CURATED CUTS – AROUND THE BLOCK PATTERN SERIES

Around the Block in Fat Quarters

Finished Size 48" x 60" All seams are sewn using a ¼" seam allowance

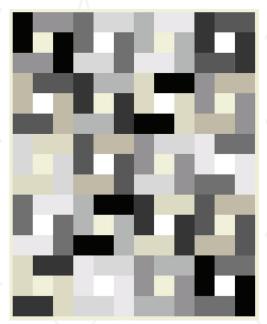
Requirements:

12 Coordinating Fat Quarters to complete the quilt top & optional scrappy binding

Solid Color Binding – ½ yd (optional)

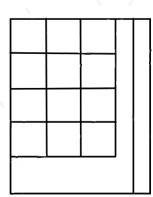
Crosswise Backing – 3 yds

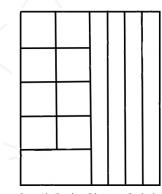




Cutting Instructions:

 From the two lightest FQ's, cut 20 - 4 ½" x 4 ½" squares. (See Step 1a & 1b Cutting Diagrams).

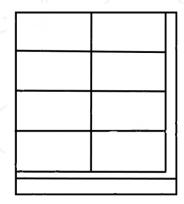




Step 1a Cutting Diagram (includes optional binding strip)

Step 1b Cutting Diagram (includes binding strips)

 From each of the ten remaining FQ's, cut 8 – 8 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles. (See Step 2 Cutting Diagram).



Step 2 Cutting Diagram (includes optional binding strip)

Block Assembly:

- 1. Arrange two sets of rectangles from your medium (B & D) & dark (C & E fabrics around a light (A) center square as shown in Diagram 1 (below).
- 2. Lining up the bottom edges with right sides together, sew A to B, starting approximately 2" from the top of A. Finger press the seam open. See Diagram 2 (below).
- 3. Join C to the A-B unit as shown in Diagram 3 (below), stitching the entire length of the seam. Press seam toward C.
- 4. Working counterclockwise, join D & E in the same manner, as shown in Diagram 4 (below).
- 5. Complete the block by finishing the partially sewn A-B seam from step 2. Fold over C and match the B edge to the A-E edge. Starting where the seam was left at the end of the A-B seam and backstitching to secure, finish the A-B seam as shown in Diagram 5 (below). Press seam toward B to complete the block. See Diagram 6 (below).
- 6. Repeat Steps 1-5 to make 20 blocks.





Diagram 2





Diagram 3



Diagram 4

Quilt Top Assembly:

- 1. Arrange blocks in five rows of four blocks each, turning and placing each block to your liking.
- 2. Sew blocks together in each row, then join rows.
- 3. Join binding strips and prepare binding.
- 4. Prepare backing by cutting backing fabric in half along length of fabric to get $2 1 \frac{1}{2}$ yd pieces. Join along selvage edges.
- 5. Layer quilt top with batting and backing. Quilt as desired. Bind using your favorite method.