Fancy Squares
100.5”x100.5”

To make the quilt pictured:

You need:

- 3¼ yards of black
- 1 yard of novelty fabric for center 5x5” squares (can use a charm pack – need 49
- 7¼ yards of brights for the borders surrounding the 5”x5” square
- ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding.

This quilt is made up of 1 block which finishes at 11.5” after being sewn into the quilt.
This quilt is made up of 49 blocks

**Cut:**

**Make**

- From bright for first round of the block: Cut in matched sets so that you can surround the block with one color:
  2 – “2”x5” and 2 – “2”x8”
  Then from a different bright:
  2 – “2.5”x8” and 2 – “2.5”x12” strips
  48 – “1½”x5 ½”

- From novelty fabric (center of this block):
  48 – “5”x5” squares
• From various colors – cut in sets for the outer ring of the block:

One of these sets for each block:
2½”x8½”
2½”x7½”

For sashing:
• From black for sashing strips:
  42 - 1½”x12”
  AND Piece 1½”xWOF strips to make
  6 – 1 ½”x 87” for the long sashing strips that go between strips of blocks

Borders will be discussed later:

Construct blocks:

Make 49 of these blocks in a variety of colors.

From one fabric:

Add the 2”x5” two sides to the center block and then the 2”x8” strips to the top and bottom. Press.

Then from a different fabric:

Add the 2.5”x8” strips to the two sides of that block and then the 2.5”x12” strips to the top and bottom. Press.

How to make this quilt:

1. Construct your blocks as shown above. Make 24 of each layout.
2. Place blocks as in this diagram.
3. Make 7 rows of blocks that are 7 blocks long:
   Like this:
   ![Diagram of blocks]
   Put one 1½”x12” black strip between each block. I alternated direction of my stripes for the center blocks.

4. Sew these all together
   ![Sewn blocks]
   Add one of your sashing strips between these two rows of blocks: It now looks like this:
   ![Sewn with sashing]
   Keep going until the top center is finished.
5. Add the borders:

- **First border** – black border
  
  Cut: (piece as necessary)
  
  2 - 1½”x87”. Attach to the sides
  
  2 – 1½”x 89”. Attach to the top and bottom.

- **Second border** – a piano key border using black and colorful 2”x5” pieces. Use 59 strips for each side.
  
  - Cut 4 different 5”x5” colorful pieces.
  
  - Cut a total of 120 black 2”x5” strips and 116 colorful ones.

  Sew a total of 59 black and colorful strips together starting and ending with black ones – mixing up the colors as much you can. Make 4 of these.

  - Make 2 like this with 59 strips and add to each side of the quilt top:
  
  - Make 2 like this and add a 5”x5” square to each end. Attach to the top and bottom

- **Third border** - black

  Cut: (piece as necessary)
  
  2 - 2”x98”. Attach to the sides
  
  2 - 2”x 101”. Attach to the top and bottom.

Final layout:
6. Press well.
7. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
8. **Quilt** as desired. I did straight line quilting randomly spaced lines.

It’s that easy!!!!

Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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