# 2023 Year of Spools

## Finishing Settings

By Heather Briggs of My Sew Quilty Life

Turn your blocks into something cute with these quilty projects.

## 2023 Year of Spools Blocks

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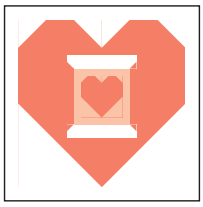
Sew Frosty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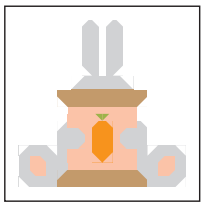
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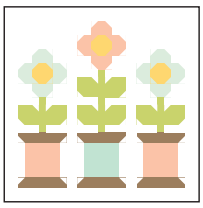
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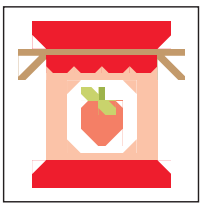
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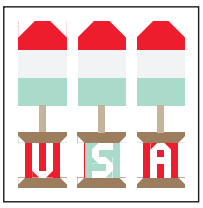

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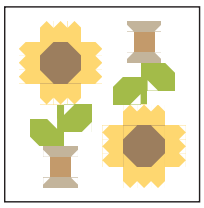
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Sew Sunny

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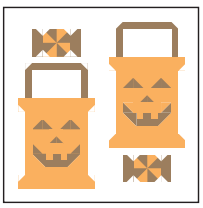
Sew Juicy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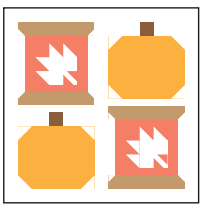
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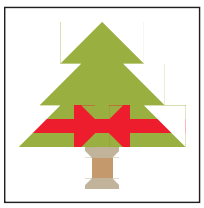
Sew Thankful


December
Sew Festive

### Important:

In order to complete the settings in this packet you will need the 2023 Year of Spools blocks. The blocks can be purchased at www.mysewquiltylife.com.

No specific fabric collection was used when making the blocks. A combination of Fig Tree & Co, Lella Boutique, Coriander Quilts, and other Moda Fabrics were used. All block fabric requirements are found in each block pattern.

Some block patterns have alternate block designs and additional designs, but not all.

All Basic Instructions and FAQs can be found on the My Sew Quilty Life blog under "All Things 2023 Year of Spools - Important Info!"

Share your blocks and finished projects on social media!
Use #2023yearofspools
and tag @mysewquiltylife

### A special note for you...

Thank you so much for participating in the 2023 Year of Spools BOM. I hope you really enjoyed making the blocks and enjoy these finishing settings. I'm excited to see the projects you create. I've really enjoyed seeing your blocks come to life. I cannot wait to kick off the 2024 Year of Sewing BOM next year. I hope you will join me. It's going to be SEW much fun! Thank you for a wonderful year!

Happy Quilting, Heather

# 2023 Year of Spools

Finishing Settings
#2023yearofspools

## Option A - All 12 Blocks

Showcase all 12 monthly blocks in a simple setting that allows your blocks to shine. Add a fun pieced border as a special touch.

### Cutting Instructions:

Sashing: Low Volume
31- 2" x 14 ½" rectangles **[A]**

Corner Stones: Assorted Colors
20 - 2" squares **[B]**

Inner Border: White
6 - 2 ½" x WOF strips, Sew together; cut into:
2 - 2 ½" x 64" strips **[C]**
2 - 2 ½" x 52 ½" strips **[D]**

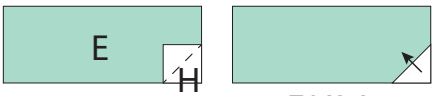
Outer Border:
Blue
4 - 3 ½" x 10" rectangles **[E]**
4 - 3 ½" x 8 ¼" rectangles **[F]**
28 - 3 ½" x 7" rectangles **[G]**
White:
64 - 2" squares **[H]**

Binding:
7 - 2 ½" x WOF trips

## Pieced Borders:

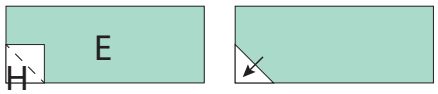
1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of all (64) **Fabric H** squares.

2. With right sides together, place (1) marked **Fabric H** square on the bottom right corner of (1) **Fabric E** rectangle according to the diagram. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim ¼" away from the sewn line. Press. Each **E1 Unit** should measure: 10" x 3 ½".



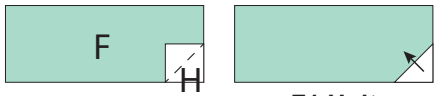

**E1 Unit**
Make one (two total).

3. With right sides together, place (1) marked **Fabric H** square on the bottom left corner of (1) **Fabric E** rectangle according to the diagram. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim ¼" away from the sewn line. Press. Each **E2 Unit** should measure: 10" x 3 ½".



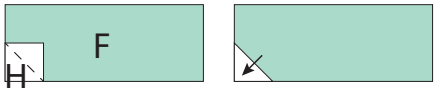

**E2 Unit**
Make one (two total).

4. With right sides together, place (1) marked **Fabric H** square on the bottom right corner of (1) **Fabric F** rectangle according to the diagram. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim ¼" away from the sewn line. Press. Each **F1 Unit** should measure: 8 ¼" x 3 ½".



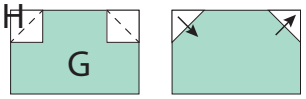

**F1 Unit**
Make one (two total).

5. With right sides together, place (1) marked **Fabric H** square on the bottom left corner of (1) **Fabric F** rectangle according to the diagram. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim ¼" away from the sewn line. Press. Each **F2 Unit** should measure: 8 ¼" x 3 ½".




**F2 Unit**
Make one (two total).

6. With right sides together, place (2) marked **Fabric H** squares on the top corners of (1) **Fabric G** rectangle according to the diagram. Sew on the diagonal lines. Trim ¼" away from the sewn lines. Press. Each **G Unit** should measure: 7" x 3 ½".




**G Unit**
Make one.
(28 total).

## Top and Bottom Pieced Borders:

1. Assemble (1) **E1 Unit**, (1) **E2 Unit**, and (6) **G Units** according to Diagram 1. Press. The **Top and Bottom Pieced Borders** should measure: 58 ½" x 3 ½".

## Side Pieced Borders:

1. Assemble (1) **F1 Unit**, (1) **F2 Unit**, and (8) **G Units** according to Diagram 1. Press. The **Side Pieced Borders** should measure: 68" x 3 ½". Make two.

## Sashing Rows:

1. Assemble (4) **Fabric B** squares and (3) **Fabric A** rectangles according to Diagram 1. Press. Make five rows. Each **Sashing Row** should measure: 48 ½" x 2".

## Block Rows:

1. Assemble the **Blocks** and (4) **Fabric A** rectangles according to Diagram 1. Press. Make four rows. Each **Block Row** should measure: 48 ½" x 14 ½".

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## Quilt Assembly:

1. Assemble the **Sashing Rows** to the **Block Rows** according to Diagram 1. Press. The quilt should measure: 48 ½" x 64".

2. If you haven't already, assemble the inner border strips:
Sew (8) 2 ½" x WOF strips together; cut into:
(2) 2 ½" x 64" rectangles **[C]**
(2) 2 ½" x 52 ½" rectangles **[D]**

3. Assemble **Fabric C Borders** to the sides of the quilt. Press toward the border.

4. Assemble **Fabric D Borders** to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press toward the border.

5. Assemble the **Side Pieced Borders** to the sides of the quilt top according to the diagram. Press toward the border.

6. Assemble the **Top and Bottom Pieced Borders** to the top and bottom of the quilt top according to the diagram. Press toward the border.

The quilt top should measure:
58 ½" x 74" before quilting and binding. Baste, quilt, and bind using your preferred method.

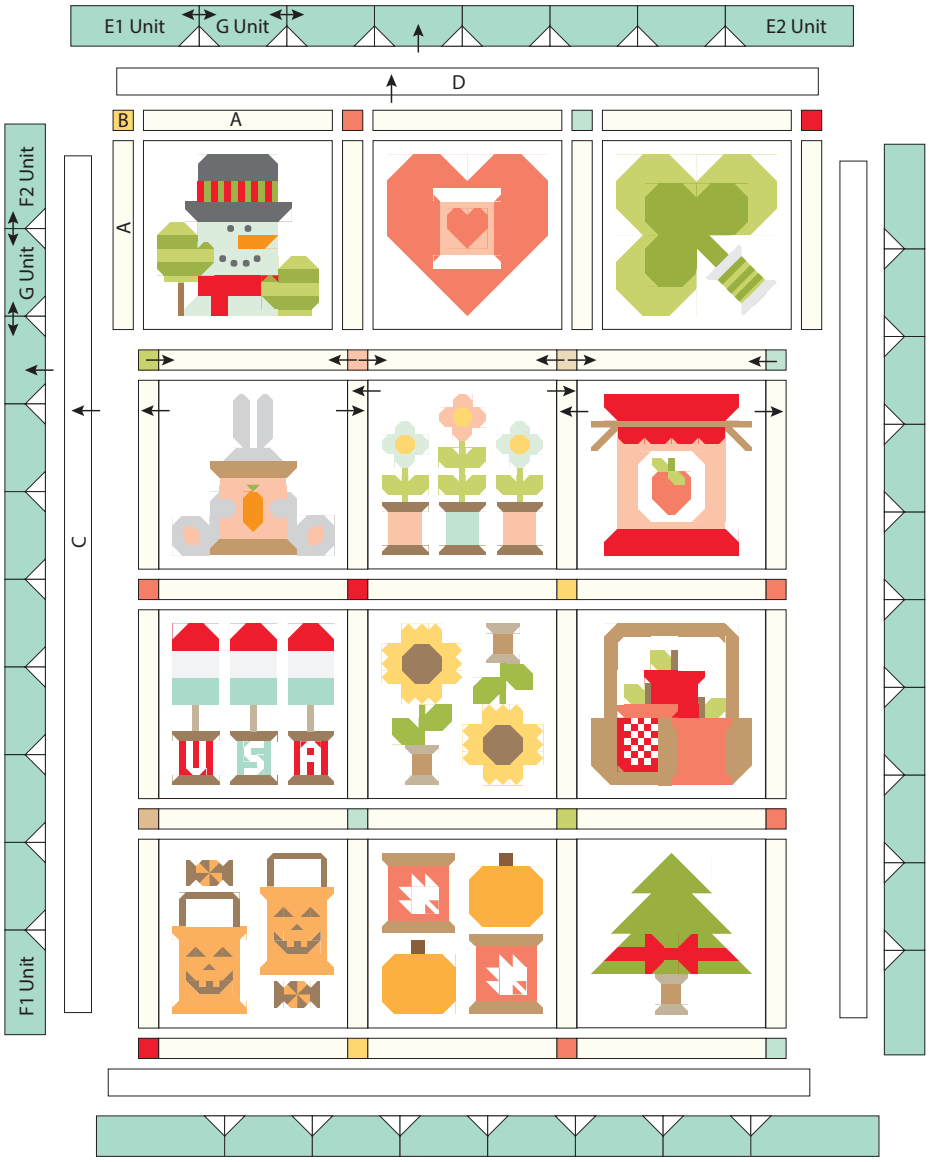
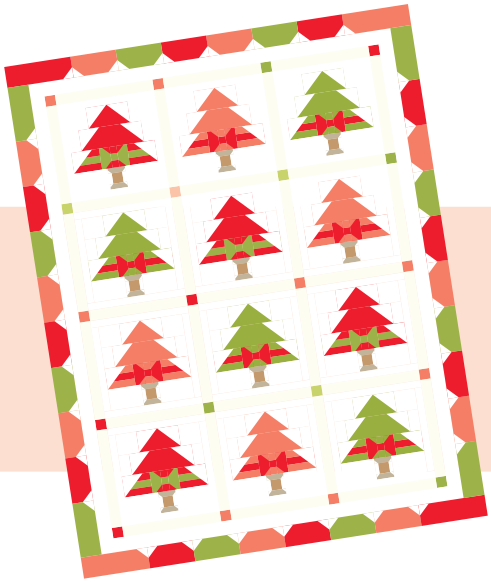



Diagram 1



## Other Option

Make multiples of one month's block, such as Sew Festive shown here, to make a quilt for the hoilday or season of your choosing. Use leftover prints from your blocks for a scrappy and colorful border.



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## Option B - Nine Blocks

Include nine of your favorite blocks in a smaller throw or repeat blocks for a seasonal design.

### Cutting Instructions:

Sashing: Low Volume
24 - 2" x 14 ½" rectangles **[A]**

Corner Stones: Assorted Colors
16 - 2" squares **[B]**

Inner Border: White
5 - 2 ½" x WOF strips. Sew together; cut into:
2 - 2 ½" x 52 ½" strips **[C]**
2 - 2 ½" x 48 ½" strips **[D]**

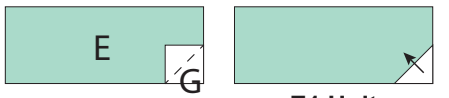
Outer Border:
Blue
4 - 3 ½" x 10" rectangles **[E]**
28 - 3 ½" x 7" rectangles **[F]**
White:
56 - 2" squares **[G]**

Binding:
6 - 2 ½" x WOF strips

## Pieced Borders:

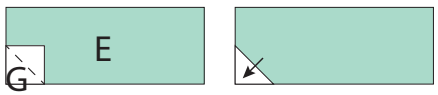
1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of all (56) **Fabric G** squares.

2. With right sides together, place (1) marked **Fabric G** square on the bottom right corner of (1) **Fabric E** rectangle according to the diagram. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim ¼" away from the sewn line. Press. Each **E1 Unit** should measure: 10" x 3 ½".



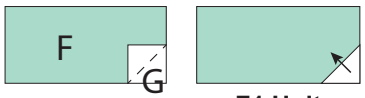

**E1 Unit**
Make one (two total).

3. With right sides together, place (1) marked **Fabric G** square on the bottom left corner of (1) **Fabric E** rectangle according to the diagram. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim ¼" away from the sewn line. Press. Each **E2 Unit** should measure: 10" x 3 ½".



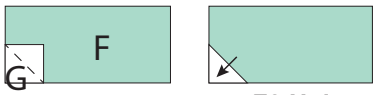

**E2 Unit**
Make one (two total).

4. With right sides together, place (1) marked **Fabric G** square on the bottom right corner of (1) **Fabric F** rectangle according to the diagram. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim ¼" away from the sewn line. Press. Each **F1 Unit** should measure: 7" x 3 ½".



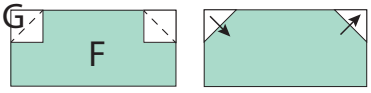

**F1 Unit**
Make one (two total).

5. With right sides together, place (1) marked **Fabric G** square on the bottom left corner of (1) **Fabric F** rectangle according to the diagram. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim ¼" away from the sewn line. Press. Each **F2 Unit** should measure: 7" x 3 ½".




**F2 Unit**
Make one (two total).

6. With right sides together, place (2) marked **Fabric G** squares on the top corners of (1) **Fabric F** rectangle according to the diagram. Sew on the diagonal lines. Trim ¼" away from the sewn lines. Press. Each **F Unit** should measure: 7" x 3 ½".




**F Unit**
Make one
(24 total).

## Top and Bottom Pieced Borders:

1. Assemble (1) **E1 Unit**, (1) **E2 Unit**, and (6) **F Units** according to Diagram 1. Press. The **Top and Bottom Pieced Borders** should measure: 58 ½" x 3 ½".

## Side Pieced Borders:

1. Assemble (8) **F Units**, (1) **F1 Unit**, and (1) **F2 Unit** according to Diagram 1. Press. The **Side Pieced Borders** should measure: 52 ½" x 3 ½". Make two.

## Sashing Rows:

1. Assemble (4) **Fabric H** squares and (3) **Fabric A** rectangles according to Diagram 1. Press. Make five rows. Each **Sashing Row** should measure: 48 ½" x 2".

## Block Rows:

1. Assemble the **Blocks** and (4) **Fabric A** rectangles according to Diagram 1. Press. Make three rows. Each **Block Row** should measure: 48 ½" x 14 ½".

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## Quilt Assembly:

1. Assemble the **Sashing Rows** to the **Block Rows** according to Diagram 1. Press. The quilt should measure: 48 ½" x 48 ½".

2. If you haven't already, assemble the inner border strips:
Sew (5) 2 ½" x WOF strips together; cut into:
(2) 2 ½" x 52 ½" rectangles **[C]**
(2) 2 ½" x 48 ½" rectangles **[D]**

3. Assemble **Fabric C Borders** to the sides of the quilt. Press toward the border.

4. Assemble **Fabric D Borders** to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press toward the border.

5. Assemble the **Side Pieced Borders** to the sides of the quilt top according to the diagram. Press toward the border.

6. Assemble the **Top and Bottom Pieced Borders** to the top and bottom of the quilt top according to the diagram. Press toward the border.

The quilt top should measure: 58 ½" x 58 ½" before quilting and binding. Baste, quilt, and bind using your preferred method.

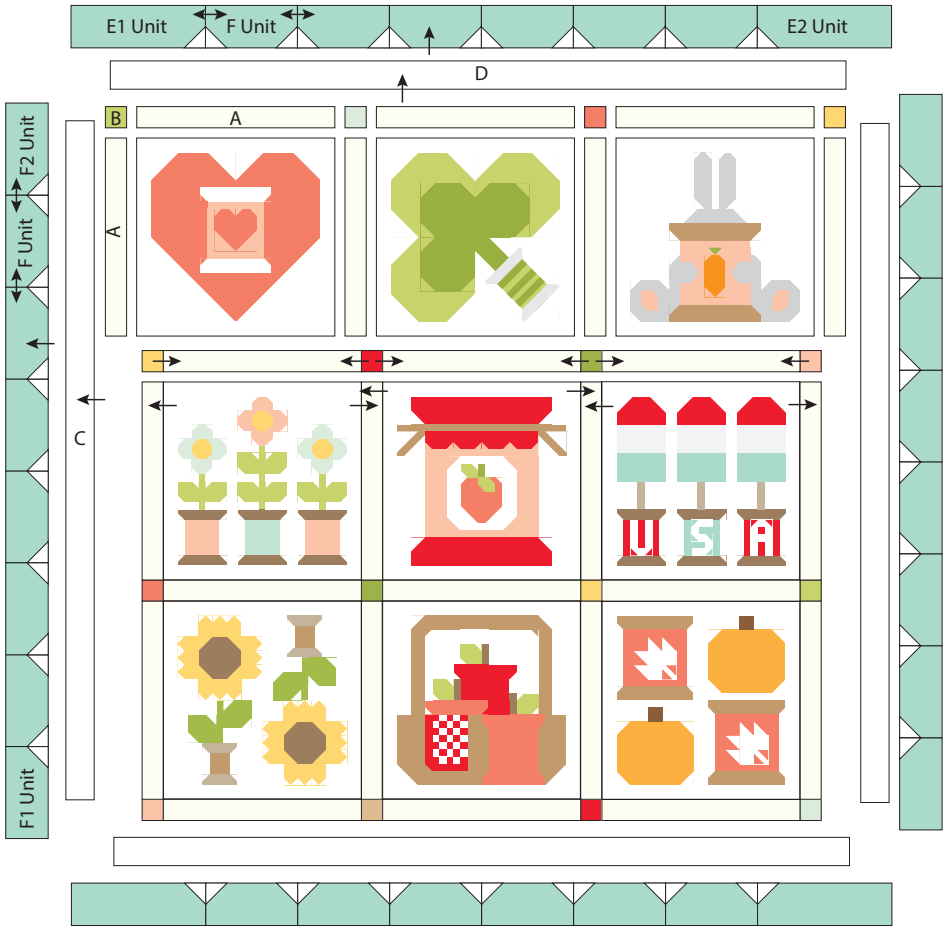
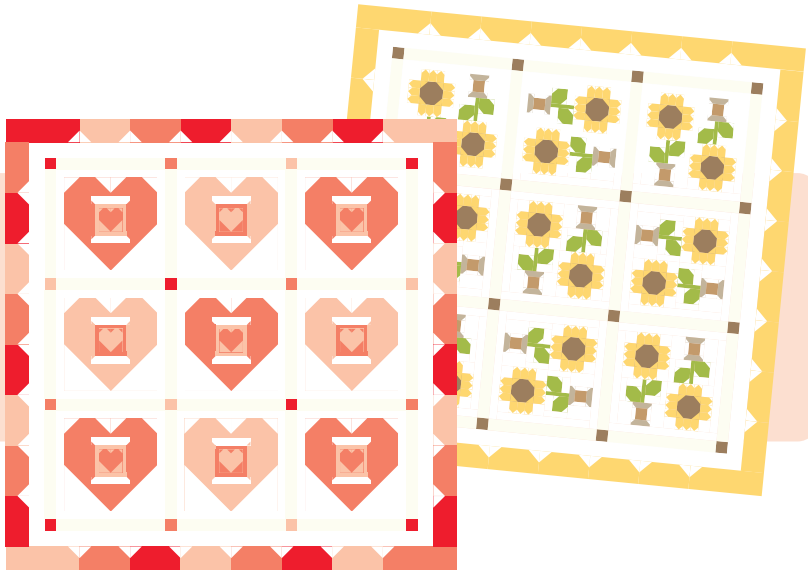



Diagram 1

## Other Options

Play with color and block rotation in your quilts! Sew Loving alternates between light and dark, and Sew Sunny has blocks that twist and turn to add interest and movement.

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58" x 73.5"

## Option C

Not a fan of pieced borders? No problem. Use a solid border to frame the monthly blocks.

### Cutting Instructions:

Sashing: Low Volume
31- 2" x 14 ½" rectangles **[A]**

Corner Stones: Assorted Colors
20 - 2" squares **[B]**

Inner Border: White
6 - 2 ½" x WOF strips. Sew together; cut into:
2 - 2 ½" x 64" strips **[C]**
2 - 2 ½" x 52 ½" strips **[D]**

Outer Border: Blue
7 - 3 ½" x WOF strips. Sew together; cut into:
2 - 3 ½" x 68 ½" rectangles **[E]**
2 - 3 ½" x 58 ½" rectangles **[F]**

Binding:
7 - 2 ½" x WOF strips

1. Use the steps on page 1 and 2 to assemble the quilt. Instead of assembling the Pieced Borders you will assemble the Outer Border Strips E & F to the quilt.

The quilt top should measure: 58 ½" x 74" before quilting and binding. Baste, quilt, and bind using your preferred method.

## Option D

Pair your favorite nine blocks and showcase your favorite print on the border.

### Cutting Instructions:

Sashing: Low Volume
24- 2" x 14 ½" rectangles **[A]**

Corner Stones: Assorted Colors
16 - 2" squares **[B]**

Inner Border: White
5 - 2 ½" x WOF strips. Sew together; cut into:
2 - 2 ½" x 52 ½" strips **[C]**
2 - 2 ½" x 48 ½" strips **[D]**

Outer Border: Blue
6 - 3 ½" x WOF strips. Sew together; cut into:
2 - 3 ½" x 58 ½" rectangles **[E]**
2 - 3 ½" x 52 ½" rectangles **[F]**

Binding:
6 - 2 ½" x WOF strips

1. Use the steps on page 3 and 4 to assemble the quilt. Instead of assembling the Pieced Borders you will assemble the Outer Border Strips E & F to the quilt.

The quilt top should measure: 58 ½" x 58 ½" before quilting and binding. Baste, quilt, and bind using your preferred method.

58" x 58"


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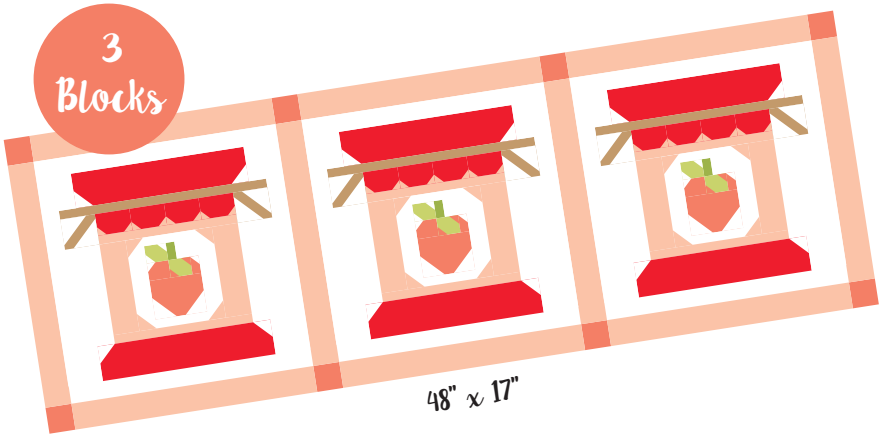



## Option E

Top your table with a fun seasonal quilt using three quilt blocks.

### Cutting Instructions:

Sashing: Pink
10- 2" x 14 ½" rectangles **[A]**

Corner Stones: Dark Pink
8 - 2" squares **[B]**

Binding:
4 - 2 ½" x WOF strips

### Sashing Rows:

1. Assemble (4) **Fabric B** squares and (3) **Fabric A** rectangles according to Diagram 1. Press. Make two rows. Each **Sashing Row** should measure: 48 ½" x 2".

### Block Row:

1. Assemble the (3) **Blocks** and (4) **Fabric A** rectangles according to Diagram 1. Press. The **Block Row** should measure: 48 ½" x 14 ½".

### Assembly:

1. Assemble the **Sashing Rows** to the **Block Row** according to Diagram 1. Press. The table runner should measure: 48 ½" x 17 ½" before quilting and binding. Baste, quilt, and bind using your preferred method.

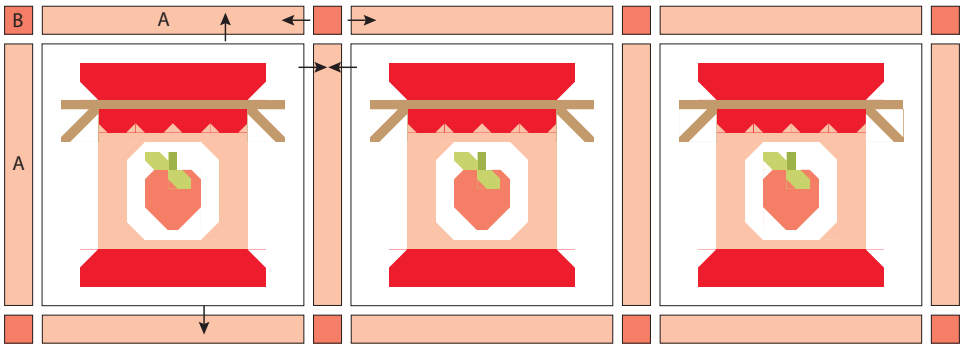
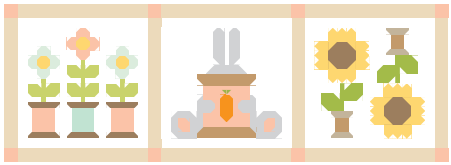
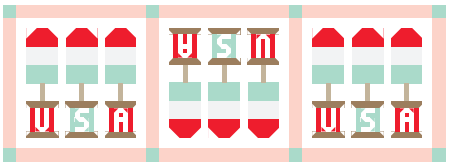


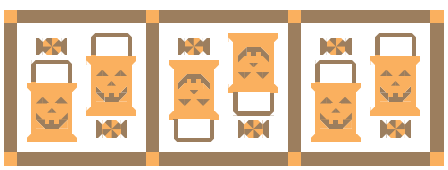
Diagram 1

## Other Options

Mix and match your favorite blocks to create a table runner that can be displayed all season long!





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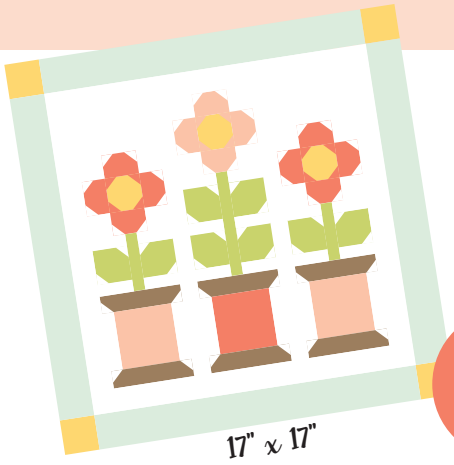
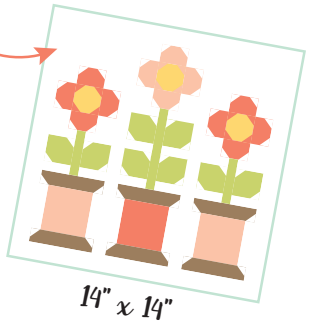



1 Block

## Option F

Display a favorite design in a quick-to-sew project. Turn one block into an adorable pillow or just quilt and bind the block for a cute wall hanging.

Wall Hanging




### Cutting Instructions:

Border: Blue
4 - 2" x 14 ½" rectangles **[A]**

Corner Stones: Yellow
4 - 2" squares **[B]**

Batting: 1 - 20" x 20" square

Muslin: 1 - 20" x 20" square

Backing: 2 - 17 ½" x 21 ½" rectangles

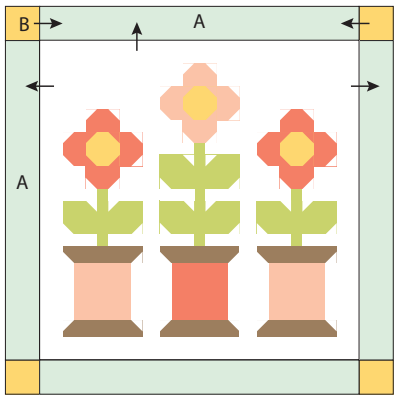
Binding:
4 - 2 ½" x WOF strips

### Pillow Top Assembly:

1. Assemble (2) **Fabric B** squares to (1) **Fabric A** rectangle. Press. Make two.

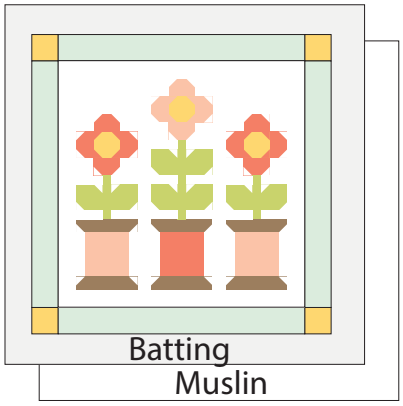
2. Assemble (2) **Fabric A** rectangles to the **Block**. Press.

3. Assemble the borders to the block row. The pillow top should measure: 17 ½" x 17 ½".

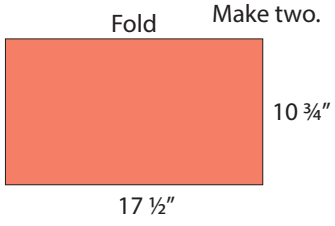



## Pillow Instructions

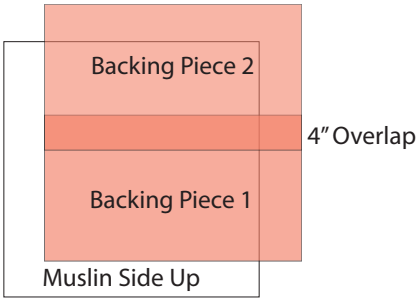
1. Sandwich the pillow top, batting, and muslin. Baste and quilt using your preferred method.

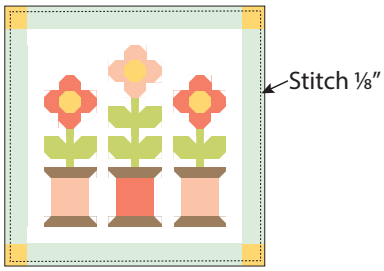



2. With right sides out, fold the (2) backing pieces in half and press on the fold. The folded fabric should measure: 17 ½" x 10 ¾".




3. With the quilted muslin side up, align Backing Piece 1 and Backing Piece 2 to the edge of the quilted muslin, overlapping the folds in the middle. Pin in place. Turn over so that the Quilted Block is facing up. Stitch ⅛" around the perimeter to secure the backing in place.




4. Bind using your preferred method.
5. Fill with a 20" x 20" pillow form.

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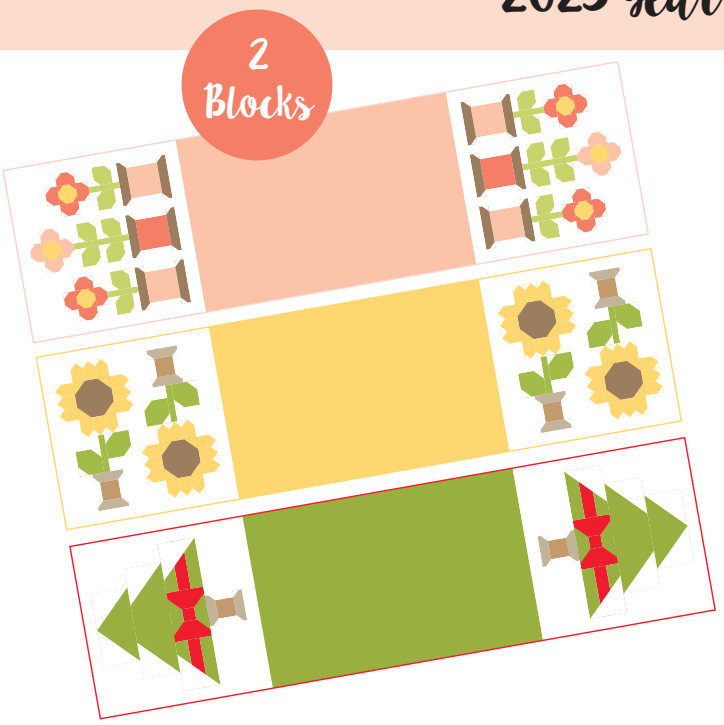


## Option G

Highlight a favorite large-scale or focal print. This two-block table runner has room to showcase your fabric and can be customized for the size of your table.

### Cutting Instructions:

Center Fabric:
Calculate: Desired length of table runner - 28" (the blocks) = Center Fabric Length
Cut 1 - 14 ½" x Center Fabric Length

Binding:
Calculate: (2)L x (2)W / 42 = strip amount.
Cut 2 ½" x WOF strips.

1. Assemble (2) **Blocks** to the sides of the **Center Fabric**.

The quilt top should measure: your desired length" x 14 ½" before quilting and binding. Baste, quilt, and bind using your preferred method.

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