

Project: Big Block Throw

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Have large prints you don't want to cut into smaller pieces? Try this quilt, where bold botanical prints are perfectly showcased in 18" squares. This quilt features two collections from FreeSpirit Fabrics—Prairie Gothic by Jane Sassaman and Park Slope by Erin McMorris.

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Materials

- ½ yard multicolor stripe (block borders)
- 4—18×22" pieces (fat quarters) large florals (blocks)
- 1¾ yards blue tone-on-tone (sashing, binding)
- ½ yard blue-and-white diagonal check (sashing squares)
- 3½ yards backing fabric
- 61" square batting

Finished quilt: 54½" square

Finished block: 16" 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

Cut pieces in the following order.

From multicolor stripe, cut:

- 8—1½×18½" strips
- 8—1½×16½" strips

From each large floral, cut:

- 1—16½" square

From blue tone-on-tone, cut:

- 6—2½×42" binding strips
- 12—6½×18½" sashing rectangles

From blue-and-white diagonal check, cut:

- 9—6½" sashing squares

Assemble Quilt Top

1. Sew multicolor stripe 1½×16½" strips to opposite edges of a large floral 16½" square. Add multicolor stripe 1½×18½" strips to remaining edges to make a bordered block (**Block Assembly Diagram**). The bordered block should measure 18½" square, including seam allowances. Press all seams toward multicolor stripe.
2. Repeat Step 1 to make four bordered blocks total.
3. Referring to photo, lay out blue tone-on-tone sashing rectangles, blue-and-white diagonal check sashing squares, and bordered blocks in five rows.
4. Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams toward sashing rectangles in each row. Join rows to complete quilt top; press seams in one direction.

Finish Quilt

1. Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste. Quilt as desired.
2. Bind with blue tone-on-tone binding strips.



BLOCK ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM