

Mother's Dream

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FINISHED QUILT SIZE: 76½" x 94½"

FINISHED BLOCK SIZE: 18" x 18"



The Mother's Dream block combines two common quilt units—the Diamond-in-the-Square and Half-Square Triangles (HSTs) to create a dynamic look. Pair the angular blocks with some soft, curvy quilting, and you've got a quilt that will make Mom proud!

Michael Miller provided fabric for the backing and binding of this quilt. The backing fabric is Retro Daisies from the Ups-a-Daisy collection (sku CX10439-YELL-D), and the binding is Navigation Stripe from the Explorer collection (sku DDC10164-MULT-D).

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Read through entire pattern before beginning project. Use $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances with fabric right sides together. Pressing arrows are included with diagrams. Basic quilting supplies are assumed. Fabric requirements include extra yardage for shrinkage and insurance. If working with directional prints, you may want to purchase more fabric than called for. Pattern is based on a vintage quilt and has been simplified as needed for ease of construction and may differ slightly from original.

WOF = width of fabric

HST = half-square triangle

LOF = length of fabric

FABRIC:

Fabric A: $1\frac{1}{4}$ yard total assorted polka dot prints for blocks

Fabric B: 3 yards total assorted stripe and gingham prints for blocks

Fabric C: $4\frac{1}{4}$ yards total assorted floral prints for blocks

Fabric D: $\frac{3}{4}$ yard total assorted solids for blocks

Fabric E: $\frac{2}{3}$ yard solid red for blocks and cornerstones

Fabric F: $1\frac{1}{3}$ yards solid green for blocks and border

Fabric G: $\frac{2}{3}$ yard multicolor stripe for binding

Backing: $6\frac{3}{8}$ yards (for 44/45"-wide) or 3 yards (for 108"-wide)

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES:

Batting: 86" x 104" piece

Marking pencil

CUTTING:

From Fabric A, cut:

- (5) $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strips. Cut strips into:
 - 5 sets of (5) $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares.
- (3) 3" x WOF strips. Cut strips into:
 - 3 sets of (12) 3" x 3" squares.

From Fabric B, cut:

- (5) $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strips. Cut strips into:
 - 5 sets of (5) $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares
- (10) $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x WOF strips. Cut strips into:
 - 10 sets of (10) $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares. Cut squares in half diagonally to make 10 sets of 20 HSTs.
- (11) 3" x WOF strips. Cut strips into:
 - 11 sets of (12) 3" x 3" squares

From Fabric C, cut:

- (10) $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strips. Cut strips into:
 - 10 sets of (5) $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares
- (10) $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x WOF strips. Cut strips into:
 - 10 sets of (10) $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares. Cut squares in half diagonally to make 10 sets of 20 HSTs.
- (18) 3" x WOF strips. Cut strips into:
 - 18 sets of (12) 3" x 3" squares

From Fabric D, cut:

- (8) 3" x WOF strips. Cut strips into:
 - 8 sets of (12) 3" x 3" squares

From Fabric E, cut:

- (8) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Cut strips into:
 - (40) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles
 - (4) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for border posts

From Fabric F, cut:

- (16) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Set 9 strips aside for borders. Cut 7 strips into:
 - (40) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

From Fabric G, cut:

- (9) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips for binding

From Backing for 44/45"-wide, cut:

- (2) 104" by WOF lengths
- (3) 6" x WOF strips



QUILT STREET TIP: *We suggest using a design wall to arrange the assorted print blocks into a pleasing arrangement prior to assembly. Alternating blocks with red bars or green bars helps create balance.*

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BLOCK ASSEMBLY:

1 Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew (2) **Fabric B** HSTs to opposite sides of a **Fabric A** $4\frac{3}{4}$ " square. Sew (2) matching **Fabric B** HSTs to remaining sides of **Fabric A** square to make **Diamond-in-the-Square Unit**. Make set of 5.

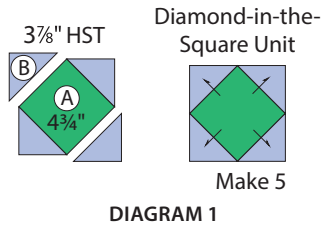


DIAGRAM 1

2 Referring to **Diagram 2**, draw a diagonal line on wrong side of (12) **Fabric B** 3" squares. Place (1) **Fabric B** marked square over **Fabric C** 3" square. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on each side of drawn line. Cut in half on drawn line and press to make (2) **HST Units**. Trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " each. Make set of 24.

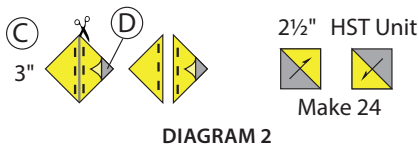


DIAGRAM 2

3 Paying attention to orientation, lay out (6) **HST Units** and (1) **Fabric E** $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle, as shown in **Diagram 3**. Sew **HST Units** into rows. Sew rows together to make **Side Unit**. Make set of 4.

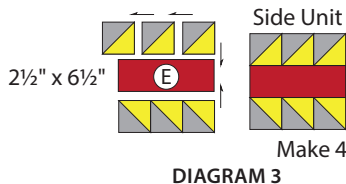


DIAGRAM 3

4 Paying attention to orientation, lay out (5) **Diamond-in-the-Square Units** and (4) **Side Units** as shown in **Diagram 4**. Sew together into rows. Sew rows together to make **Mother's Dream Block**. Make 20 blocks, using different combinations of **Fabric A/B/C** $4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares, **Fabric B/C** HSTs, **Fabric B/C/D** 3" squares, and **Fabric E/F** rectangles as desired.

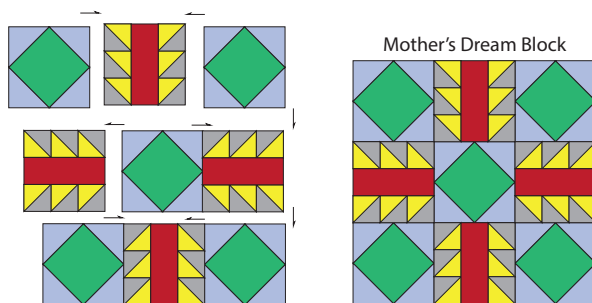


DIAGRAM 4

QUILT ASSEMBLY:

1 Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, lay out (20) **Mother's Dream Blocks** in 5 horizontal rows. Sew blocks together into rows. Sew rows together to complete **Quilt Center**.

2 Piecing end to end, sew together (9) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF **Fabric F** border strips to make one long strip. Cut strip into (2) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $90\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths. Referring to **Border Assembly Diagram**, sew lengths to each side of quilt top. Press toward borders. From remaining **Fabric F** strip, cut (2) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $72\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths. Sew (1) **Fabric E** $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square to each end of both **Fabric F** strips. Sew strips to top and bottom to complete **Mother's Dream Quilt Top**.

FINISHING:

1 Trim selvage edges from (2) 104" x WOF backing pieces. Sew (3) 6" x WOF strips together end to end. Trim to 104" long. Place 6"-wide piece between (2) 104" x WOF pieces and sew together along LOF; press seams to one side.

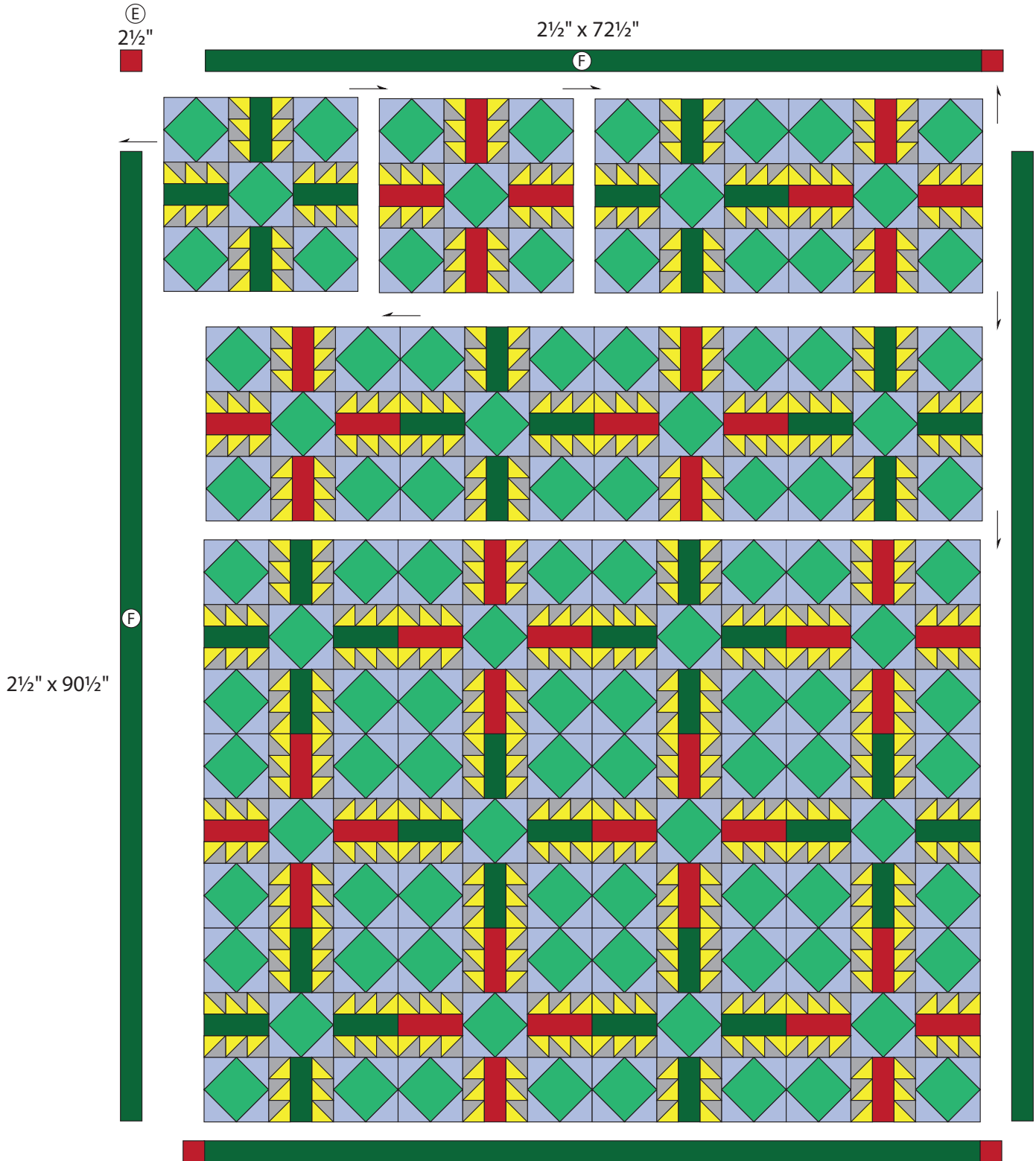
2 Center and layer backing, batting, and quilt top together to make quilt sandwich; baste layers together and quilt as desired.

3 Trim batting and backing even with quilt top.

4 Using diagonal seams, make **Fabric G** binding from (9) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Fold binding in half lengthwise, matching wrong sides; press length. Sew binding to quilt top and miter corners; join binding ends as desired. Press binding away from quilt top and fold over quilt's edge to back of quilt. Hand-stitch binding in place to finish.



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QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM