

THE  
**SECRET**  
LIFE OF SQUIRRELS  
by Nancy Rose

# Nut Case



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### *Fabrics: Multicolor border version*

Pale Grey Panel Y3777-137  
 Sashing: White Solid AMB-1  
 Cornerstones: Light Olive Impressions Moiré Y1323-23\*  
 Cornerstones: Pale Taupe Solid AMB-138\*  
 Inner Border: Light Olive Acorns Y3781-23  
 Outer border: Multi Bright Collage Y3778-56  
 Binding: Red Solid AMB-82  
 Suggested Backing: Pale Grey Toile Y3779-137

### *Fabrics: Khaki border version*

Cream Panel Y3777-57  
 Sashing: Light Cream Solid AMB-2  
 Cornerstones: Light Caramel Peanuts Y3782-64\*  
 Cornerstones: Mist Gray Impressions Moiré Y1323-116\*  
 Inner Border: Light Olive Impressions Moiré Y1323-23  
 Outer border: Pale Khaki Squirrels Y3780-139  
 Binding: Light Denim Solid AMB-87  
 Suggested Backing: Multicolor Collage Y3778-55

1 yard  
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 ¾ yard  
 ⅝ yard  
 3 yards

A rotary mat, cutter and ruler are recommended for this project.



# NUT CASE featuring THE SECRET LIFE OF SQUIRRELS by Clothworks

*By DKC - Debbie Kay Creations*

Thank you for choosing this pattern! I work very hard to ensure my patterns are straightforward and easy to follow. That being said, please read through all of the instructions before beginning. The *Notes* provided will help keep your quilt square and “waffle” free. You will love the results and your long-arm quilter will appreciate the extra effort!

*Note: When fabric is wrapped on a bolt it stretches and twists to some extent. To square up panels, spray with water (spray bottle) then fold in half and match up the corners of the panel picture, pin. Keeping the sides of the picture even, pin all three edges. Press carefully until dry. Leave pinned until cool. Repeat if necessary. Trim to appropriate size.*

## Step 1, Cutting (WOF is width of fabric/selvage to selvage):

- Using a sharp rotary cutter, trim each panel picture to 6 ½” wide x 6 ½” long.
- White/cream: cut 5 - 6 ½” x WOF strips, sub-cut into 71 - 6 ½” x 2 ½” strips (sashing)
- Cornerstones: cut 29 - 2 ½” x 2 ½” squares from each cornerstone fabric (58 total)
- Inner border: cut 6 - 1” x WOF strips
- Outer Border: cut 6 - 4 ½” x WOF strips

## Step 2, Assembling the Quilt Center:

First plan how you will arrange the picture blocks, or follow the image provided.

Using a scant ¼” seam allowance, sew a sashing strip to the right hand side of the 6 ½” blocks (make sure the blocks are facing upright so the animals aren’t standing on their heads). Repeat for the remaining 29 blocks. Press ALL seams toward the blocks.

Sew another sashing strip to left side of the “Secret Life of Squirrels” block.

Beginning with the same block, sew the next block to the right side, then the remaining blocks for the row. (Still pressing seams to the blocks.)





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To begin the next row, sew another sashing strip to left side of the leftmost block.

Beginning with that same block, sew the remaining four blocks end to end.



Sew each remaining row the same way for a total of 6 rows.



Now add the sashing strips with cornerstones:

Sew a 2 1/2" colored square to the short right hand side of a 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" sashing strip. Press ALL seams toward the colored squares (cornerstones).



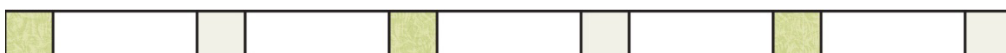
Repeat to make 35 strip sets, 18 with the darker cornerstone fabric and 17 with the lighter cornerstone fabric.



Sew another colored square to the left side of one of the strip sets, choosing the opposite color already used in the set.



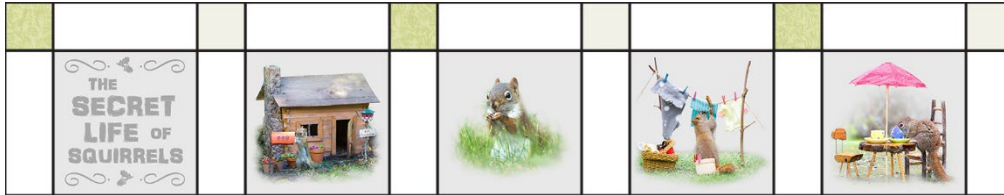
Now to the right side of the same larger strip set, sew an additional 4 strip sets end to end, making a full row of sashing (make sure to alternate the colors as you go along). Repeat to make an additional 6 sashing rows.





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Sew a sashing row to the top of the “Secret Life of Squirrels” row (the top row of the quilt center). Nest your seams so the colored blocks are on top of the sashing strips. Pin or clip at each seam to keep your rows even. Press the seam toward the block row.



Repeat this process with the remaining 5 rows, alternating the first cornerstone color. On the final row, sew an additional sashing row to the bottom of the blocks, again keeping the colored squares lined up with the sashing strips.



Sew the rows together, (continue pinning/clipping to keep the rows straight) one on top of the other.



## Step 3, Borders:

Sew three inner border fabric 1” x WOF strips end to end. Measure each side and the middle of your quilt (should be about 50 ½”). Use the average measurement for the length of your side borders. Cut two strips to that length. Sew the strips down each side of the quilt center, press seams toward the inner border.

Sew three 1” x WOF strips end to end. Measure across the middle of your quilt from side to side and double check it against the top & bottom measurements. They should be about 44”. Sub-cut two strips to that length and sew to the top & bottom of the quilt center, again, press toward the inner border.



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Use 8 squares of each cornerstone fabric to make the border cornerstones (4-patches). Using one of each color, sew two 2 ½" squares side by side, repeat. Place one set of squares face down on top of the other and sew down the long side, nesting seams in the middle. Press well. Repeat to make an additional three 4-patches.



Sew three outer border strips end to end (sides), repeat (top & bottom). If using directional fabric make sure strips are sewn together facing the same way.

Cut the side borders (2) to the same length as the inner border + 1 ½" (about 52"). Sew the strips down each side of the quilt, press seams toward the outer border.

Cut the top and bottom borders to the same length as the inner border (about 44"). Sew a 4-patch block to each end of both strips. Press seams away from the 4-patches.



Sew the strips to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press seams toward the quilt center.

**Quilt and bind as desired!**



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