

Project: Easy Steps

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FABRICS are from the Tanglewood, Florina, and White Out collections from Blank Quilting (blankquilting.com).



The key to achieving the stair-step look is cutting the 2½"-wide strips different lengths. The black-and-white prints allow the red squares to pop off the wall hanging.

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Materials

- $\frac{3}{4}$ yard red floral (quilt center, binding)
- $\frac{2}{3}$ yard white floral (quilt center)
- 1 yard *total* assorted black prints (quilt center)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ yard solid black (border)
- $2\frac{7}{8}$ yards backing fabric
- 51x53" batting

Finished quilt: 42½x44½"

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From red floral, cut:

- 5—2½x42" binding strips
- 64—2½" squares

From white floral, cut:

- 25—2½x10½" strips
- 3—2½x8½" strips
- 3—2½x6½" strips
- 3—2½x4½" strips
- 4—2½" squares

From assorted black prints, cut:

- 26—2½x10½" strips
- 3—2½x8½" strips
- 3—2½x6½" strips
- 3—2½x4½" strips
- 3—2½" squares

From solid black, cut:

- 5—2½x42" strips for border

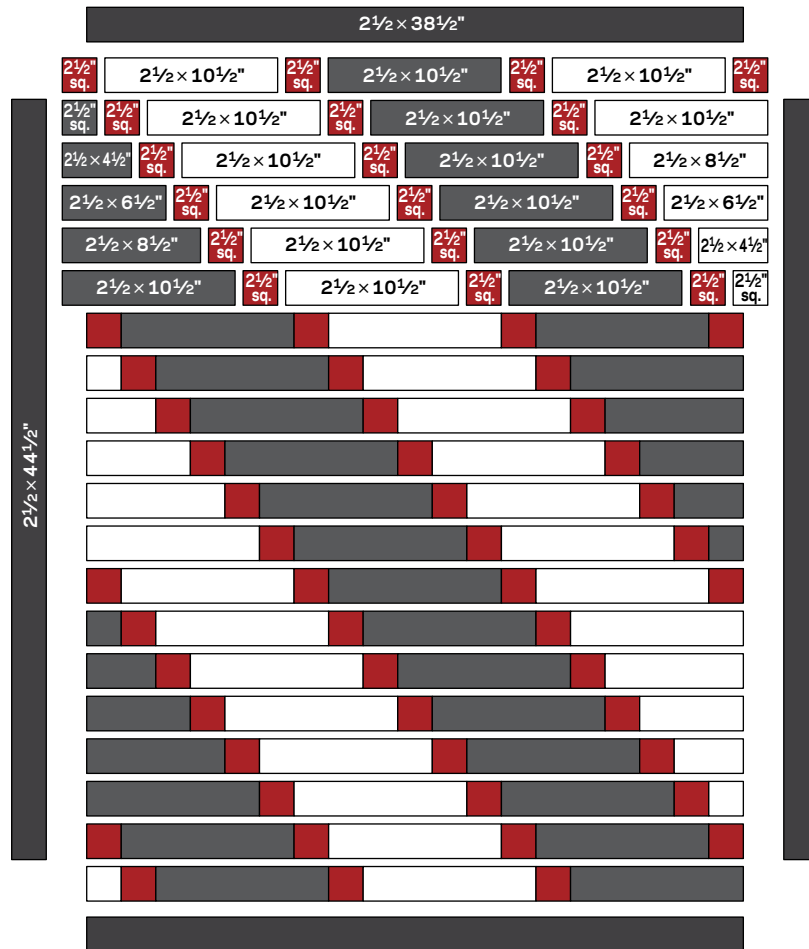
Assemble Quilt Top

- 1.** Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, lay out red floral squares, white floral strips and squares, and assorted black print strips and squares in 20 horizontal rows.
- 2.** Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams toward red floral squares. Join rows to complete quilt top; press seams in one direction.
- 3.** Cut and piece solid black 2½x42" strips to make:
 - 2—2½x44½" border strips
 - 2—2½x38½" border strips
- 4.** Sew short border strips to short ends of quilt center. Add long border strips to remaining edges to complete quilt top. Press all seams toward border.

Finish Quilt

- 1.** Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste. Quilt as desired.
- 2.** Bind with red floral binding strips.

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QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM