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Each block of this sizzling, south-of-the-border square throw uses nine assorted stripe, plaid, and solid fabrics.

### Materials

- 1½ yards total assorted bright stripes and plaids (blocks)
- 2½ yards total assorted bright solids (blocks)
- 3½ yards backing fabric
- 61" square batting

**Finished quilt:** 54½" square  
**Finished blocks:** 9" square

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

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

### Cut Fabrics

To make the best use of your fabrics, cut pieces in the following order. Cut border strips lengthwise (parallel to the selvages).

#### From assorted bright stripes and plaids, cut:

- 114—3½" squares

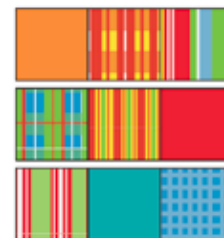
#### From assorted bright solids, cut:

- 18—9½" squares
- 48—3½" squares
- Enough 2½"-wide strips in assorted lengths to total 250" for binding

### Assemble Nine-Patch Blocks

The instructions that follow result in one Nine-Patch block. Repeat to make 18 Nine-Patch blocks total.

- 1.** Referring to **Nine-Patch Diagram**, lay out a total of nine bright stripes, plaids, and solid 3½" squares in three rows.
- 2.** Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row.
- 3.** Join rows to make a Nine-Patch block. Press seams in one direction. The Nine-Patch block should be 9½" square including seam allowances.



NINE-PATCH DIAGRAM

### Assemble Quilt Center

- 1.** Referring to photo on *page 2*, lay out Nine-Patch blocks and 9½" squares in six rows, alternating blocks and squares.
- 2.** Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row.
- 3.** Join rows to make quilt center. Press seams in one direction. The quilt center should be 54½" square including seam allowances.

### Finish Quilt

- 1.** Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste. Quilt as desired.
- 2.** Using diagonal seams, join assorted bright solid 2½"-wide strips to make a pieced binding strip. Bind quilt with pieced binding strip.