

## Project: Simple Strips

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Need a quick gift for Valentine's Day? This time-saving quilt involves just five rows of multicolored rectangles that are finished by long sashing strips and a border from a single novelty print. The vintage-inspired prints from Love Notes by Faye Burgos for Marcus Fabrics ([marcusfabrics.com](http://marcusfabrics.com)) are mixed with complementary fabrics.

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### Materials

- 2 yards total or 8—18×22" pieces (fat quarters) of assorted prints (pieced rows)
- 17/8 yards novelty print (sashing, border)
- 1/2 yard black-and-white print (binding)
- 27/8 yards backing fabric
- 51×66" batting

Finished quilt: 44 1/2×59 1/2"

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include 1/4" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

### Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order. Cut sashing strips lengthwise (parallel to the selvages). Cut border strips widthwise.

#### From assorted prints, cut:

- 40—4×6" rectangles
- 50—3×6" rectangles

#### From novelty print, cut:

- 6—3 1/4×53 1/2" sashing strips
- 3—3 1/2×42" strips for border

#### From black-and-white print, cut:

- 6—2 1/2×42" binding strips

### Assemble Pieced Rows

Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, sew together eight assorted 4×6" rectangles and 10 assorted 3×6" rectangles to make a pieced row; press seams in one direction. The pieced row should be 6×53 1/2" including seam allowances. Repeat to make five pieced rows total.

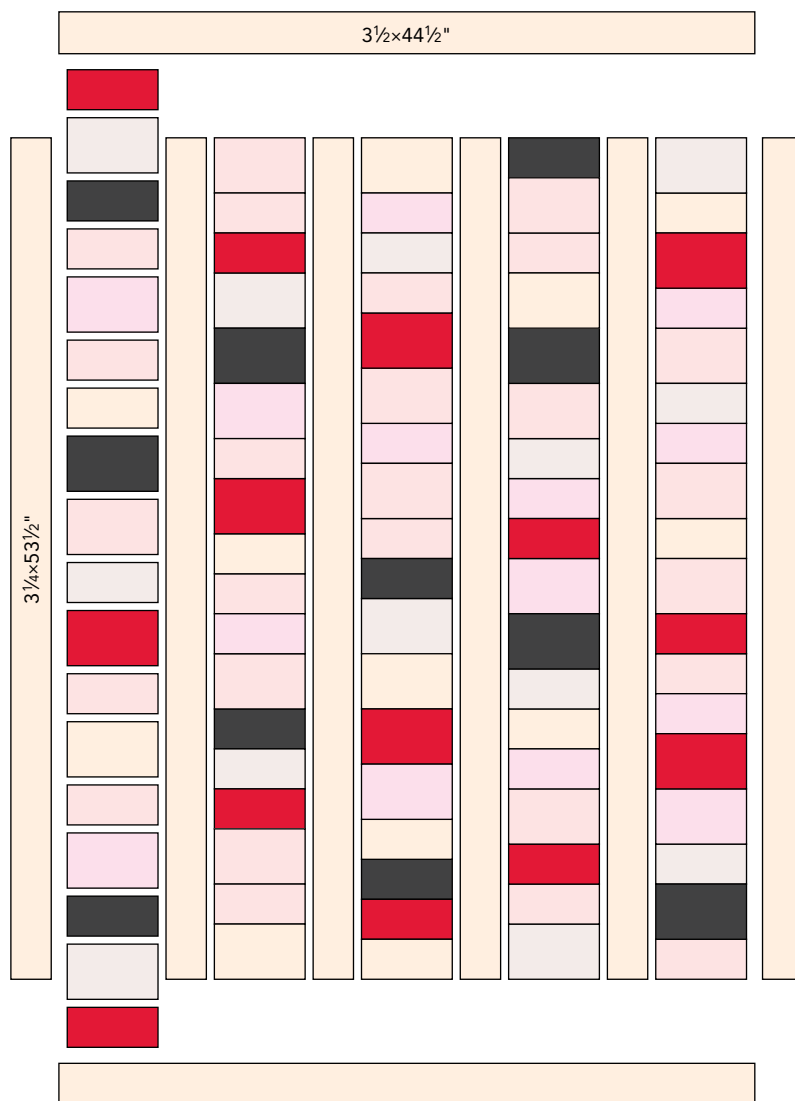
### Assemble Quilt Top

1. Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, lay out pieced rows and novelty print 3 1/4×53 1/2" sashing strips in 11 rows.
2. Sew together rows and strips. Press seams toward sashing strips.
3. Cut and piece novelty print 3 1/2×42" strips to make:
  - 2—3 1/2×44 1/2" border strips

4. Join border strips to top and bottom edges to complete quilt top.

### Finish Quilt

1. Layer quilt top, batting and backing; baste. Quilt as desired.
2. Bind with black-and-white print binding strips.



QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM