Bluebird of Happiness

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Quilt 1

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BLUEBIRD OF HAPPINESS Quilt 1

Fabrics in the Collection

Alphabet
Khaki – 2715-39

Alphabet
Stone – 2715-44

Alphabet
Dark Gray – 2715-95

Bird Damask
Khaki – 2716-39

Bird Damask
Stone – 2716-44

Bird Damask
Blue – 2716-77

Meadow
Cream – 2717-44

Meadow
Blue – 2717-77

Meadow
Dark Gray – 2717-95

Flower Lattice
Khaki – 2718-39
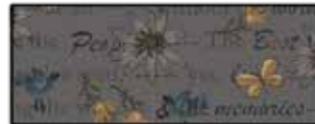
Flower Lattice
Stone – 2718-44

Flower Lattice
Blue – 2718-77

Mixed Media
Stone – 2719-44

Mixed Media
Blue – 2719-77

Mixed Media
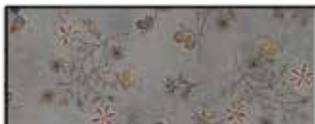Dark Gray – 2719-95

Plaid
Stone – 2720-44

Plaid
Blue – 2720-77

Plaid
Dark Gray – 2720-95

Stitches
Khaki – 2721-39

Stitches
Blue – 2721-77

Stitches
Dark Gray – 2721-95

Bluebird of Happiness Panel Blocks
Khaki – 2722P-39

Select Fabrics from Linen Closet 2

Lacy Floral
White Wash – 2623-30

Bow Tie
Cream – 8567-44

Tossed Calico
Cream – 8568-44

Confetti Squares
Cream – 8569-44

BLUEBIRD OF HAPPINESS

Materials

½ yard	Bluebird of Happiness Panel Blocks - Khaki (A)	
		2722P-39
⅝ yard each	(6) Assorted Blues (B)	
	Bird Damask - Blue	2716-77
	Meadow - Blue	2717-77
	Flower Lattice - Blue	2718-77
	Mixed Media - Blue	2719-77
	Plaid - Blue	2720-77
	Stitches - Blue	2721-77
½ yard each	(5) Assorted Grays (C)	
	Alphabet - Dark Gray	2715-95
	Meadow - Dark Gray	2717-95
	Mixed Media - Dark Gray	2719-95
	Plaid - Dark Gray	2720-95
	Stitches - Dark Gray	2721-95
½ yard each	(14) Assorted Creams (D)	
	Alphabet - Khaki	2715-39
	Alphabet - Stone	2715-44
	Bird Damask - Khaki	2716-39
	Bird Damask - Stone	2716-44
	Meadow - Cream	2717-44
	Flower Lattice - Khaki	2718-39
	Flower Lattice - Stone	2718-44
	Mixed Media - Stone	2719-44
	Plaid - Stone	2720-44
	Stitches - Khaki	2721-39
	Lacy Floral - White Wash	2623-30
	Bow Tie - Cream	8567-44
	Tossed Calico - Cream	8568-44
	Confetti Squares - Cream	8569-44
1 ⅓ yards	Flower Lattice - Blue (E)	2718-77
¾ yard	Plaid - Dark Gray (F)	2720-95*
7 ½ yards	Stitches - Dark Gray (Backing)	2721-95

*Includes binding

Cutting Instructions

Please note: All strips are cut across the width of fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage edge unless otherwise noted.

From the Bluebird of Happiness Panel Blocks - Khaki (A):
• Fussy cut (9) 6 ½" squares, each centered on a block.

From each of the (6) Assorted Blues (B), cut:
• (5) 3 ½" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (27) 3 ½" x 6 ½" strips for a total of (162) 3 ½" x 6 ½" strips.
• From the remaining fabric, cut (16) 3 ½" squares.

From each of the (5) Assorted Grays (C), cut:
• (4) 3 ½" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (22) 3 ½" x 6 ½" strips for a total of (110) 3 ½" x 6 ½" strips. *Note: You will only use (108) 3 ½" x 6 ½" strips.*

From each of the (14) Assorted Creams (D), cut:
• (4) 3 ½" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (38) 3 ½" squares for a total of (532) 3 ½" squares. *Note: You will only use (524) 3 ½" squares.*

From the Flower Lattice - Blue (E), cut:
• (4) 5 ½" x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut (2) 5 ½" x 82 ½" strips.
• (4) 5 ½" x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut (2) 5 ½" x 72 ½" strips.

From the Plaid - Dark Gray (F), cut:
• (9) 2 ½" x WOF strips for the binding.

From the Stitches - Dark Gray (Backing), cut:
• (3) 90" x WOF strips for the backing. Sew the strips together and trim to make the 90" x 90" back.

Block Assembly

Note: The arrows in figures represent the fabric print direction. Pay attention to the fabric and unit orientations when assembling the various components. Use a ¼" seam allowance with right sides together (RST) unless otherwise noted.

1. Place (1) 3 ½" Fabric D square on the left side of (1) 3 ½" x 6 ½" Fabric B strip, right sides together (Fig. 1). Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper right corner to the lower left corner (Fig. 1). Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a ¼" seam allowance (Fig. 2).
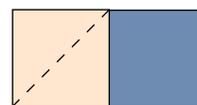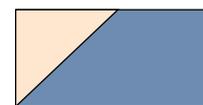

Fig. 1   Fig. 2

2. Place another 3 ½" Fabric D square on the right side of the 3 ½" x 6 ½" Fabric B strip, right sides together (Fig. 3). Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper left corner to the lower right corner (Fig. 3). Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a ¼" seam allowance to make (1) Unit 1 strip (Fig. 4).
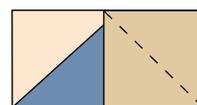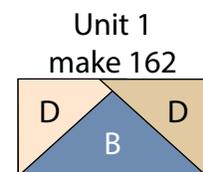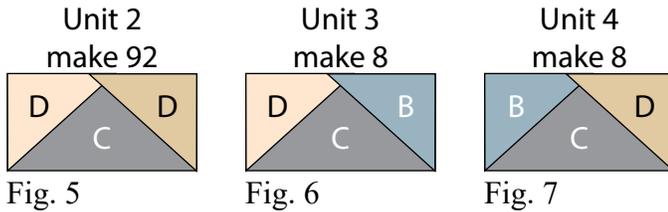
3. Repeat Steps 1-2 to make (162) Unit 1 strips total.

Unit 1
make 162


Fig. 3   Fig. 4

4. Repeat Steps 1-2 and refer to Figures 5-7 for fabric identification, placement, seam direction and orientation to make (92) Unit 2 strips, (8) Unit 3 strips and (8) Unit 4 strips.
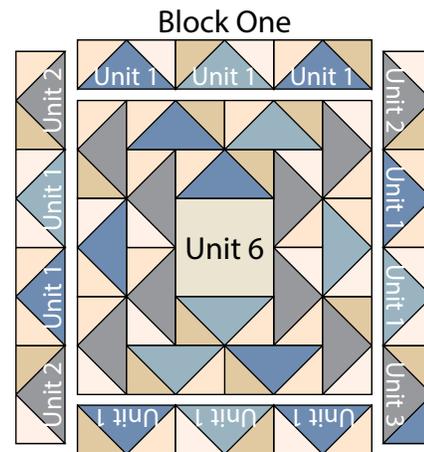
Unit 2
make 92

Unit 3
make 8

Unit 4
make 8

Fig. 5   Fig. 6   Fig. 7

5. Sew (1) Unit 1 strip to the top and to the bottom of (1) 6 ½" Fabric A square. Sew together (2) Unit 2 strips end to end. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew (1) newly sewn strip to each side of the Fabric A square to make (1) Unit 5 square (Fig. 8). Repeat to make (3) Unit 5 squares total.
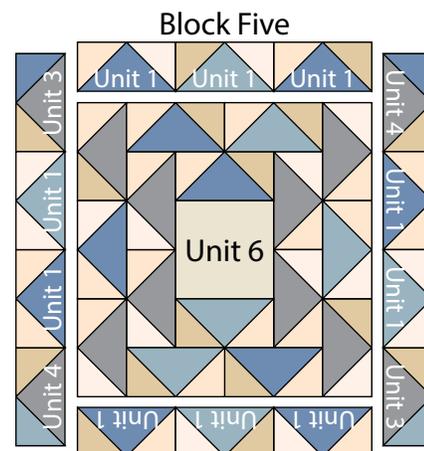
Unit 5
make 3

Fig. 8
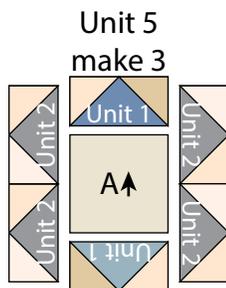
6. Sew together (2) Unit 1 strips. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew (1) newly sewn strip to the top and to the bottom of (1) Unit 5 square. Sew (1) Unit 2 strip to each end of (1) Unit 1 strip. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew (1) newly sewn strip to the right and to the left side of the Unit 5 square to make (1) Unit 6 square (Fig. 9). Repeat to make (3) Unit 6 squares total.

Unit 6
make 3

Fig. 9
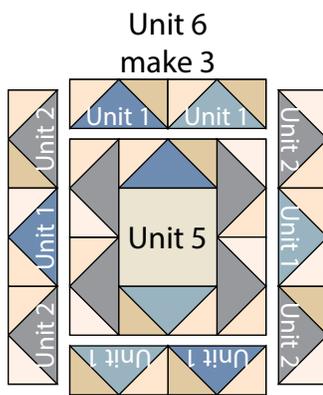
7. Sew together (3) Unit 1 strips. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew (1) newly sewn strip to the top and to the bottom of (1) Unit 6 square. Sew together (1) Unit 2 strip, (2) Unit 1 strips and (1) Unit 2 strip, end to end and in that order from left to right. Sew the newly sewn strip to the left side of the Unit 6 square. Sew together (1) Unit 2 strip, (2) Unit 1 strip and (1) Unit 3 strip, end to end and in that order from left to right. Sew the newly sewn strip to the right side of the Unit 6 square to make (1) Block One square (Fig. 10). The block should each measure 24 ½" square.

Block One

Fig. 10

8. Repeat Step 7 and refer to Figures 11-12 for unit identification, placement and orientation to make (1) Block Five square and (1) Block Seven square.
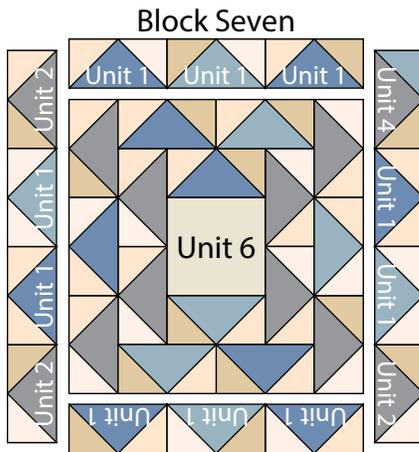
Block Five

Fig. 11

Block Seven

Unit 2 · Unit 1 · Unit 1 · Unit 1 · Unit 4

Unit 6

Fig. 12

9. Sew (1) Unit 1 strip to the right and to the left side of (1) 6 ½" Fabric A square. Sew together (2) Unit 2 strips end to end. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew (1) newly sewn strip to the top and to the bottom of the Fabric A square to make (1) Unit 7 square (Fig. 13). Repeat to make a second Unit 7 square.
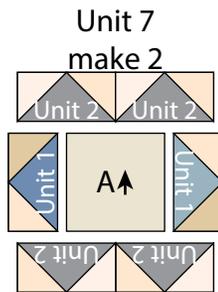
Unit 7
make 2

Unit 2 · Unit 2
Unit 1 · A↑ · Unit 1
Unit 2 · Unit 2

Fig. 13

10. Sew together (2) Unit 1 strips end to end. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew (1) newly sewn strip to the right and to the left side of (1) Unit 7 square. Sew together (1) Unit 2 strip to each end of (1) Unit 1 strip. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew (1) newly sewn strip to the top and to the bottom of the Unit 7 square to make (1) Unit 8 square (Fig. 14). Repeat to make a second Unit 8 square.

Unit 8
make 2

Unit 2 · Unit 1 · Unit 2
Unit 1 · Unit 7 · Unit 1
Unit 2 · Unit 1 · Unit 2
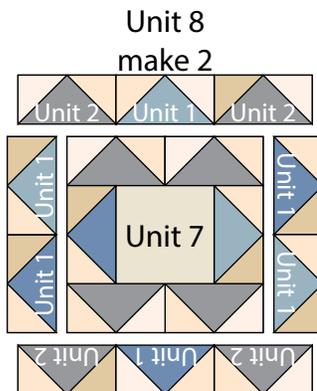
Fig. 14

11. Sew together (3) Unit 1 strips. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew (1) newly sewn strip to the left and to the right side of (1) Unit 8 square. Sew together (1) Unit 2 strip, (2) Unit 1 strips and (1) Unit 2 strip, end to end and in that order from left to right. Sew the newly sewn strip to the top of the Unit 8 square. Sew together (1) Unit 4 strip, (2) Unit 1 strips and (1) Unit 3 strip, end to end and in that order from left to right. Sew the newly sewn strip to the bottom of the Unit 8 square to make (1) 24 ½" Block Two square (Fig. 15).
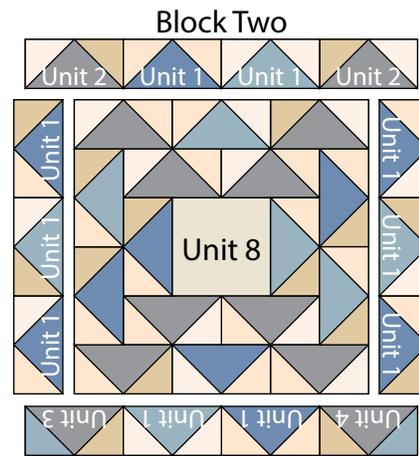
Block Two

Unit 2 · Unit 1 · Unit 1 · Unit 2
Unit 1 · Unit 1
Unit 1 · Unit 8 · Unit 1
Unit 1 · Unit 1
Unit 3 · Unit 1 · Unit 1 · Unit 4

Fig. 15

12. Repeat Step 11 and refer to Figure 16 for component identification, placement and orientation to make (1) Block Four square.
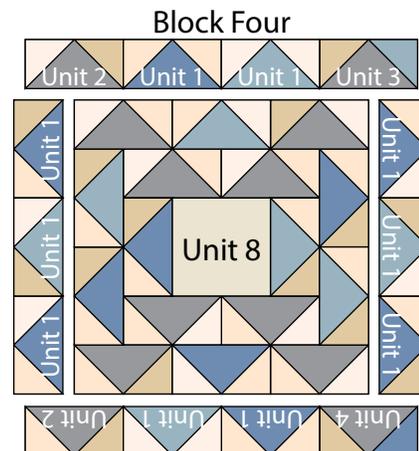
Block Four

Unit 2 · Unit 1 · Unit 1 · Unit 3
Unit 1 · Unit 1
Unit 1 · Unit 8 · Unit 1
Unit 1 · Unit 1
Unit 2 · Unit 1 · Unit 1 · Unit 4

Fig. 16

13. Repeat Step 5-7 and refer to Figures 17-20 for unit identification, placement and orientation to make (1) Block Three square and (1) Block Nine square.
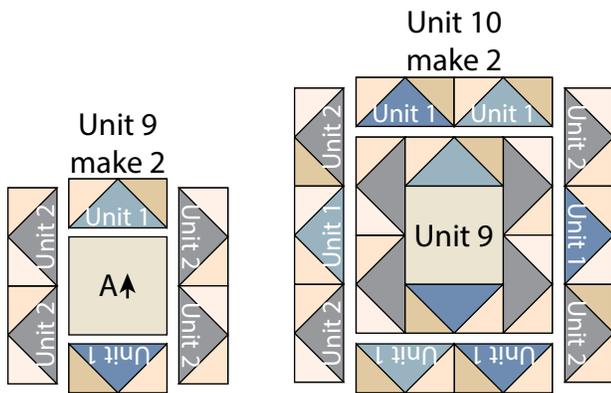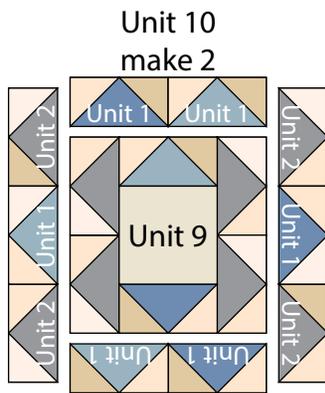
14. Repeat Step 9-11 and refer to Figures 21-24 for unit identification, placement and orientation to make (1) Block Six square and (1) Block Eight square.
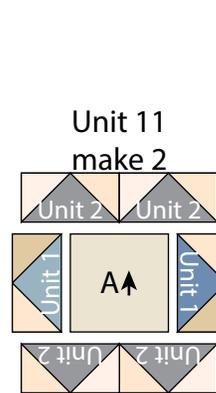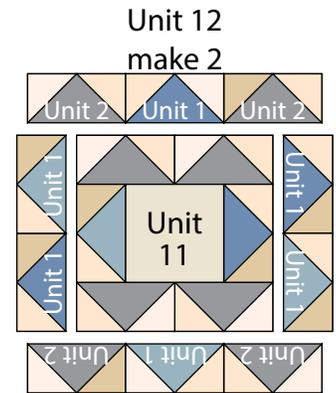
Unit 9
make 2
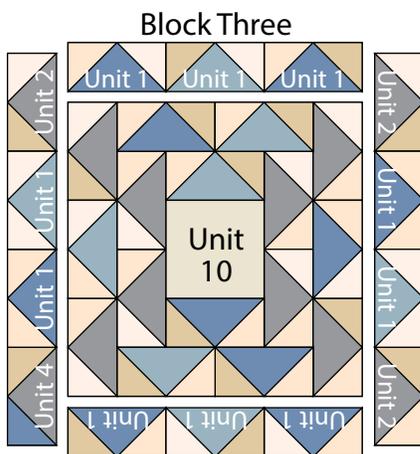
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Fig. 17

Unit 10
make 2

Unit 9

Fig. 18

Unit 11
make 2

A↑

Fig. 21

Unit 12
make 2

Unit 11

Fig. 22

Block Three

Unit 10

Fig. 19

Block Six

Unit 12

Fig. 23

Block Nine

Unit 10

Fig. 20

Block Eight

Unit 12
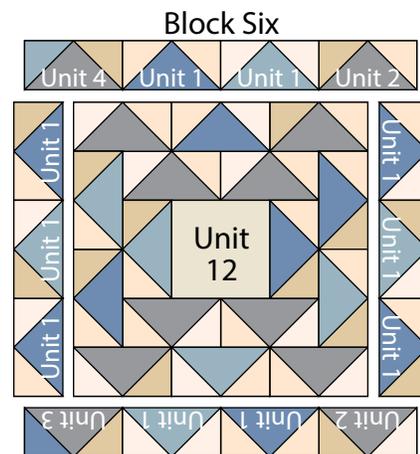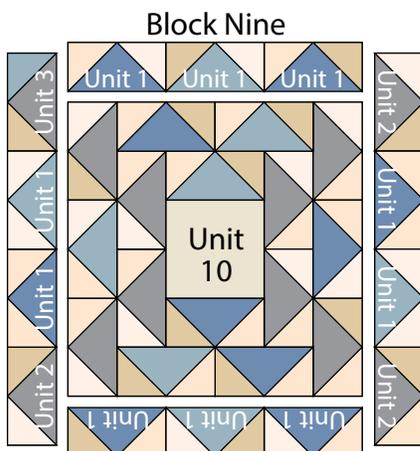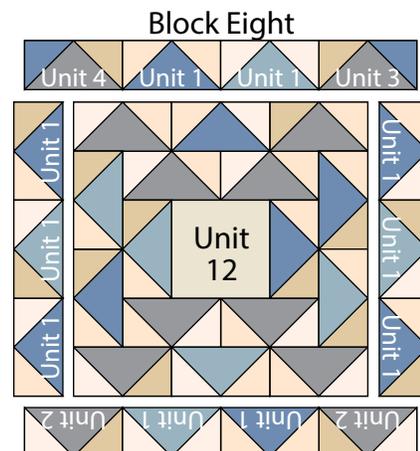
Fig. 24

7. Follow Figure 25 and sew the (9) Block squares into a 3 x 3 matrix to make the 72 ½" x 72 ½" Center Block.
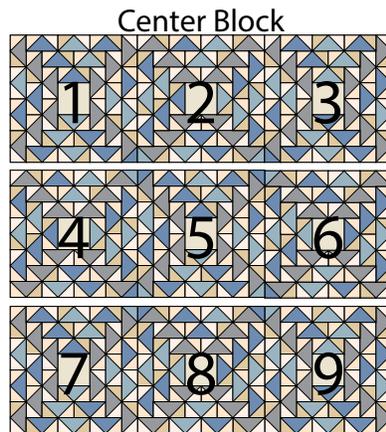
Center Block
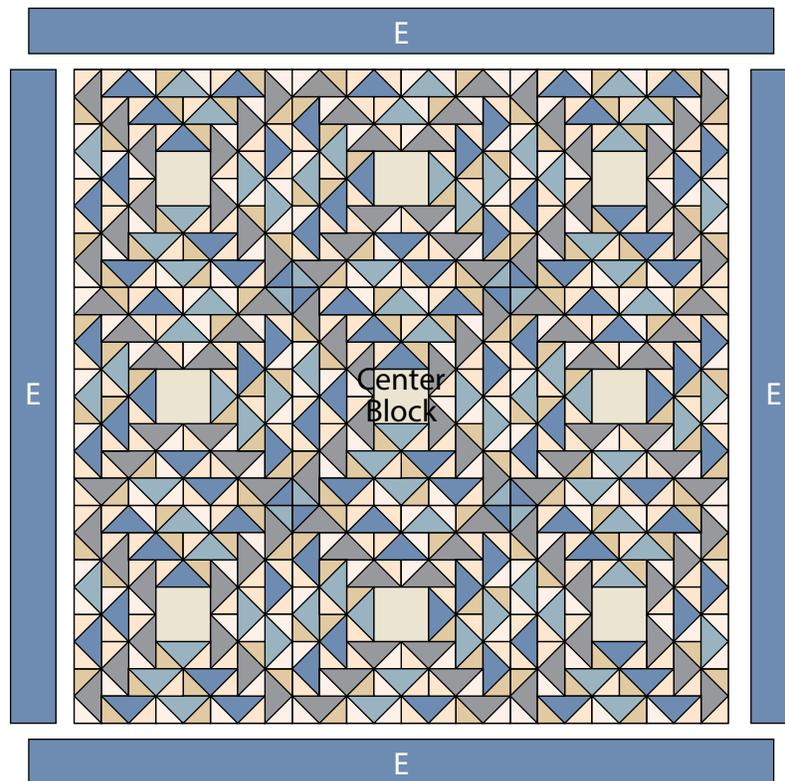

Fig. 25

Quilt Top Assembly
(Follow the Quilt Layout while assembling the quilt top.)
8. Sew (1) 5 ½" x 72 ½" Fabric E strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew (1) 5 ½" x 82 ½" Fabric E strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block to make the quilt top.

9. Layer and quilt as desired.

10. Sew the (9) 2 ½" x WOF Fabric F strips together, end to end with 45-degree seams, to make the binding. Fold this long strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press.

11. Bind as desired.

Quilt Layout