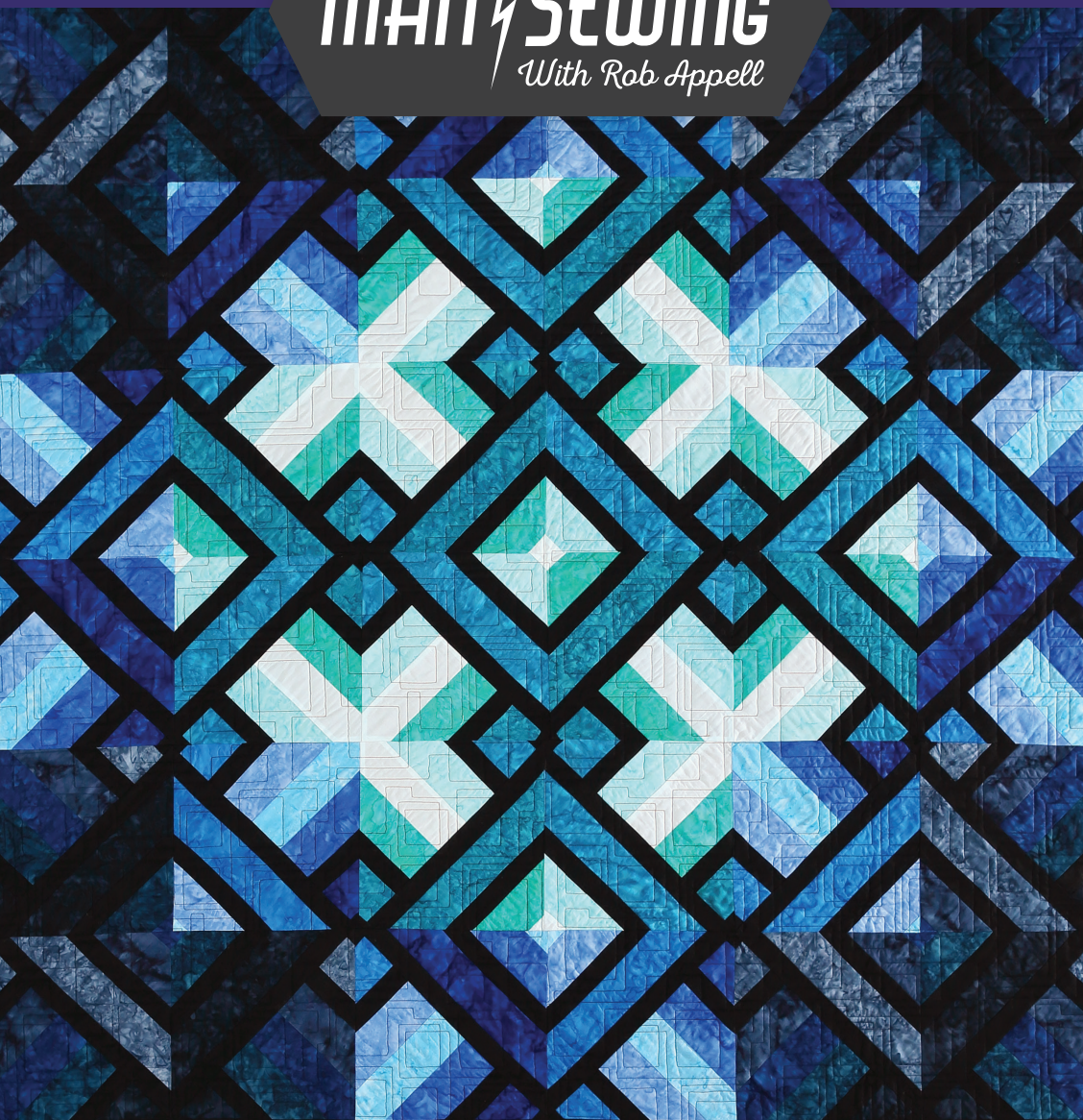


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THREE DUDES

Quilt Pattern for 2½" strips
62½" x 62½"



Step 1 Lay Out Strip Sets

Separate the roll of 2½" strips into lights, mediums and darks. Within each group of light, medium and dark, arrange the strips from light to dark. The color of the strip sets are graded and we will have 3 different color gradations for our strip sets.



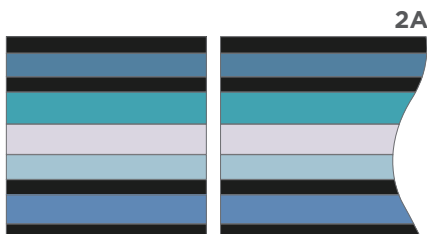
Step 2 Strip Set 1 - Lights

Begin with a very light center 2½" strip. Add a medium light 2½" strip to either side of the center. Add a dark 1½" strip to either side, then a darker light strip to both sides. End the strip set with a dark 1½" strip on both outer edges. Sew the strips together. **Make 2 sets** using this colorway. Press, then cut each strip set into 14½" squares. **2A**

Note: As you sew your strips together, be sure you always start with the same end.

Do not remove selvages until you trim the squares.

Hint: It is advised to use a $\frac{5}{16}$ " (slightly larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ ") seam allowance when constructing the strip sets, as this will ensure that you can cut all three squares from each strip set. Remember to measure the height of the strip set, that will become the size of your squares.



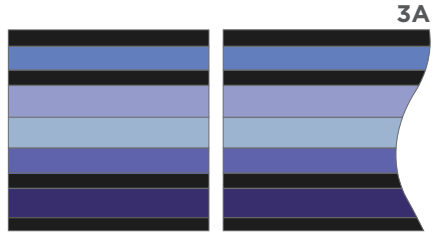


Step 3

Strip Set 2 - Mediums

Repeat the above instructions but begin with a light medium in the center and use darker mediums on either side as well as placing darkest mediums between the dark 1½" strips.

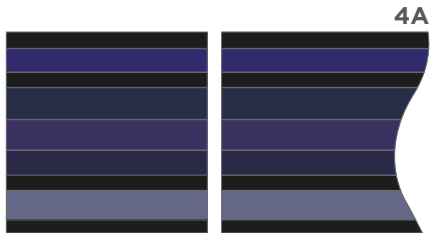
Make 2 strip sets using this colorway. Press, then cut each strip set into 14½" squares. **3A**



Step 4

Strip Set 3 - Darks

Repeat the above instructions but use the darkest strips in the same formation. **Make 2 strip sets** using this colorway. Press, then cut each strip set into 14½" squares. **4A**

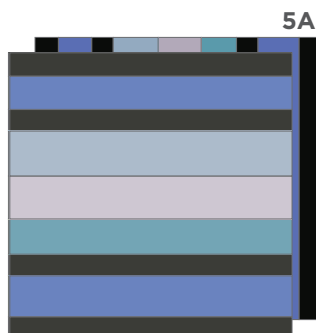


Set aside the remaining strips for the border. The strips should vary in shades of color.

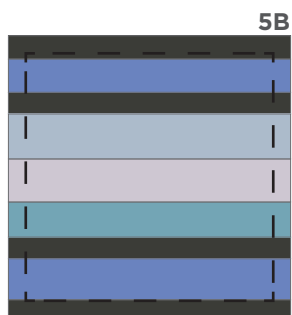


Step 5 Sew

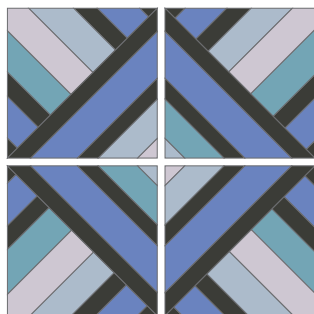
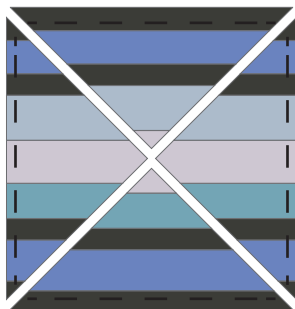
Layer 2 squares cut from strip set 1 with right sides facing. 1 square should have the strips running vertically and the other square should have the strips running horizontally. **5A**



Sew all around the perimeter of the 2 layered squares using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Slice the block from corner to corner twice on the diagonal. Open and press. Repeat for the remaining 4 squares from strip set 1. **5B**



Repeat the above directions using strip set 2 and again for strip set 3.





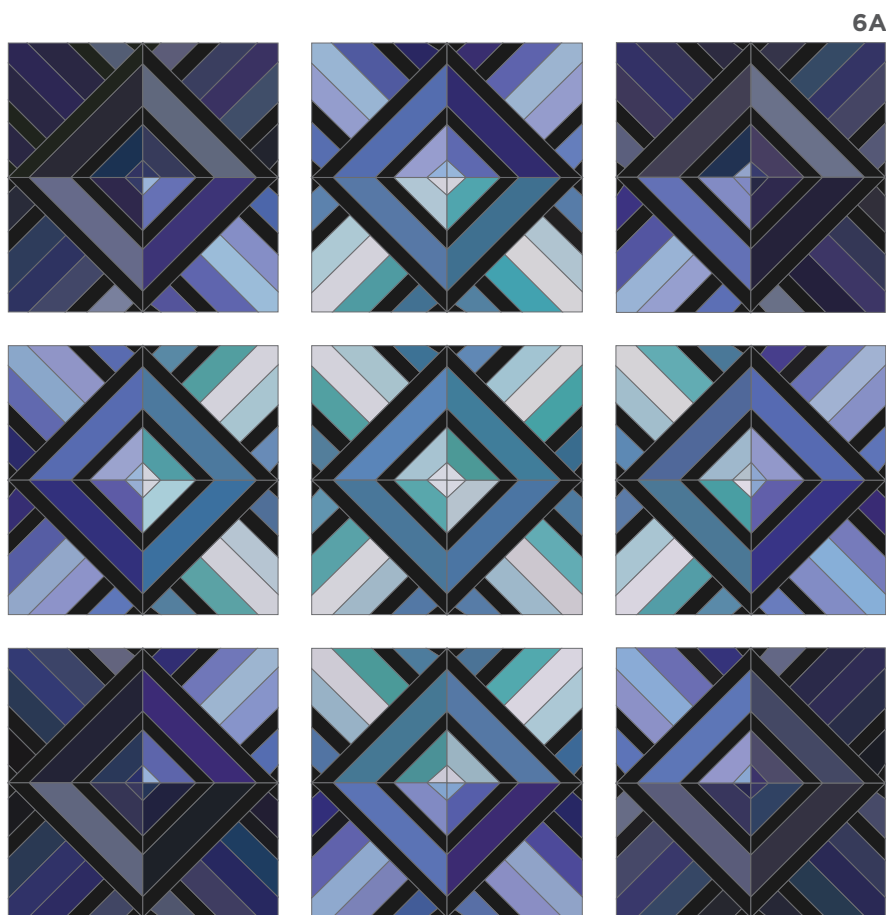
Step 6 Lay Out the Blocks

Start laying out the blocks. **6A**

Hint: Try to make opposite wide strip colors touch, it adds impact.

Sew the blocks together into **6 rows**, with each row having **6 blocks**.

Sew the rows together when you have them arranged to your satisfaction. Remember, this is your quilt and there really is no right or wrong way to put it together! Refer to the diagram below.





Step 7 **Inner Border**

Sew (6) 1½" strips together end-to-end to make 1 long strip. Trim the borders from this strip.

Measure the quilt top in several places, horizontally and vertically. Trim the borders to your measurement. The strips are approximately 56" for the sides and approximately 58" for the top and bottom.



Step 8 **Outer Border**

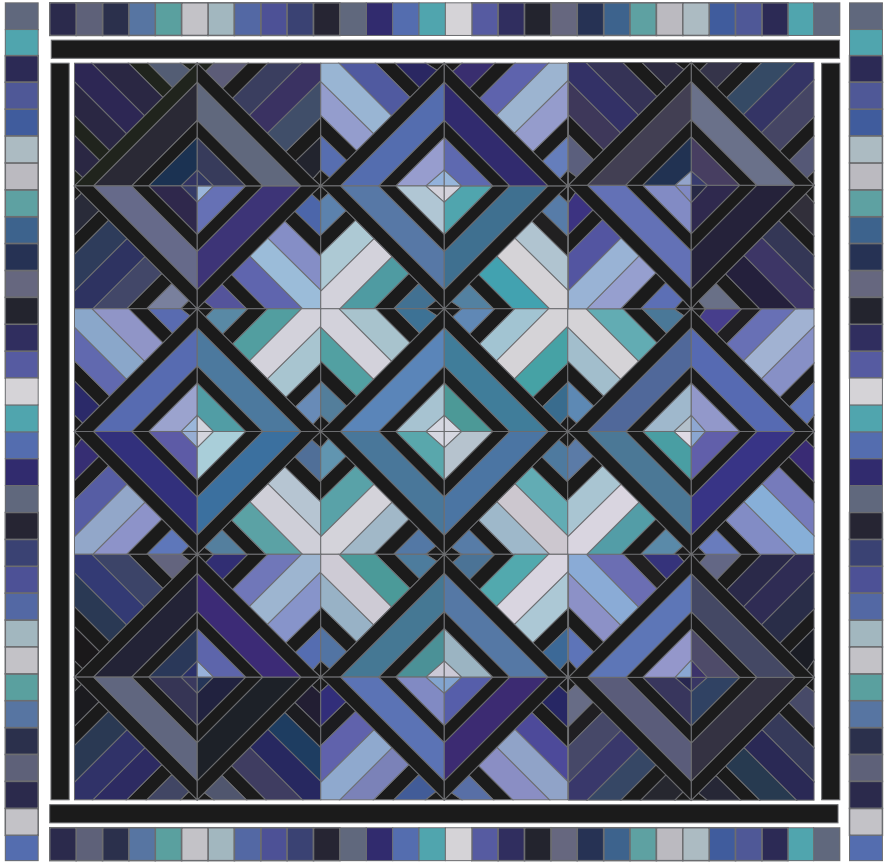
Sew the remaining strips (at least 10 strips) together along the long edge into a strip set and cut into 3" increments. Sew enough together to make side borders that measure approximately 58" for the sides and approximately 63" for the top and bottom. Don't

forget to measure your quilt top vertically and horizontally and make your border to match your measurements!



Step 9 **Quilt and Bind**

Layer the quilt with batting and backing and quilt as desired. Square up and trim the excess batting and backing away. Add binding to finish.



3 Dudes

It is such an honor to work with the team at MSQC. The first tutorial I watched of Jenny Doan was her version of the 3 Dudes Striped Surprise.

I loved the method, but wanted to modify the pattern and control the colors and create more movement in the quilt. I added the skinny black strips to make it pop, and was pleasantly surprised by the secondary pattern that emerged.

This quilt looks difficult but is one of the easiest to make. Don't feel like you have to use this color combination. Instead, try choosing your own color palette.

Thanks to Raymond Steeves, co-owner of 3 Dudes Quilt Shop, Phoenix, AZ, for permission to play with his design!

Enjoy, Rob

Fabric Requirements

1 roll 2½" graded strips*

1 roll 1½" dark strips*

Binding

¾ yard

Backing

4 yards

***Note:** the strips must be
44" - 45" long.



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