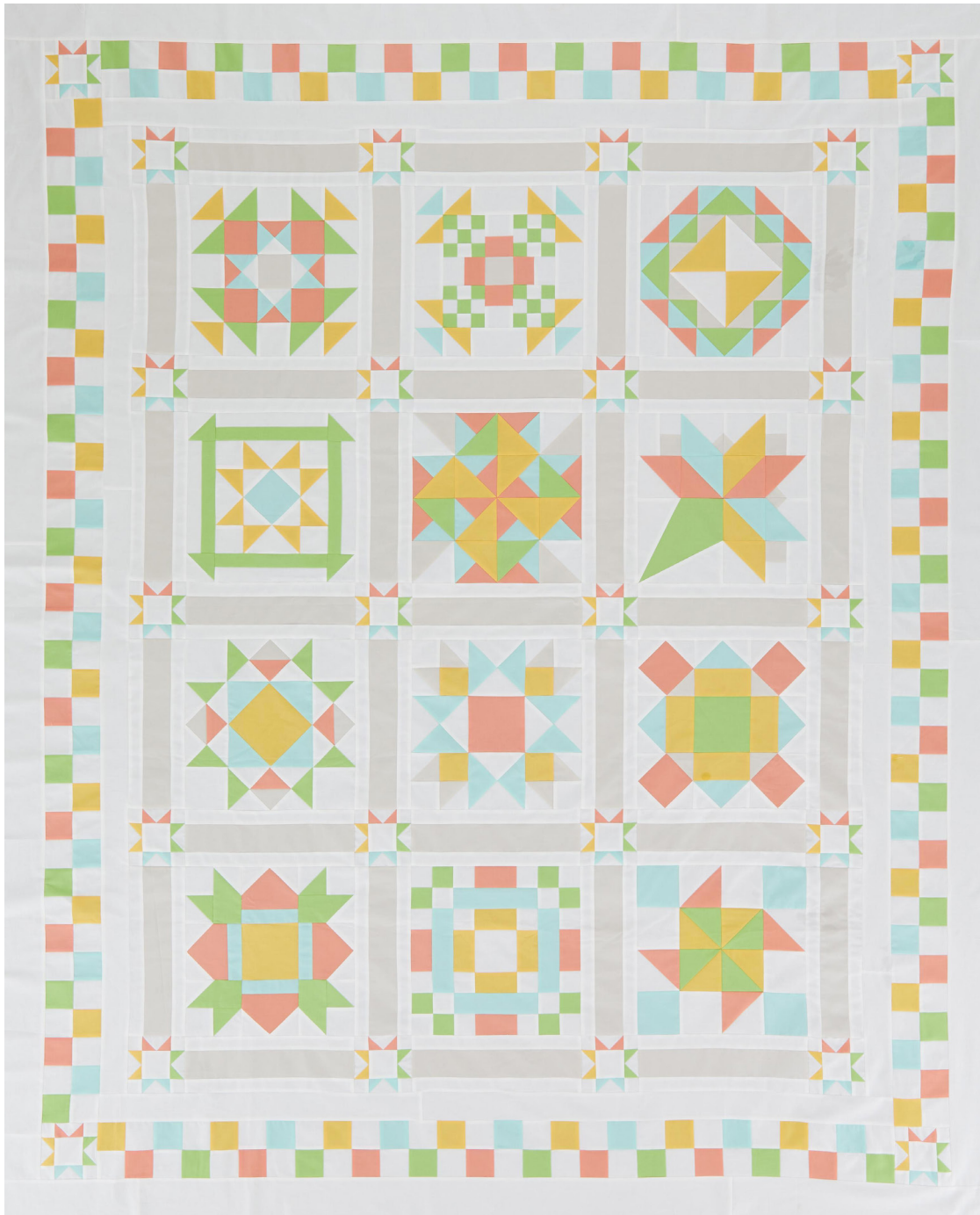


PROJECT: Bright New Day Finishing Instructions
American Patchwork & Quilting
2021 Block of the Month

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FABRICS are from the Bella Solids collection by Moda Fabrics (modafabrics.com).

FINISHED QUILT: 70½×86½"

FINISHED STAR BLOCK: 4" square

MATERIALS

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

- ⅓ yard *each* solid coral, solid yellow, solid green, and solid aqua (Star blocks, middle border)
- 3½ yards solid white (Star blocks, sashing units, inner border, middle border, outer border)
- ⅞ yard solid gray (sashing units)
- ⅝ yard binding fabric
- 5½ yards backing fabric
- 78×94" batting

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From solid coral, cut:

- 4-2½×21" strips
- 48-1½" squares

From solid yellow, cut:

- 4-2½×21" strips
- 48-1½" squares

From solid green, cut:

- 4-2½×21" strips
- 48-1½" squares

From solid aqua, cut:

- 4-2½×21" strips
- 48-1½" squares

From solid white, cut:

- 8-3½×42" strips for outer border
- 7-2½×42" strips for inner border
- 22-1½×42" strips
- 16-2½×21" strips
- 24-2½" squares
- 96-1½×2½" rectangles
- 96-1½" squares

From solid gray, cut:

- 11-2½×42" strips

From binding fabric, cut:

- 8-2½×42" binding strips

ASSEMBLE SASHING

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

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

1 Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each solid coral, solid yellow, solid green, and solid aqua 1½" square.

2 Align a marked solid coral square with one end of a solid white 1½×2½" rectangle (**Diagram 1**; note direction of marked line). Sew on marked line. Trim excess fabric, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Press open attached triangle. Add a second marked solid coral square to opposite end of rectangle; trim and press to make a coral Flying Geese unit. The unit still should be 1½×2½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make 24 Flying Geese units total.

3 Repeat Step 2 to make 24 yellow Flying Geese units, 24 green Flying Geese units, and 24 aqua Flying Geese units.

4 Referring to **Diagram 2**, lay out one Flying Geese unit in each colorway, four solid white 1½" squares, and one solid white 2½" square in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to complete Star block. The block should be 4½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make 24 Star blocks total.

5 Sew together two solid white 1½×42" strips and one solid gray 2½×42" strip to make Strip Set A (**Diagram 3**). Repeat to make eleven A strip sets total. Cut strip sets into thirty-one 12½"-wide A segments.

ASSEMBLE QUILT CENTER

1 Referring to **Quilt Center Assembly Diagram**, lay out blocks 1-12, 20 Star blocks, and A segments in nine rows.

2 Sew together pieces in rows. Press seams toward A segments. Join rows to make quilt center; press seams away from block rows. The quilt center should be 52½×68½" including seam allowances.

ASSEMBLE AND ADD BORDERS

1 Piece and cut solid white 2½×42" strips to make:

- 2-2½×68½" inner border strips
- 2-2½×56½" inner border strips

2 Sew long inner border strips to long edges of quilt center (**Quilt Assembly Diagram**). Add short inner border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward inner border. The quilt center now should be 56½×72½" square including seam allowances.

3 Sew together one solid green 2½×21" strip, two solid white 2½×21" strips, and one solid coral 2½×21" strip to make Strip Set B (**Diagram 4**). Repeat to make four B strip sets total. Cut strip sets into thirty-two 2½"-wide B segments.

4 Sew together two solid white 2½×21" strips, one solid aqua 2½×21" strip, and one solid yellow 2½×21" strip to make Strip Set C (**Diagram 5**). Repeat to make four C strip sets total. Cut strip sets into thirty-two 2½"-wide C segments.

5 Referring to **Diagram 6**, lay out one row of seven B segments and one row of seven C segments. Sew together pieces in rows; press seams toward white squares. Join rows, pressing seam allowance in one direction. Sew remaining Star blocks to ends of joined rows to make a short middle border strip; press seams open. The short middle border strip should be 4½×64½"

including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second short middle border strip.

6 Repeat Step 5 to join nine B segments in a row and nine C segments in a row. Join rows to make a long middle border strip. The long middle border strip should be $4\frac{1}{2}\times 72\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second long middle border strip.

7 Sew long middle border strips to long edges of quilt center (**Quilt Assembly Diagram**). Add short middle border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward inner border. The quilt center now should be $64\frac{1}{2}\times 80\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

8 Piece and cut solid white $3\frac{1}{2}\times 42$ " strips to make:

- 2- $3\frac{1}{2}\times 80\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips
- 2- $3\frac{1}{2}\times 70\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips

9 Sew long outer border strips to long edges of quilt center (**Quilt Assembly Diagram**). Add short outer border strips to remaining edges to complete quilt top. Press all seams toward outer border.

FINISH QUILT

1 Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste. Quilt as desired.

2 Bind with binding strips.

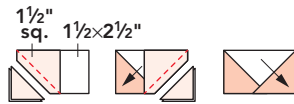


DIAGRAM 1

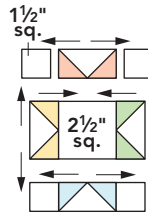
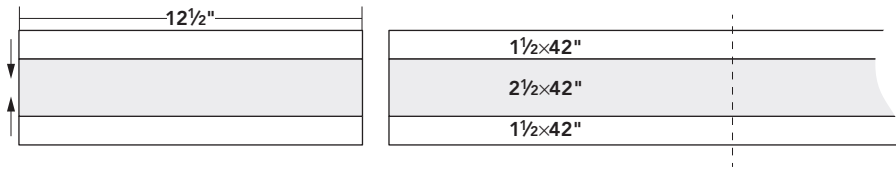
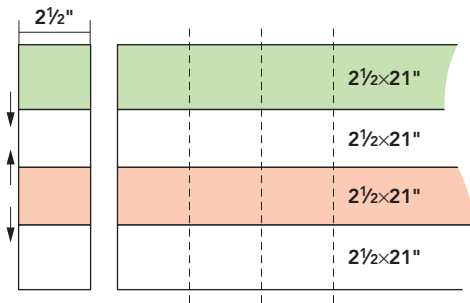


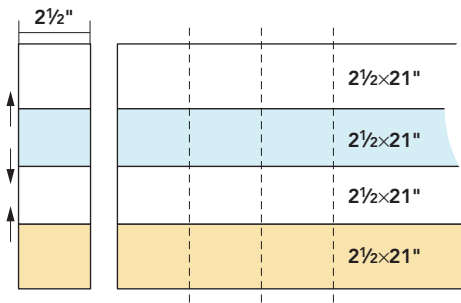
DIAGRAM 2



STRIP SET A
DIAGRAM 3



STRIP SET B
DIAGRAM 4



STRIP SET C
DIAGRAM 5

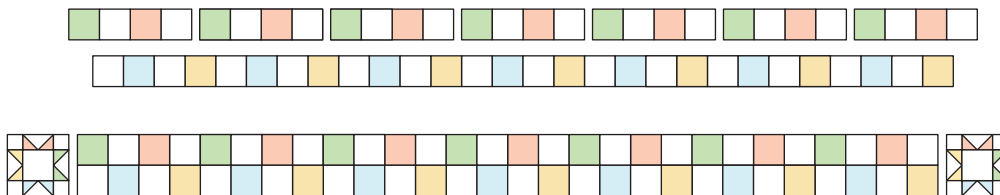
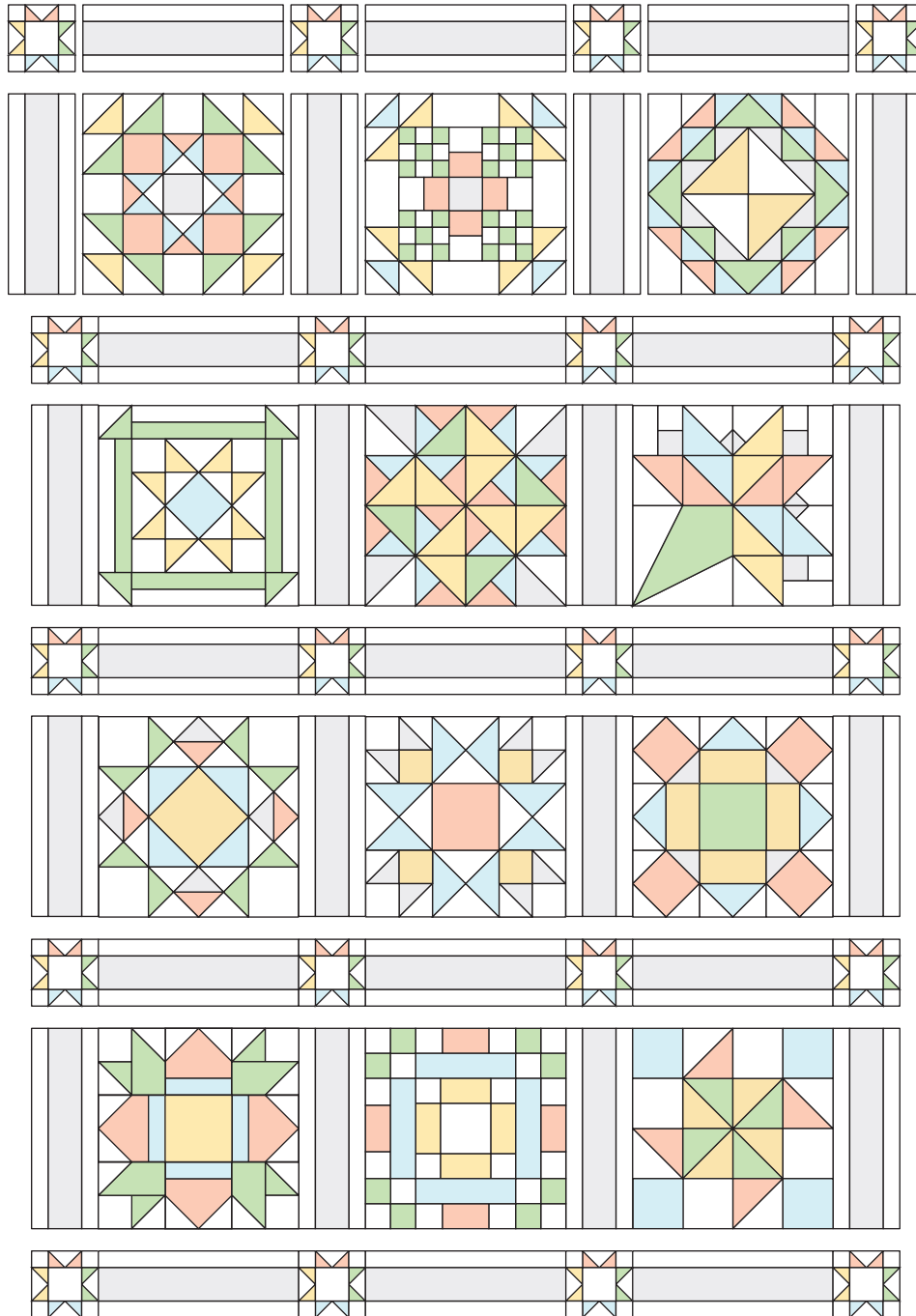
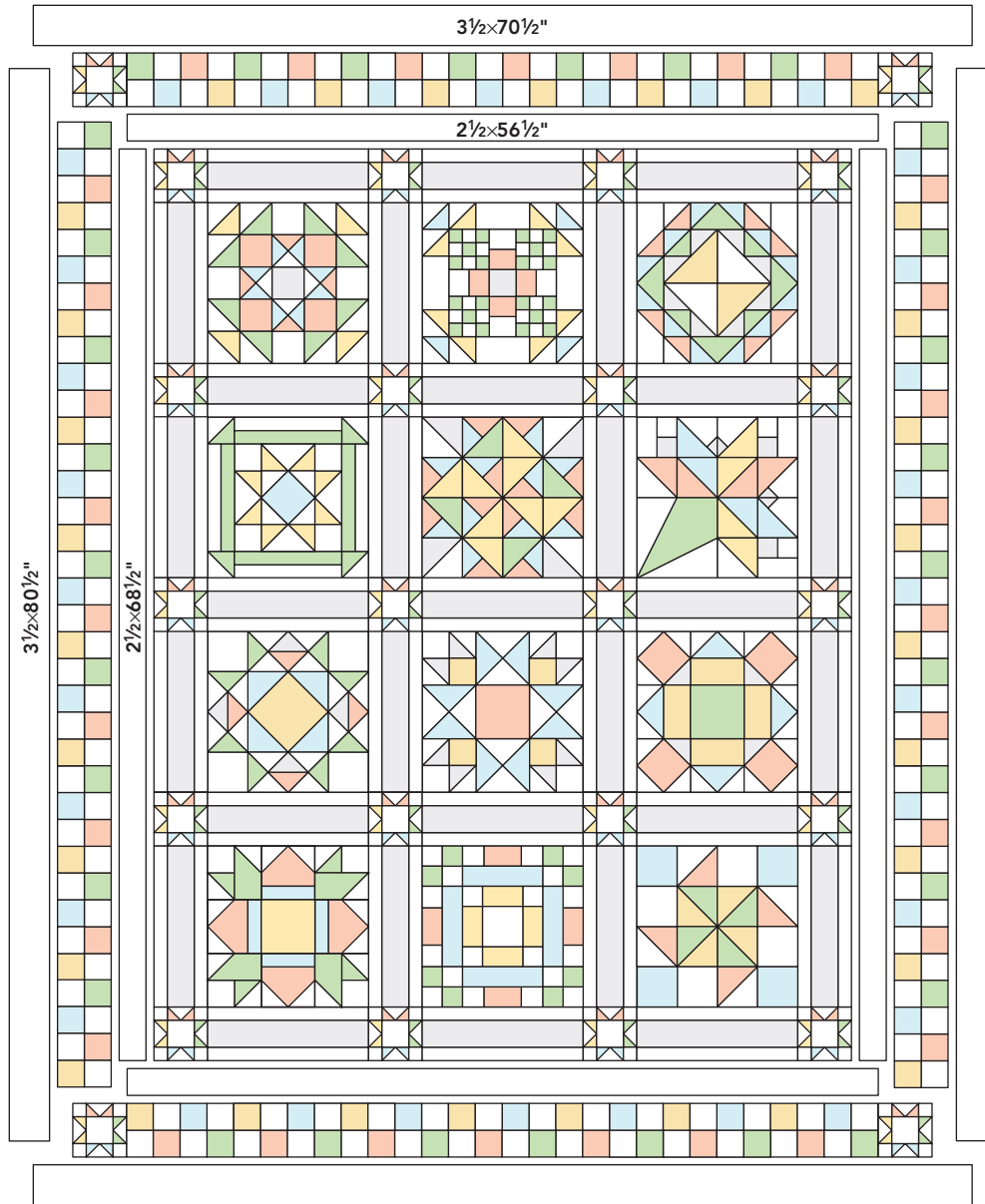


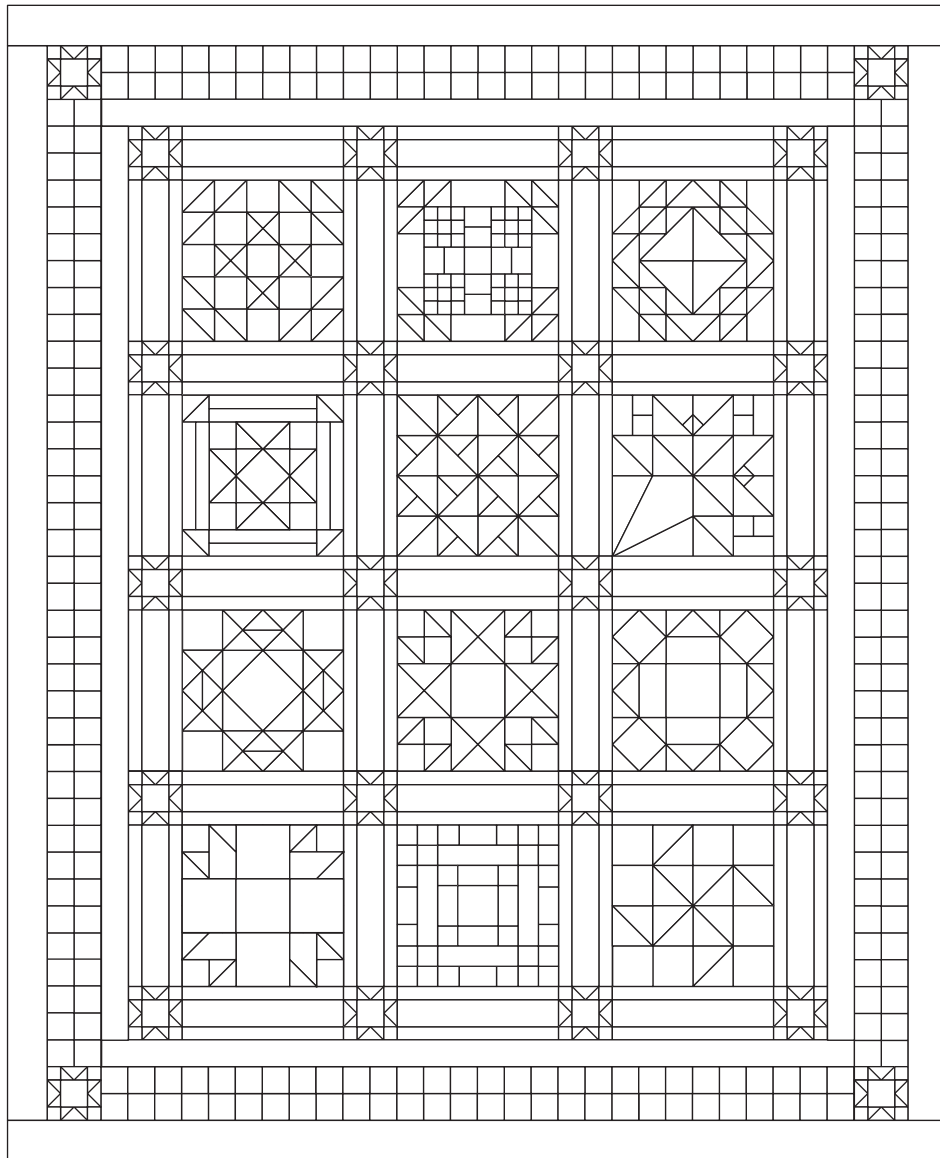
DIAGRAM 6



QUILT CENTER ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



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COLORING DIAGRAM