



Rock Island Campfires

String piecing allows you to use as few or as many fabrics as you wish in each string portion of the blocks. Our *Sew Easy* lesson on page 6 and our video on HeyQuilty.com will help you get your string pieced squares just right.



Size: 62" × 74"

Blocks: 30 (10") blocks

MATERIALS

Assorted medium/dark prints in black, blue, green, red, and pink for blocks

½ yard each of 3 assorted black stripes or checks for blocks

1 fat quarter* gold print for blocks

1 fat quarter* red print for blocks

1 yard black print #1 for sashing

1½ yards black print #2 for sashing and binding

1 fat quarter* blue print for sashing squares

Paper for foundation piecing

Glue stick (optional)

4 yards backing fabric

Twin-size quilt batting

*fat quarter = 18" × 20"

QUILT BY **Marianne Fons.**

MACHINE QUILTED BY **Debbie Treusch.**

What's New with Marianne?



CUTTING

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances.

From assorted medium/dark prints, cut:

- Strips of various widths from 1" to 1¾".

From each black stripe or check, cut:

- 5 (2½"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 40 (2½" × 4½") A rectangles.

From gold print fat quarter, cut:

- 2 (2½"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 10 (2½") B squares.

From red print fat quarter, cut:

- 3 (2½"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 20 (2½") B squares.

From black print #1, cut:

- 12 (2½"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 36 (2½" × 10½") C rectangles.

From black print #2, cut:

- 12 (2½"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 35 (2½" × 10½") C rectangles.
- 8 (2¼"-wide) strips for binding.

From blue print fat quarter, cut:

- 6 (2½"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 42 (2½") B squares.

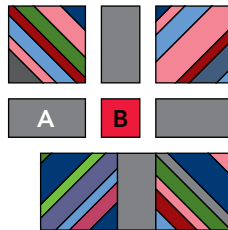
From paper, cut:

- 120 (4½") squares.

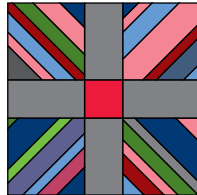
BLOCK ASSEMBLY

1. Referring to *Sew Easy: String Piecing on Foundation Paper* on page 6, make 120 string pieced squares.

2. Lay out 4 string pieced squares, 4 matching A rectangles, and 1 red print or gold print B square as shown in *Block Assembly Diagram*. Join into rows; join rows to complete 1 block (*Block Diagram*). Make 30 blocks.



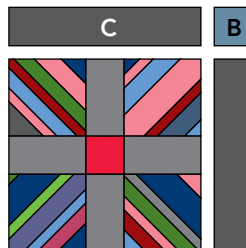
Block Assembly Diagram



Block Diagram

QUILT ASSEMBLY

1. Join 1 block, 2 black print C rectangles, and 1 blue print B square as shown in *Sashing Diagram*. Make 30 pre-sashed blocks.



Sashing Diagram

2. Lay out pre-sashed blocks, black print C rectangles, and blue print B squares as shown in *Quilt Top Assembly Diagram*.
3. Join into rows; join rows to complete quilt top.

FINISHING

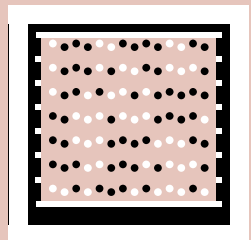
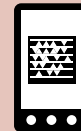
1. Divide backing into 2 (2-yard) lengths. Join panels lengthwise. Seam will run horizontally.
2. Layer backing, batting, and quilt top; baste. Quilt as desired. Quilt shown was quilted with diagonal straight lines (*Quilting Diagram*).
3. Join 2¼"-wide black print #2 strips into 1 continuous piece for straight-grain French-fold binding. Add binding to quilt.

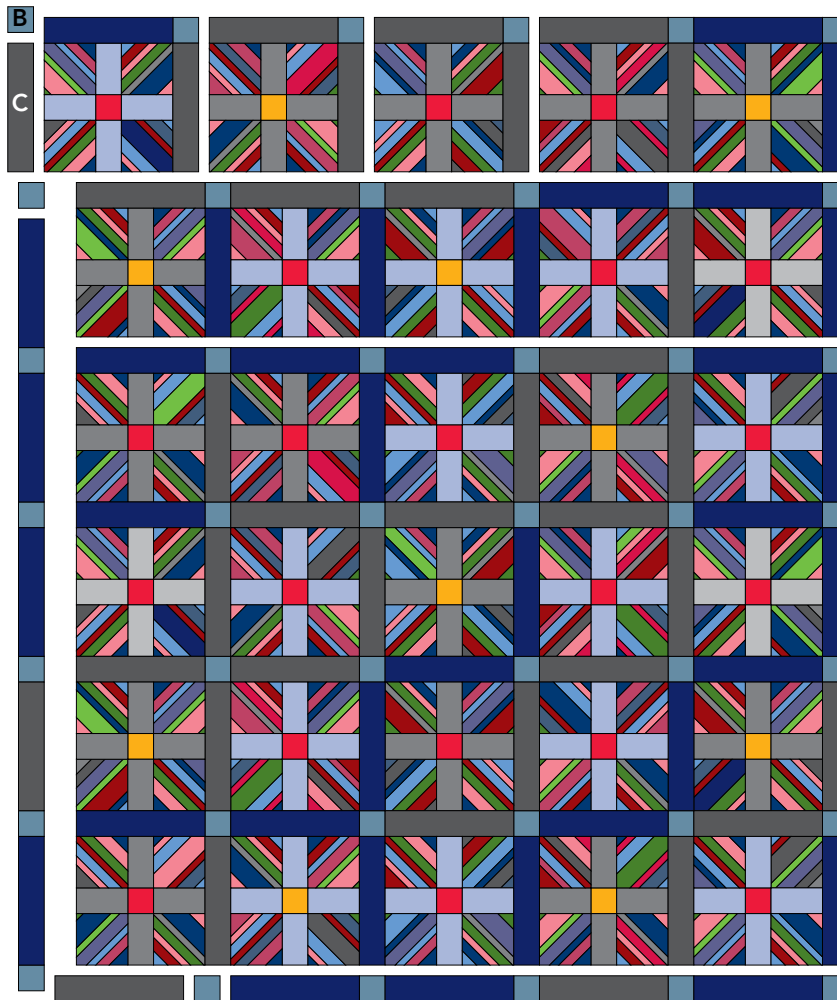


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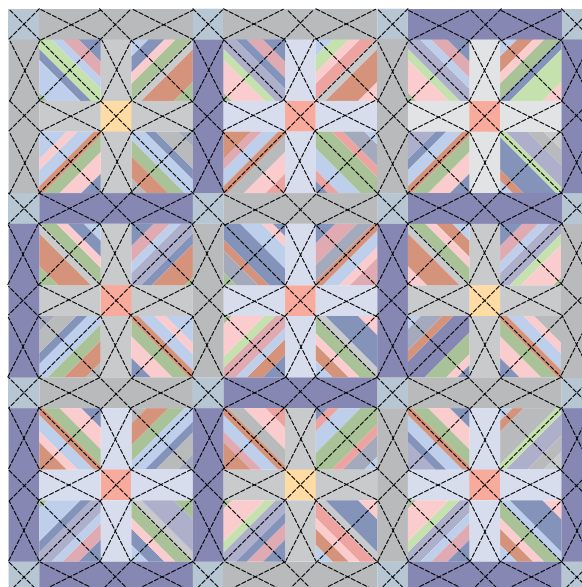
Watch the Quilty episode about string piecing.

HeyQuilty.com/stringpiecing





Quilt Top Assembly Diagram



Quilting Diagram

Crib (38" × 50")	
Blocks	12
Multicolor Stripe	1 yard
Dark blue solid	½ yard
Medium blue solid	1¼ yards
Light blue solid	1 fat quarter★
Pink solid	1 fat quarter★
Backing fabric	1½ yards
Batting	Crib-size
Fons & Porter's Fussy Cut Templates or 4½" square template plastic	



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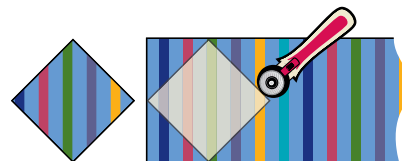
Speed up your piecing by using a Kaffe Fassett striped fabric to make this crib-size version of Marianne's *Rock Island Campfires* quilt!

CRIB-SIZE CUTTING

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. If you are not using Fons & Porter's Fussy Cut Templates, cut a 4½" square from template material.

From multicolor stripe, cut:

- 48 (4½") squares on-point as shown in *Cutting Diagram*.



Cutting Diagram

From dark blue solid, cut:

- 6 (2½"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 48 (2½" × 4½") A rectangles.

From medium blue solid, cut:

- 11 (2½"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 31 (2½" × 10½") C rectangles.
- 5 (2¼"-wide) strips for binding.

From light blue solid fat quarter, cut:

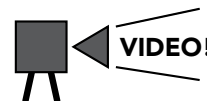
- 3 (2½"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 20 (2½") B squares.

From pink solid fat quarter, cut:

- 2 (2½"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 12 (2½") B squares. ✱



String Piecing on Foundation Paper



Use strips of any width—the more the merrier!

1. Place 1 strip, right side up from corner to corner, atop 1 paper foundation square (*Photo A*).

Sew Smart™

Use a dab of glue from glue stick to hold first strip in place.

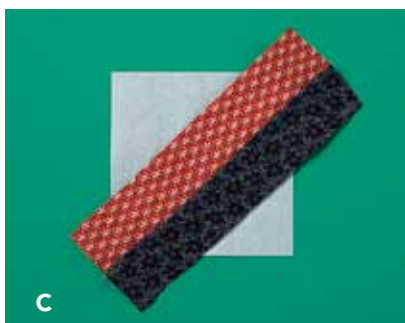
—Marianne



2. Place second strip over first strip, with right sides facing, aligning one long edge; pin. Stitch with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance (*Photo B*).

Sew Smart™

Shorten stitch length when piecing on paper foundation. —Marianne



3. Press open to reveal second strip (*Photo C*).
4. Repeat this sew-and-flip process, ending with squares or rectangles in opposite corners until the foundation square is covered (*Photo D*).
5. Trim squares to desired size (*Photo E*). Trim squares for *Rock Island Campfire* to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".
6. Remove paper.

