 of these segments for the entire quilt as shown.

To make your 9 patch block – simply put the segments together and sew using a ¼” seam:

Other small elements:
For those two segments, I sewed a 1.5” white to a 1.5” med/dark blue and cut off segments to look like this:

And you have:

You need 4 of these for each Block 1 (total of 200 for the quilt as mine is shown)

AND:

Make a strip set with a 1.5” white, a 1.5” light blue and a 1.5” strip of med/dark blues and cut off 1.5” segments that looked like this:

And
And you end up with something like this:

You need 4 of these for each Block 1 (total of 200 for the quilt as mine is shown)
Keep all these pieces where you won’t lose them! I recommend either a large plastic bag or a plastic shoe box type of container!
- End of strip piecing section -----------------------------------------

**How to make these blocks:**

**Block 1:**

If you have already made all the strip sets as noted above, piecing the block is a piece of cake. Well, maybe not. It does take a while ....

Remember: When pressing the segments for block 1, press strips and squares towards the dark sides for the center 9 patch and the rail fence segments.
Step 1:
Make your 9 patch segments.
To make your 9 patch segments,
Piece together 1.5” squares white/dark blue/white as shown to make a 9 patch block:

![Diagram of 9 patch block]

It should measure 3.5”x3.5” square at this point

Step 2:
Make your rail fence segments:
To make your rail fence segments, piece together a med or dark blue 1.5”x 3.5” strip to a 1.5” x 3.5” white strip and then another med or dark blue 1.5”x3.5” strip. Make 4.

![Diagram of rail fence segments]

It should measure 3.5”x3.5” square at this point

Step 3:
Now create your corner blocks that will look like this for now:

![Diagram of corner blocks]

First add a white 1.5” square to very light blue 1.5” square like this:
Then sew to the white 2.5” square like this:

Then make a strip of a white 1.5” square, a light blue 1.5” square and a med. blue 1.5” square like this:

Add this to the above piece so that it looks like this:

It should measure 3.5” square.

Make 4 of these for each block.

**Step 4:** Now make your 9 patch using all these segments as shown:
Sew these together first in rows like this:

And then sew the rows together.

Don’t forget to press the rail fence dark strips in towards the dark.

So far it will look like this:

**Step 5:** Now take your 4 -2” med or dark blue squares and “snowball” each corner of the white like this:
1. Place your 2” squares **RIGHT sides TOGETHER** on each corner of the block – on the white like this:

   ![Diagram of placing squares]

2. Sew diagonally across as indicated on the broken lines:

3. Trim on solid lines:

   ![Diagram of sewing and trimming]

4. Press the remaining blue “out” to make your corners a triangle

   ![Diagram of pressing corners]
Your block is done! It should finish at 9½” x 9½”. Now make 50 of them! I told you it wasn’t fast!

Block 2:

To make this block:

If you have already made all the strip sets as noted above, piecing the block is a piece of cake. Well, at least it’s a lot easier than Block 1!

I work from the center out, so I first made my center rows like using 2 rail fence segments and the light plain 3.5” square:

(If you haven’t strip pieced your rail fence segments, follow the instructions for Block 1 and make 4 of them!)
Then sew 2 white 3.5” squares to a rail fence segment like this

And

Go ahead and put the block together. We will “snowball” the corners very last. I think it is easier that way.

Snowball the corners using 2” med/dark blue squares as described in Block 1. Your finished block will look like this:

Make 49 blocks. They finish at 9½”x 9½” before being sewn into the quilt.
How to make this quilt:

1. **Using this diagram, place your blocks carefully.**

   ![Diagram](image_url)

   This is an 11x11 layout. No sashing or cornerstones – just place the blocks next to each other and sew together with a ¼” seam allowance.

2. **Press** well.

3. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.

4. **Quilt** as desired. I did a swirly motion.

5. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

   Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

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