

Strawberry Shortcake

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Fabric courtesy of Windham Fabrics



Cake Stand blocks were used to create a quilt that looks
good enough to have for dessert!

Skill level: Intermediate

Block size sewn into quilt: 8" x 8"

Number of blocks: 25 (12 Block A, 4
Block B, 9 setting)

Finished quilt size: 59" x 59"

MATERIALS

Ordering information: Yardage is based on 42" wide useable fabric from *Windham Fabrics'* Strawberry Picnic collection designed by Whistler Studios. Fabric to make the quilt top only (includes binding) is available for \$79.99 (plus \$13.99 s&h within continental U.S., \$2.35 extra for certain rural locations; outside U.S., call for rates; Massachusetts residents add 6.25% sales tax) from Heartbeat Quilts, 765 Main St., Hyannis, MA 02601, while supplies last. Phone (800) 393-8050 or (508) 771-0011 or visit www.heartbeatquilts.com.

- 1/3 yd. of white strawberry print (No. 31966-3)
- 1/2 yd. of green crosshatch (No. 31972-4)
- 5/8 yd. of light blue print (No. 31969-1)
- 7/8 yd. of yellow print (No. 31969-2)
- 7/8 yd. of blue strawberry check (No. 31968-1)
- 1 yd. of red crosshatch (No. 31972-3, includes binding)
- 1 1/4 yds. of dark blue floral (No. 31970-1)
- 65" x 65" piece of backing fabric
- 65" x 65" piece of batting
- Thread in colors to match fabrics
- Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
- Basic sewing supplies

CUTTING DIRECTIONS

Note: Cut all strips horizontally from selvage to selvage.

From the white strawberry print fabric, cut:

One 4 7/8" x 42" strip; recut into eight 4 7/8" squares, then cut diagonally in half *once* (for Blocks A and B)

From the green crosshatch fabric, cut:

One 4 7/8" x 42" strip; recut into six 4 7/8" squares, then cut diagonally in half *once* (for Block A)

Three 2 7/8" x 42" strips; recut into thirty-six 2 7/8" squares (for Block A)

From the light blue print fabric, cut:

One 12 5/8" x 42" strip; recut into three 12 5/8" squares, then cut diagonally in half *twice* (for setting triangles)

One 6 5/8" x 42" strip; recut into two 6 5/8" squares, then cut diagonally in half *once* (for corner triangles)

From the yellow print fabric, cut:

One 4 7/8" x 42" strip; recut into eight 4 7/8" squares, then cut diagonally in half *once* (for Blocks A and B)

Two 4 1/2" x 42" strips; recut into thirty-two 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" pieces (for Blocks A and B)

Three 2 7/8" x 42" strips; recut into thirty-two 2 7/8" squares (for Blocks A and B)

One 2 1/2" x 42" strip; recut into sixteen 2 1/2" squares (for Blocks A and B)

From the blue strawberry check fabric, cut:

Three 8 1/2" x 42" strips; recut into nine 8 1/2" squares (for setting blocks)

From the red crosshatch fabric, cut:

One 4 7/8" x 42" strip; recut into two 4 7/8" squares, then cut diagonally in half *once* (for Block B)

One 2 7/8" x 42" strip; recut into twelve 2 7/8" squares (for Block B)

Six 2 1/2" x 42" strips (for binding)

Five 1 1/4" x 42" strips (for inner border)

From the dark blue floral fabric, cut:

Six 6 1/2" x 42" strips (for outer border)

DIRECTIONS

Note: Use a 1/4" seam allowance throughout. Sew all pieces with right sides together and raw edges even, using matching thread. Press seams toward the darker fabric after adding each piece or as indicated.

Block A Assembly

1. Block center. Referring to **Diagram 1** and using 4 7/8" half-square triangles, sew a white strawberry print triangle to a green crosshatch triangle. Square up the unit to measure 4 1/2" x 4 1/2".



Diagram 1

2. Top sections. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of a $2\frac{7}{8}$ " yellow print square. Place the marked square right sides together with a $2\frac{7}{8}$ " green cross-hatch square as shown in **Diagram 2**. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from each side of the drawn line, then cut apart on the line and trim even to yield two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " half-square triangle units. Make a total of four units. Following **Diagram 3**, sew the units together in pairs to make two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " sections.

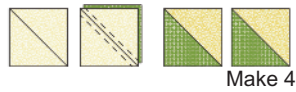


Diagram 2

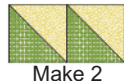


Diagram 3

3. Base units. Cut one $2\frac{7}{8}$ " green crosshatch square diagonally in half. Referring to **Diagram 4** and using two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " yellow print pieces, stitch a green triangle to one end of each piece to make one unit (A) and one reverse unit (Ar).

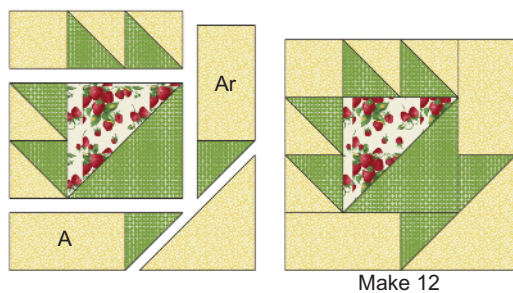


Diagram 4

4. Following the **Block A Diagrams** and noting orientation, sew one top section to the left side of the block center. Stitch a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " yellow print square to one end of the remaining top section, then sew to the top of the block center. Stitch unit A to the bottom and unit Ar to the right side. (**Note:** Triangle tips should overlap $\frac{1}{4}$ " for seam allowance.) Sew a $4\frac{7}{8}$ " yellow half-square triangle to the lower right corner. Press seam toward the yellow triangle. Square up the block to measure $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".

5. Repeat steps 1 through 4 to make a total of 12 blocks.

Block B Assembly

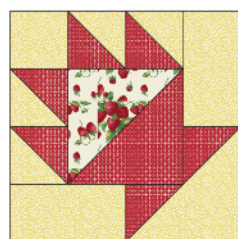


Block A Diagrams

1. Repeat steps 1 through 4 of the Block A Assembly, only substituting corresponding red crosshatch pieces for green crosshatch pieces (see the **Block B Diagram**). Make a total of four $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks.

Quilt Assembly and Finishing

Note: Refer to the **Quilt Layout Diagram** for steps 1 through 3. Measure your quilt top before cutting the border strips. If your measurements are different from those



Make 4

Block B Diagram



Quilt Layout Diagram

given, adjust your strip lengths accordingly. Press all border seams away from the quilt center after adding each strip.

1. Noting placement and orientation, sew Blocks A, B, and the $8\frac{1}{2}$ " blue strawberry check squares together into seven diagonal rows. Stitch a light blue print quarter-square triangle to each end of all but the center row. Press row seams toward the setting squares and triangles. Sew the rows together, matching all seams. Stitch a light blue print half-square triangle to each corner of the quilt center. Trim the quilt top evenly all the way around, leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ " past the block corners for seam allowance. The quilt center should measure 46 " x 46 ".

2. Inner border. Sew five $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x 42 " red crosshatch strips short ends (or diagonally) together to make one long strip. Press seams open. Cut two 46 " lengths and two $47\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths. Stitch the shorter strips to the top and bottom of the quilt center and the longer strips to the sides.

3. Outer border. Sew the six $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42 " dark blue floral strips short ends (or diagonally) together to make one long strip. Cut two $47\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths and two $59\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths. Stitch the shorter strips to the top and bottom of the quilt top and the longer strips to the sides.

4. Layer the quilt top right side up on top of the batting and the wrong side of the backing. Baste the layers together and quilt in the ditch or as desired. Trim backing and batting even with the quilt top.

5. Bind as desired using the six $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42 " red crosshatch strips. (See *Quilting Basics* for help.) ❖