

Project: All-Season Baby Quilt

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Fussy-cut seasonal designs from a panel print to use in a sweet baby quilt. Fabrics are from Aunt Martha's Busy Kitties collection by Mary Ann Henderson for Henry Glass & Co. (henryglassfabrics.com).

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Materials

- ¼ yard pink floral (blocks A, D)
- ⅙ yard green multicolor floral (block A)
- ⅓ yard blue floral (blocks B, C)
- ⅙ yard yellow floral (block B)
- ⅙ yard pink cat print (block C)
- ⅓ yard white multicolor floral (blocks A, B, C, and D)
- 9×22" piece (fat eighth) blue vine print (block A)
- 9×22" piece (fat eighth) pink star (block B)
- ½ yard yellow star print (blocks, inner border)
- 9×22" piece (fat eighth) green vine print (block D)
- ½ yard seasonal cat print (blocks A, B, C, and D) (If not using this panel, you'll only need ¼ yard)
- 1¼ yard blue cat print (outer border, binding)
- 3⅞ yards backing fabric
- 55" square batting

Finished quilt: 46½" square

Finished blocks: 18" square

Quantities are for 44½"-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 pink floral, cut:

- 2—7¼" squares
- 8—3½×6½" rectangles

From green multicolor floral, cut:

- 4—3½×6½" rectangles

From blue floral, cut:

- 2—7¼" squares
- 8—3½×6½" rectangles

From yellow floral, cut:

- 4—3½×6½" rectangles

From pink cat print, cut:

- 4—3½×6½" rectangles

From white multicolor floral, cut:

- 4—7¼" squares
- 4—3½×6½" rectangles

From blue vine print, cut:

- 2—7¼" squares

From pink star, cut:

- 2—7¼" squares

From yellow star print, cut:

- 2—1½×38½" inner border strips
- 2—1½×36½" inner border strips
- 2—7¼" squares

From green vine print, cut:

- 2—7¼" squares

From seasonal cat print, fussy-cut:

- 4—6½" squares

From blue cat print, cut:

- 5—4½×42" strips for outer border
- 5—2½×42" binding strips

Make Two-Patch Units

1. Sew together a pink floral 3½×6½" rectangle and a green multicolor floral 3½×6½" rectangle to make a pink two-patch unit (Diagram 1). Press seam toward pink floral. The unit should be 6½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four pink two-patch units total.
2. Using blue floral and yellow floral 3½×6½" rectangles, repeat Step 1 to make four yellow two-patch units (Diagram 2).
3. Using blue floral and pink cat print 3½×6½" rectangles, repeat Step 1 to make four blue two-patch units (Diagram 3).
4. Using pink floral and white multicolor floral 3½×6½" rectangles, repeat Step 1 to make four white two-patch units (Diagram 4).

Assemble Hourglass Units

1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each blue vine, pink star, yellow star, and green vine 7¼" square.
2. Layer a marked blue vine square atop a pink floral 7¼" square. Sew together with two seams, stitching ¼" on each side of drawn line (Diagram 5). Cut apart on drawn line to make two triangle units. Press each triangle unit open, pressing seams toward blue vine, to make two blue vine triangle-squares. Each should be 6⅞" square including seam allowances.
3. Repeat Step 2 using a marked blue vine square and a white multicolor floral 7¼" square to make two white triangle-squares (Diagram 6).
4. Mark a diagonal line perpendicular to seam line on wrong side of each white triangle-square.
5. Referring to Diagram 7, layer a marked white triangle-square atop a blue vine triangle-square, placing blue vine triangles in opposite corners. Sew together with two seams, stitching ¼" on each side of drawn line. Cut apart on drawn line to make two triangle units. Press each unit open, pressing seam in one direction, to make two blue vine hourglass units. Each unit should be 6½" square including seam allowances. Repeat with remaining blue vine and marked white triangle-squares to make four blue hourglass units total.

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6. Using marked pink star squares, blue floral $7\frac{1}{4}$ " square, and white multicolor floral $7\frac{1}{4}$ " square, repeat steps 2–5 to make four pink hourglass units (Diagram 8).

7. Using marked yellow star squares, blue floral $7\frac{1}{4}$ " square, and white multicolor floral $7\frac{1}{4}$ " square, repeat steps 2–5 to make four yellow hourglass units (Diagram 9).

8. Using marked green vine print squares, pink floral $7\frac{1}{4}$ " square, and white multicolor floral $7\frac{1}{4}$ " square, repeat steps 2–5 to make four green hourglass units (Diagram 10).

Assemble Blocks

1. Referring to Diagram 11, sew together four pink two-patch units, four blue hourglass units, and a seasonal cat print $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square in three rows. Press seams away from hourglass units. Join rows to make block A. Press seams in one direction. The block should be $18\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

2. Using yellow two-patch units, pink hourglass units, and a seasonal cat print $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square, repeat Step 1 to make block B.

3. Using blue two-patch units, yellow hourglass units, and a seasonal cat print $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square, repeat Step 1 to make block C.

4. Using white two-patch units, green hourglass units, and a seasonal cat print $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square, repeat Step 1 to make block D.

Assemble Quilt Center

1. Sew together blocks in pairs. Press seams in opposite directions.

2. Join pairs to make quilt center. Press seam in one direction. The quilt center should be $36\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

Add Borders

1. Referring to Quilt Assembly Diagram, sew yellow star print $1\frac{1}{2}\times 36\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips to opposite edges of quilt center. Add yellow star print $1\frac{1}{2}\times 38\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward inner border.

2. Cut and piece blue cat print $4\frac{1}{2}\times 42$ " strips to make:

- $2-4\frac{1}{2}\times 46\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips
- $2-4\frac{1}{2}\times 38\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips

3. Sew short outer border strips to opposite edges of quilt center. Add long 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 blue cat print binding strips.

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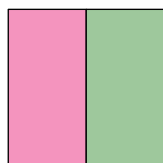


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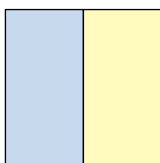


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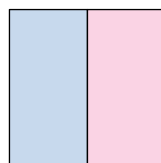


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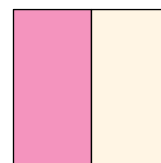


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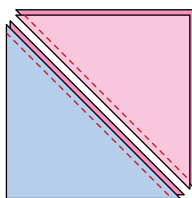
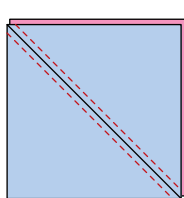


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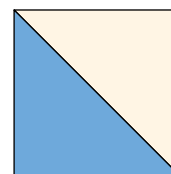
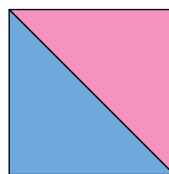


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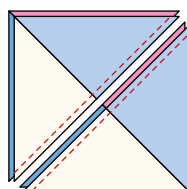
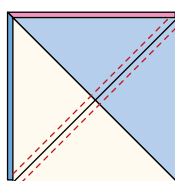


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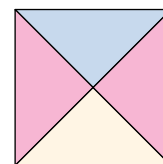
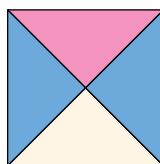


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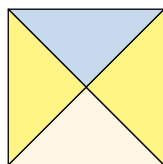


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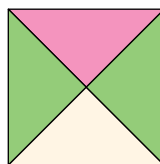


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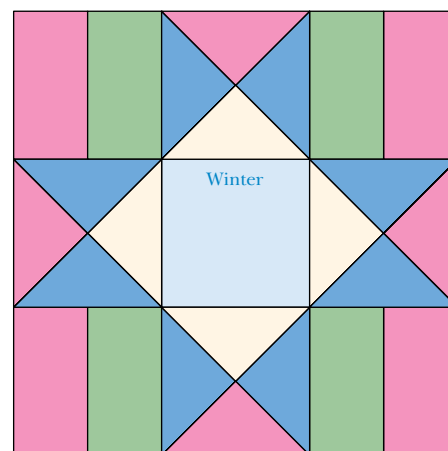
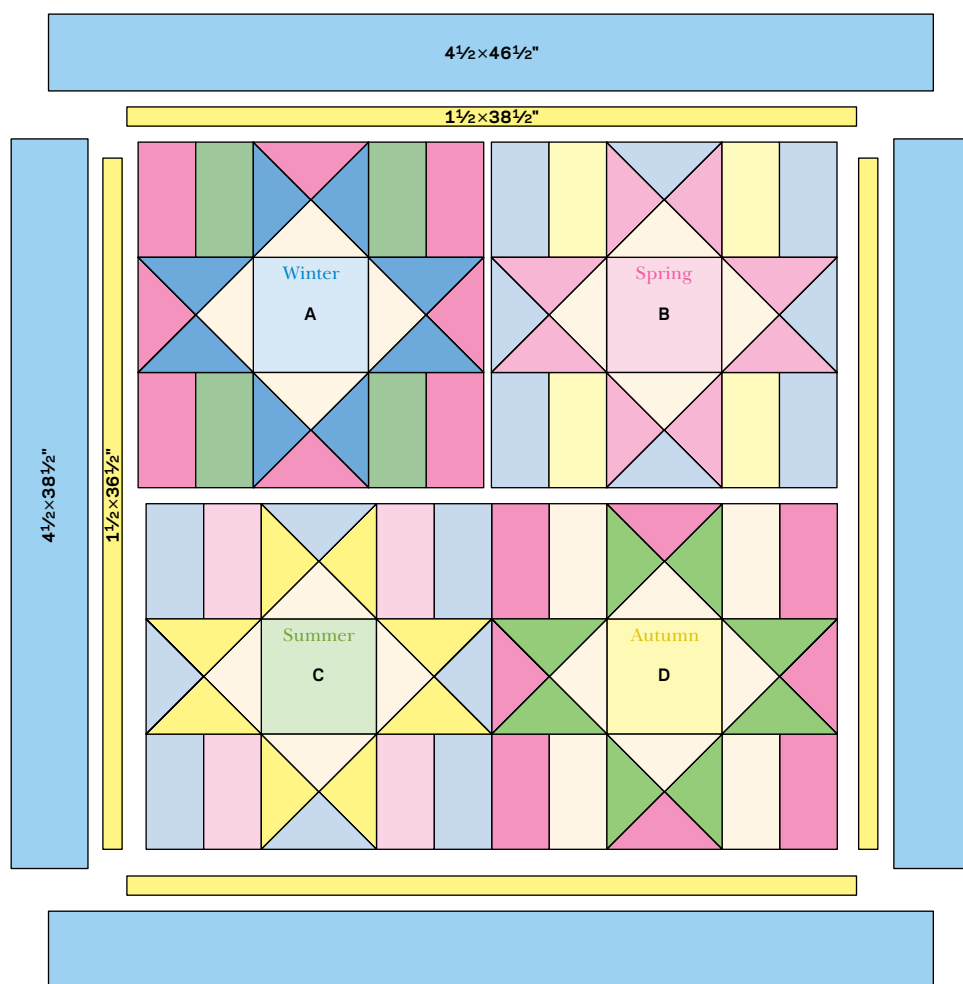


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QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM