

Project: Center Strips Bed Quilt

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Choose an all-over dark print for the border and assorted fall tones for the strips for a bed quilt with an autumn feel. Finish this project fast when you machine-quilt a jumbo stipple pattern. The border and background print is from the Ravenwood collection by Jo Morton for Andover Fabrics (andoverfabrics.com); the center strip fabrics are from a variety of Jo Morton collections.

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Materials

- 9— $\frac{1}{2}$ -yard pieces assorted prints in red, green, orange, blue, and brown (pieced rows, binding)
- $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards black print (pieced rows, border)
- $5\frac{3}{4}$ yards backing fabric
- 88×99" batting

Finished quilt: $79\frac{1}{2}$ × $90\frac{1}{2}$ "

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

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order. Cut border strips lengthwise (parallel to the selvages). For ease in cutting strips, first cut each fabric into $13\frac{1}{2}$ "-long strips, then cut strips into specified widths.

From assorted red, green, orange, blue, and brown prints, cut:

- 9— $2\frac{1}{2}$ ×42" binding strips
- 5— $4\frac{1}{2}$ × $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 15—4× $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 12— $3\frac{1}{2}$ × $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 6— $3\frac{1}{4}$ × $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strip
- 6— $2\frac{3}{4}$ × $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strip
- 20— $2\frac{1}{2}$ × $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 7—2× $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 15— $1\frac{1}{2}$ × $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

From black print, cut:

- 2— $20\frac{1}{2}$ × $90\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips
- 5— $4\frac{1}{2}$ × $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 20— $2\frac{1}{2}$ × $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 22—2× $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 6— $1\frac{3}{4}$ × $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 10— $1\frac{1}{2}$ × $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 24—1× $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

Assemble Pieced Rows

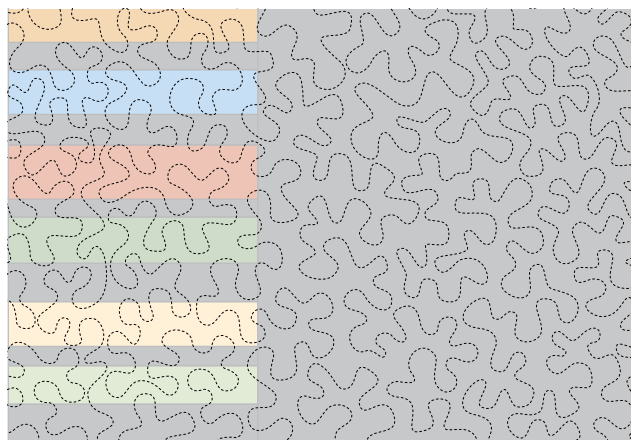
Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram** and photo on page 3, sew together assorted print and black print $13\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide strips to make a pieced row at least $90\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Press seams in one direction. Trim pieced row to $13\frac{1}{2}$ × $90\frac{1}{2}$ ". Repeat to make three pieced rows total. (You will have some leftover strips.)

Assemble Quilt Top

1. Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, sew together pieced rows to make quilt center. Press seams in one direction. The quilt center should be $39\frac{1}{2}$ × $90\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
2. Join black print $20\frac{1}{2}$ × $90\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips to long edges of quilt center to complete quilt top. Press seams toward border.

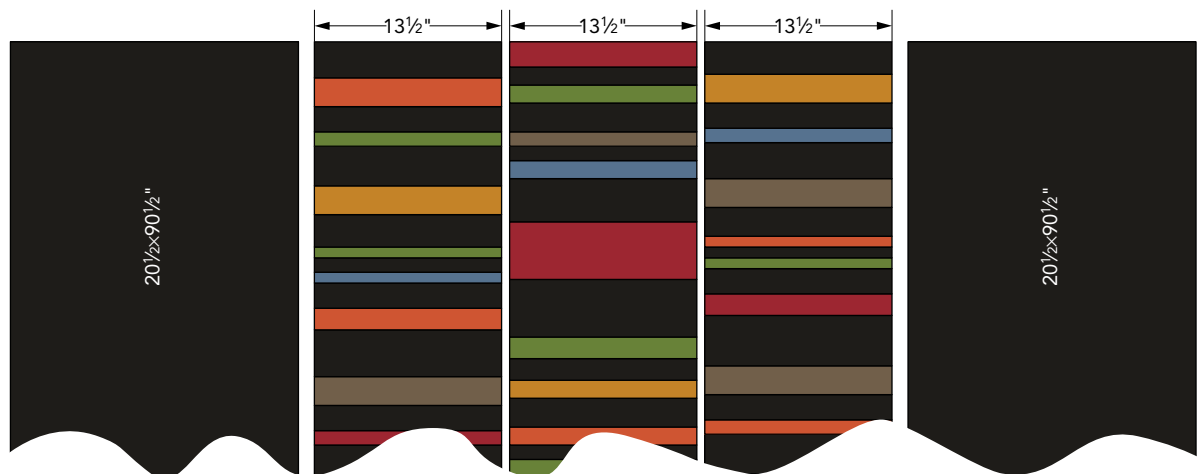
Finish Quilt

1. Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste.
2. Quilt as desired. Nancy Sharr used jumbo stipple quilting across the quilt top (**Quilting Diagram**).
3. Sew together assorted print $2\frac{1}{2}$ ×42" strips to make one long binding strip. Bind with pieced binding strip.



QUILTING DIAGRAM

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QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM