

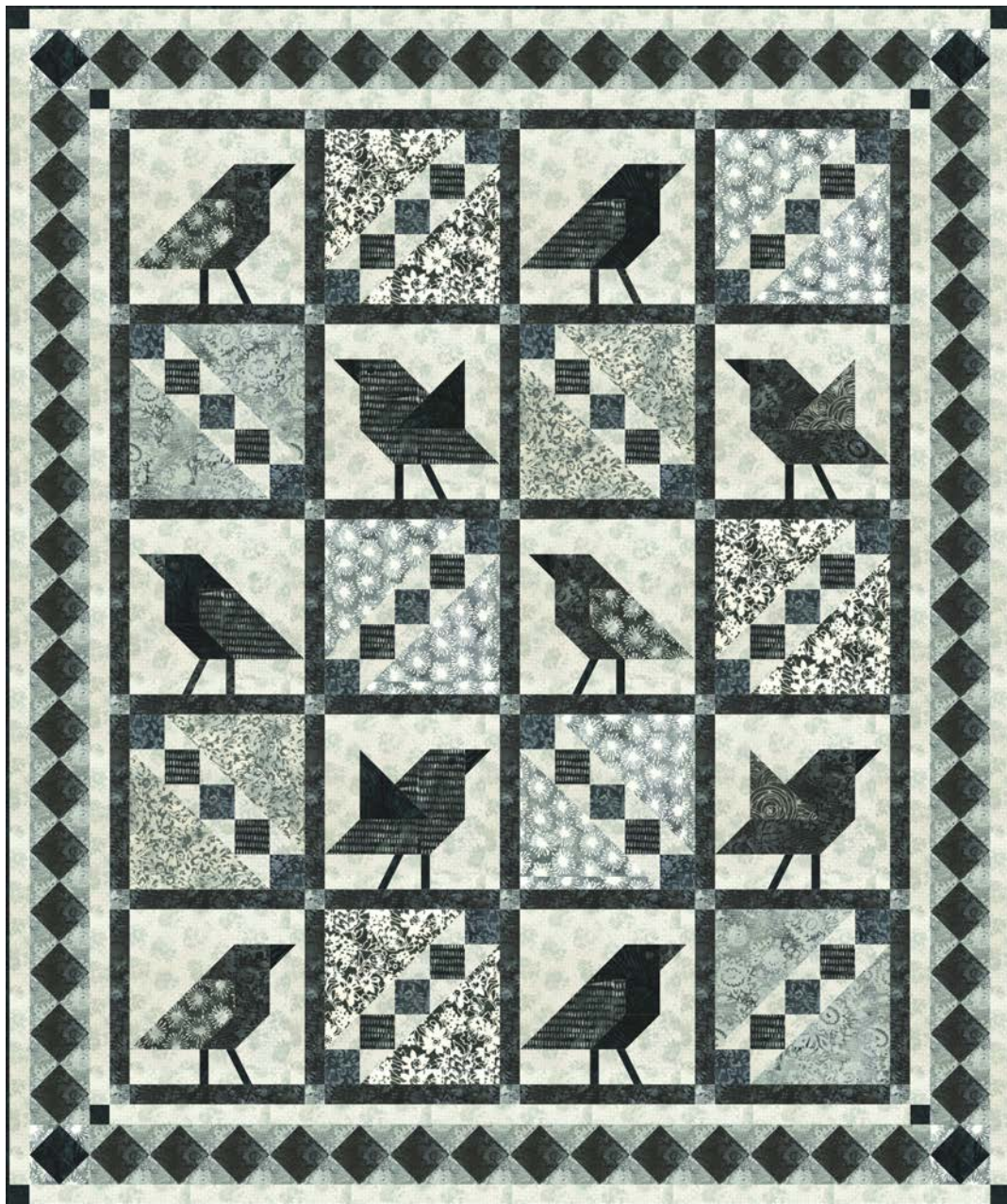
INTERMEDIATE
SKILL

Blackbirds

designed by Marsha Evans Moore
featuring Obsidian fabric collection

SIZE: 50" x 59.75"

FREE BATIK
PROJECT



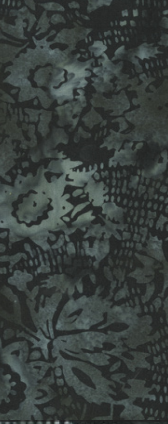





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KEY	FABRIC	SKU	YD	CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS
A		2326Q-X Black	1-1/4	(1) 4" x WOF strip; subcut (3) 4" x 2-1/4" rectangles, (1) Template 7, (1) Template 7 reversed, (1) Template 8 and (1) Template 8 reversed, (2) Template 3, (1) Template 3 reversed, and (3) 2" squares. (11) 1-1/2" x WOF strips; subcut (49) 1-1/2" x 9-1/4" strips. (5) 2-5/8" x WOF strips; subcut (70) 2-5/8" squares. Cut (2) squares in half diagonally once to make (4) triangles.
B		2327Q-X Charcoal	3/8	(1) 4" x WOF strip; subcut (1) Template 7, (1) Template 7 reversed, (1) Template 8 and (1) Template 8 reversed, (2) Template 2, (1) Template 2 reversed, (2) Template 1, (1) Template 1 reversed and (2) 2-1/4" squares. (1) 2-1/4" x WOF strip; subcut (18) 2-1/4" squares.
C		2328Q-X Charcoal	1/4	(1) 2-1/4" x WOF strip; subcut (2) Template 1, (1) Template 1 reversed, (2) Template 2 and (1) Template 2 reversed.
D		2329Q-X Black	1/4	(1) 4-3/8" square, cut diagonally once to make (2) triangles.
E		2330Q-X Storm	1/4	(2) 2-1/4" x WOF strips; subcut (30) 2-1/4" squares.
F		2331Q-X Grey	3/8	(1) 8" x WOF strip; subcut (3) 8" squares and (8) 2-3/8" squares. Cut squares in half diagonally once to make (6) 8" triangles and (16) 2-3/8" triangles.

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KEY	FABRIC	SKU	YD	CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS
G		2332Q-X Grey	7/8	<p>(1) 8" x WOF strip; subcut (2) 8" squares and (5) 4-1/4" squares. Cut 8" squares in half diagonally once to make (4) triangles.</p> <p>(3) 4-1/4" x WOF strips; subcut (24) 4-1/4" squares and (8) 2-3/8" squares. Cut all 4-1/4" squares in half diagonally twice to make (116) triangles. Cut 2-3/8" triangles in half diagonally once to make (16) triangles.</p> <p>(2) 1-1/2" x WOF strips; subcut (30) 1-1/2" squares.</p>
H		2333Q-X Grey	3/8	<p>(1) 8" x WOF strip; subcut (2) 8" squares. Cut 8" squares in half diagonally once to make (4) triangles.</p>
I		2334Q-X Cloud	1-2/3	<p>(1) 6-1/4" x WOF strip; subcut (3) 6-1/4" squares, (2) 3-3/8" squares and (4) 2-5/8" squares. Cut squares in half diagonally once to make (6), (4) and (8) triangles respectively.</p> <p>(3) 2-5/8" x WOF strips; subcut (38) 2-5/8" squares. Cut squares in half diagonally once to make (76) triangles.</p> <p>(8) 2-1/4" x WOF strips; subcut (10) 2-1/4" x 9-1/4" rectangles, (24) 2-1/4" x 4" rectangles, (6) Template 1, (4) Template 1 reversed, (6) Template 4, (4) Template 4 reversed, (6) Template 6 and (4) Template 6 reversed.</p> <p>(11) 1-1/2" x WOF strips; sew ends together. Subcut (2) 1-1/2" x 58-1/4" borders, (2) 1-1/2" x 50-1/4" borders, (2) 1-1/2" x 50-1/2" borders, and (2) 1-1/2" x 40-1/2" borders.</p>
J		2335Q-X Black	3/8	<p>(1) 8" x WOF strip; subcut (3) 8" squares. Cut 8" squares in half diagonally once to make (6) triangles.</p>



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KEY	FABRIC	SKU	YD	CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS
K		2336Q-X Black	3/4	<p>(1) 4-3/8" x WOF strip, subcut (1) 4-3/8" square, (3) 4" x 2-1/4" rectangles, (2) 2-5/8" squares and (7) 2" squares. Cut the 4-3/8" square and 2-5/8" squares in half diagonally once to make (2) and (4) triangles respectively.</p> <p>(1) 2-1/4" x WOF strip; subcut (10) 1" x 2-1/4" strips, (6) Template 5, (4) Template 5 reversed, (2) Template 3, (1) Template 3 reversed.</p> <p>FOR BINDING: (6) 2-1/4" x WOF strips, sew short ends together.</p>

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Thread to match fabrics

Template plastic

Basic sewing supplies

Sewing machine

Rotary cutter, ruler and mat

White marking pencil

BLACKBIRD BLOCK 1

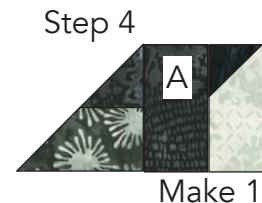
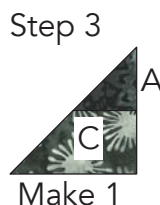
1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (7) **K** 2" squares and (3) **A** 2" squares. Set **A** squares to the side.

2. Place (1) marked **K** 2" square wrong side up on the upper left corner of (1) **I** 2-1/4" x 4" rectangle. Sew along the diagonal line. Trim the fabric 1/4" from stitching as indicated by the solid line. Press the **K** piece open to complete beak unit.

3. Sew (1) **A** 2-5/8" triangle to (1) **C** Template 1 to make upper wing unit.

4. Sew wing unit to side of (1) **A** 2-1/4" x 4" rectangle. Sew beak unit to opposite side. Make 1.

5. Sew (1) **C** Template 2, (1) **A** Template 3 and (1) **I** Template 1 together to make lower bird unit. Make 1.





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6. Sew upper and lower bird units together matching seams. Sew (1) **I** 6-1/4" triangle to diagonal side of bird units.
7. Sew (1) **I** 2-1/4" x 4" rectangle, (1) **K** 1" x 2-1/4" rectangle, (1) **I** Template 4, (1) **K** template 5 and (1) **I** Template 6 together to make leg unit.
8. Sew leg unit to bird unit. Sew (1) **I** 2-1/4" x 9-1/4" strip to top of bird unit. Block should measure 9-1/4" square including seam allowance. Make 2.
9. Following steps 2-8, make Blackbird block 1 using the fabrics indicated. Make 2.

Step 6



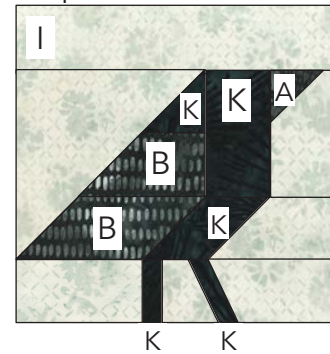
Make 1

Step 8



Make 2

Step 9



Make 2

Step 7

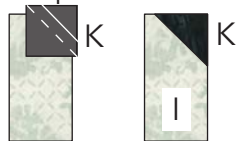


Make 1

10. Place (1) **K** 2" square wrong side up on the upper right corner of (1) **I** 2-1/4" x 4" rectangle. Sew along the diagonal line. Trim the fabric 1/4" from stitching as indicated by the solid line. Press the **K** piece open to complete beak unit.

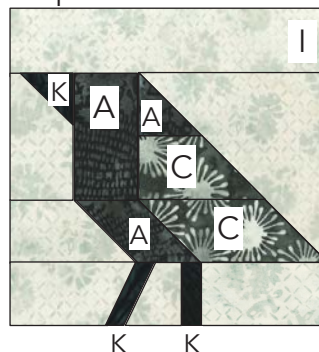
11. Following steps 3-8, make reversed Blackbird Block 1, using reversed Templates 1-6 and the fabrics indicated.

Step 10

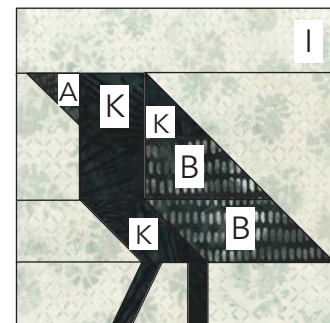


Make 1

Step 11



Make 1



Make 1



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BLACKBIRD BLOCK 2

12. Following step 2, make beak unit. Make 1.

13. Sew (1) **I** 3-3/8" triangle to (1) **B** Template 7. Sew (1) **K** 4-3/8" triangle to diagonal edge.

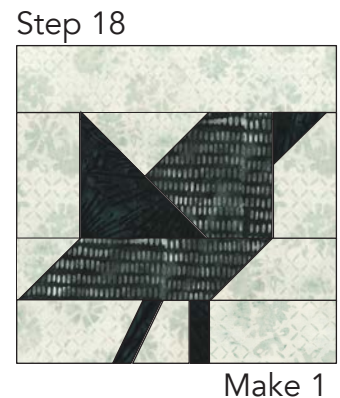
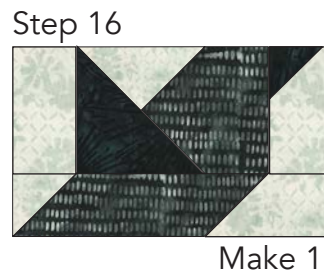
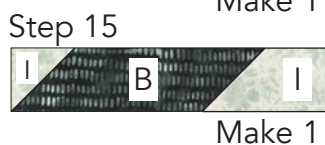
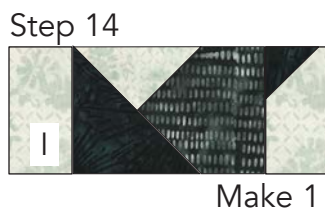
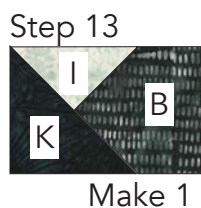
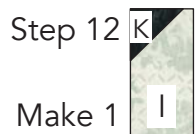
14. Sew (1) **I** 2-1/4" x 4" rectangles to left side and beak unit to right side to make upper bird unit. Make 1.

15. Sew (1) **I** 2-5/8" triangle to end of (1) **B** Template 8. Sew (1) **I** Template 1 to opposite end to make lower bird unit. Make 1.

16. Sew upper and lower bird units together matching seams. Make 1.

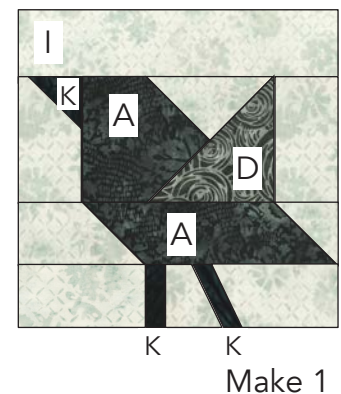
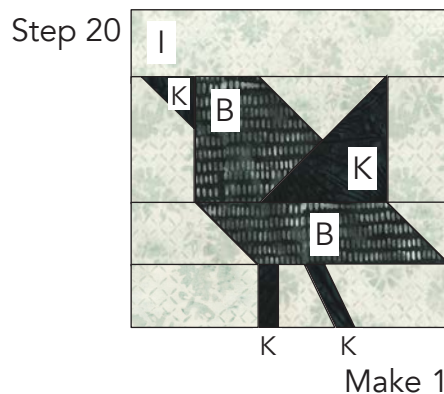
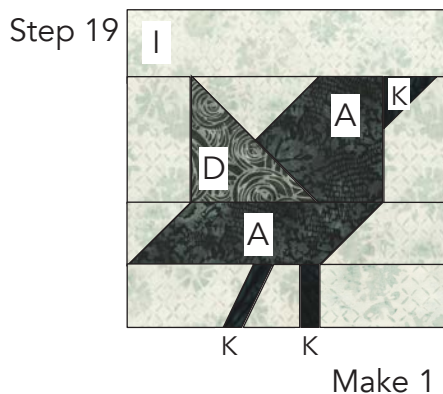
17. Sew (1) **I** Template 6 reversed, (1) **K** template 5 reversed, (1) **I** Template 4 reversed, (1) **K** 1" x 2-1/4" rectangle and (1) **I** 2-1/4" x 4" rectangle together to make leg unit. Make 1.

18. Sew leg unit to bird unit. Sew (1) **I** 2-1/4" x 9-1/4" strip to top of bird unit. Block should measure 9-1/4" square including seam allowance. Make 1.



19. Following steps 2-8, make Blackbird block 2 using the fabrics indicated. Make 1.

20. Following steps 3-8, make reversed Blackbird Block 1, using Templates 1 reversed, Templates 4, 5, 6 and Templates 7 and 8 reversed using the fabrics indicated.





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PATCHWORK BLOCK

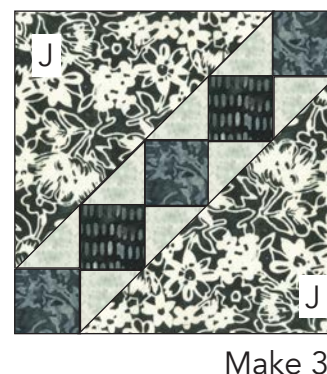
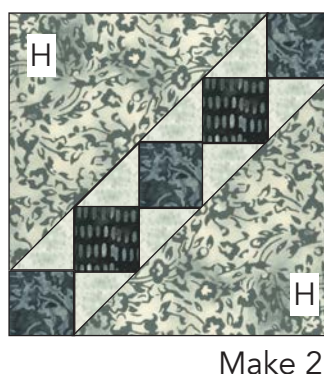
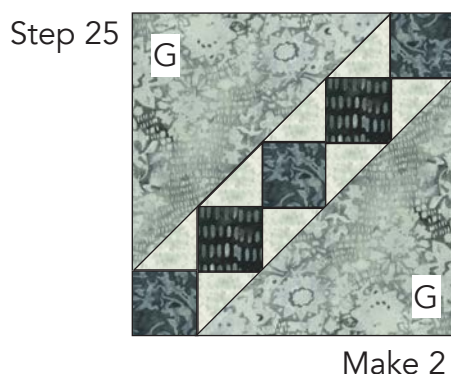
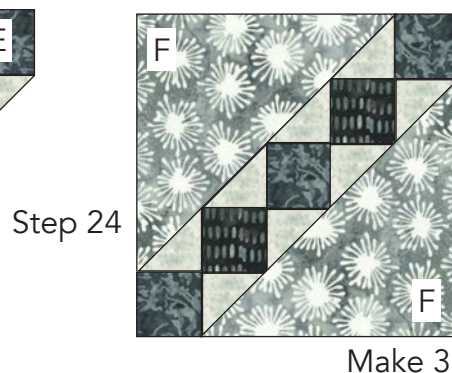
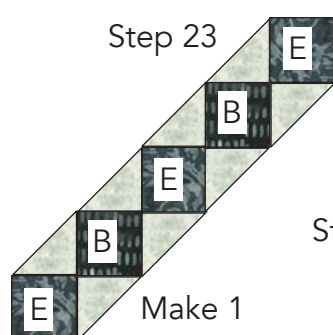
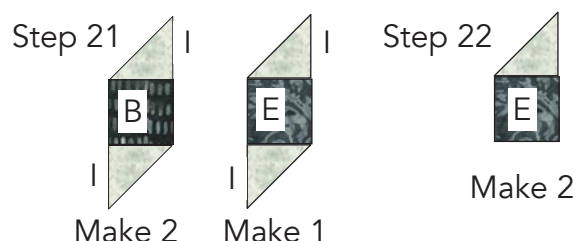
21. Sew (2) **I** 2-5/8" triangles to opposite sides of (1) **B** 2-1/4" square noting orientation of triangles. Make 2. Sew (2) **I** 2-5/8" triangles to opposite sides of (1) **E** 2-1/4" square. Make 1.

22. Sew (1) **I** 2-5/8" triangle to one side of (1) **E** 2-1/4" square. Make 2.

23. Arrange the triangle square units alternating **E** and **B** squares. Sew them together matching the seams to make (1) patchwork unit. Make 1.

24. Sew (2) **F** 8" triangles to opposite sides of patchwork unit to make a square. Square up to 9-1/4". Make 2.

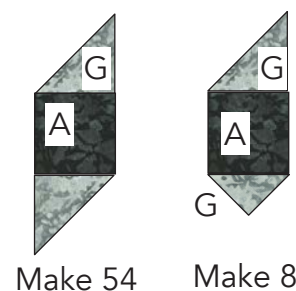
25. Following steps 21-24, make patchwork blocks using **G**, **H** and **J** 8" squares. Make the number indicated.



PATCHWORK BORDER

26. Sew (2) **G** 4-1/4" triangles to opposite sides of (1) **A** 2-5/8" square noting orientation of triangles to make center border units. Make 54.

27. Sew (1) **G** 4-1/4" triangle to one side of (1) **A** 2-3/8" square. Sew (1) **G** 2-3/8" triangle to opposite side of square to make end border units. Make 8.





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28. Sew (12) center border units together matching seams. Sew (2) end border units to ends noting orientation of units. Sew (2) **G** 2-3/8" triangles to corners of top and bottom borders. Borders should measure 3-1/2" x 42-1/2" including seam allowance. Make 2.

29. Sew (15) center border units together matching seams. Sew (2) end border units to ends noting orientation of units and using a scant 1/4" seam allowance. Sew (2) **G** 2-3/8" triangles to corners of side borders. Borders should measure 3-1/2" x 52-1/4" including seam allowance. Make 2.



30. Sew (1) **F** 2-3/8" triangle to each side of (1) **A** 2-5/8" square to make a corner block. Make 4.



QUILT CENTER ASSEMBLY

31. Following the Quilt Layout on page 8, arrange (2) blackbird blocks alternating with (2) patchwork blocks in (5) rows of (4) blocks each. Note orientation of blocks and fabric positions. Sew together (5) **A** 1-1/2" x 9-1/4" strips alternating with (4) blocks to make the block rows. Make 5.

32. Sew together (5) **G** 1-1/2" squares alternating with (4) **A** 1-1/2" x 9-1/4" strips to make the sashing rows. Make 6.

33. Sew (6) sashing rows alternating with (5) block rows, matching the seams.

BORDERS

34. Sew (2) **I** 1-1/2" x 50-1/4" borders to sides of quilt. Sew (2) **K** 1-1/2" squares to ends of (2) **I** 1-1/2" x 40-1/2" borders. Sew to top and bottom of quilt. Ease to fit as needed.

35. Sew (1) side patchwork border to each side of quilt. Sew (2) corner blocks to ends of (2) top and bottom borders. Sew to top and bottom of quilt. Ease to fit as needed.

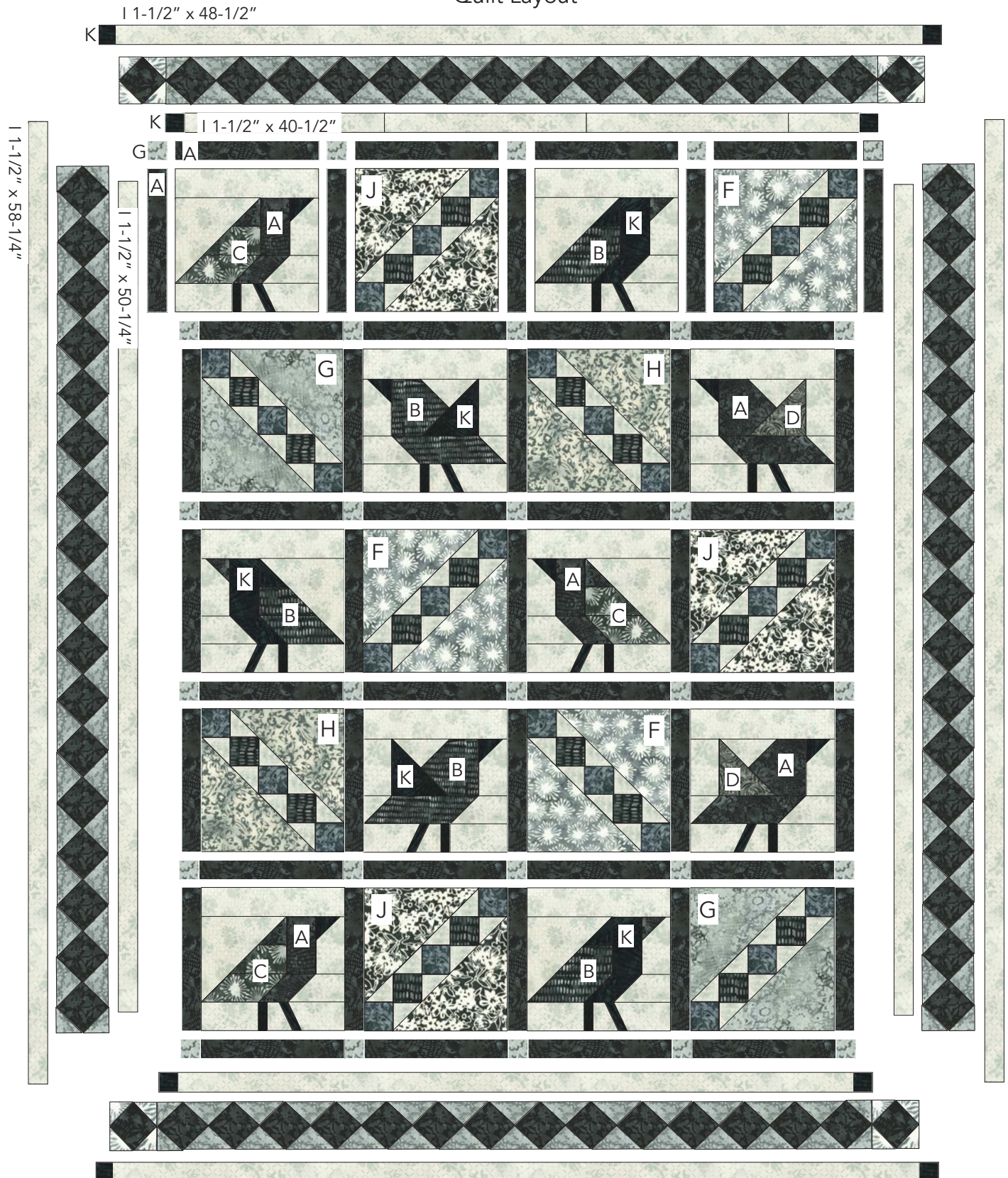
36. Sew (1) **I** 1-1/2" x 58-1/4" border to each side of quilt. Sew (2) **K** 1-1/2" squares to ends of (2) **I** 1-1/2" x 50-1/2" borders. Sew to top and bottom of quilt.

FINISHING: Layer quilt top, batting and backing together to form quilt sandwich. Baste and quilt as desired. Bind using (6) **K** 2-1/4" strips.



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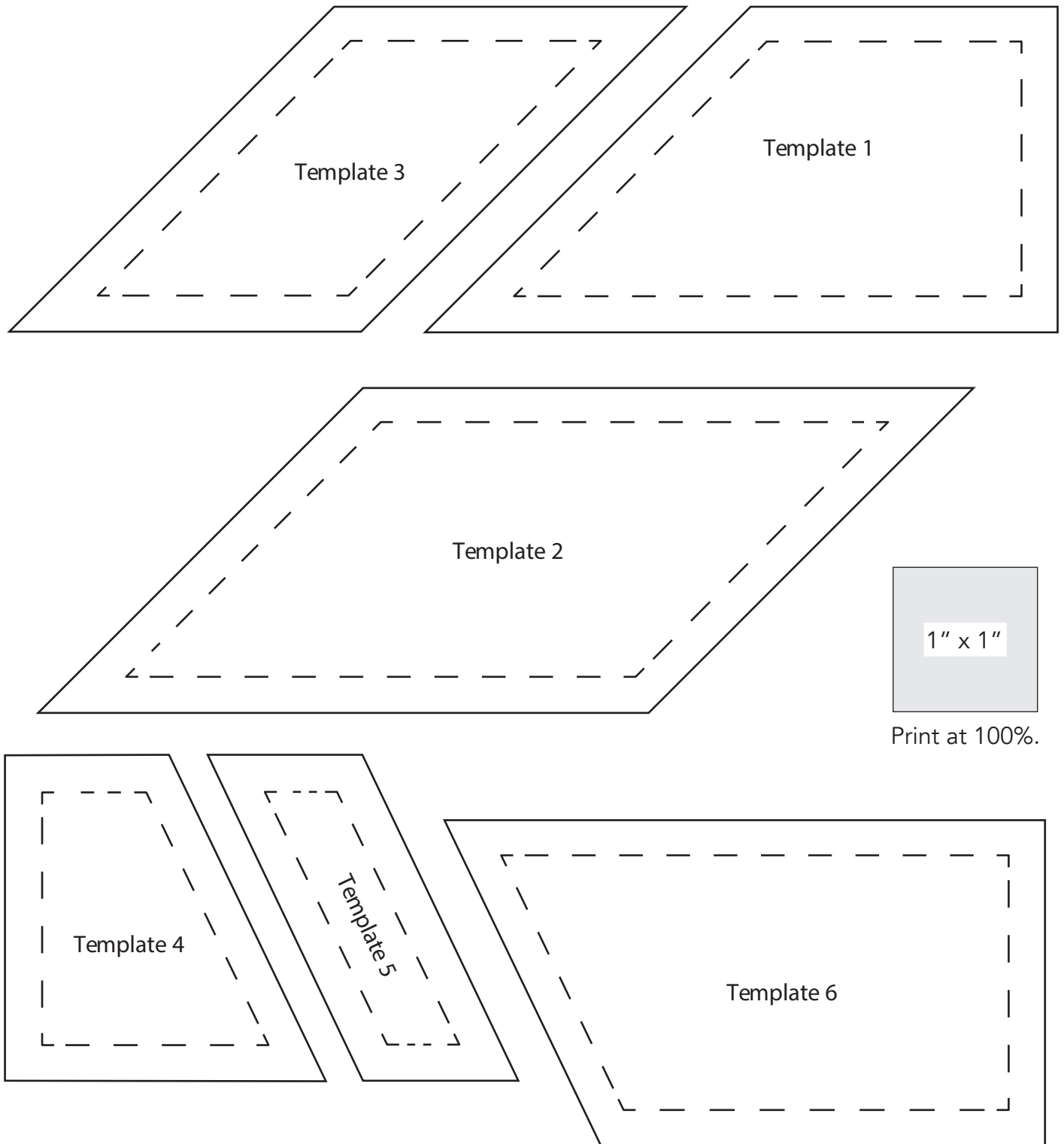
Quilt Layout





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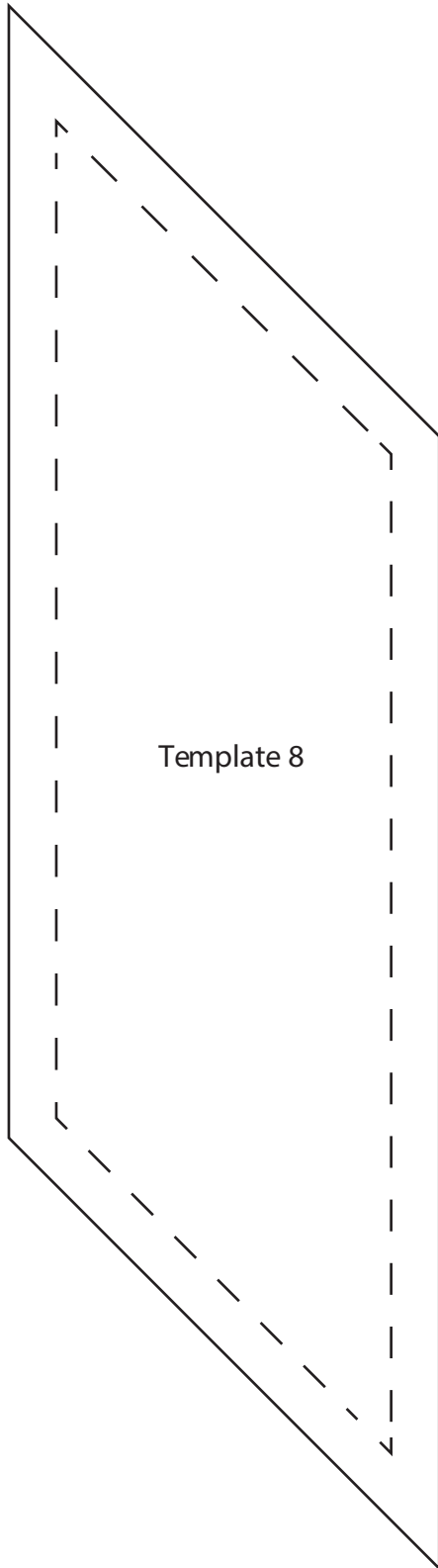
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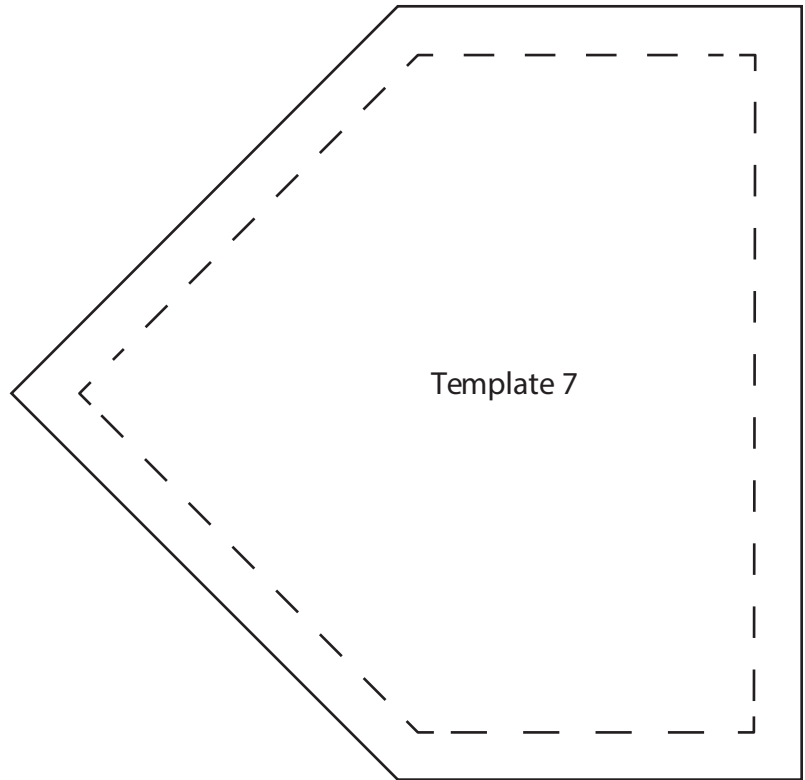


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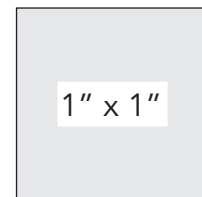
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Template 8



Template 7



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