

Scrappy 4-Patch Variation

Directions for a single block. A great way to use up those leftover fabrics. You decide how many blocks are needed for your project. Suggested sizes of Lap (70"), Twin (70" x 90"), and Queen (90") are listed in each step.

8 ½" block

Optional sashing & cornerstones

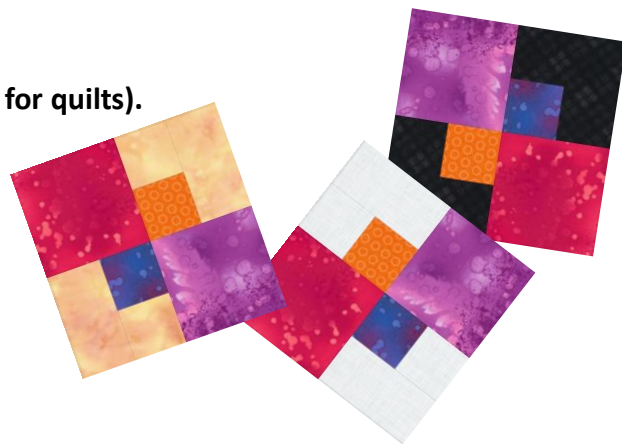


8 ½" block that uses the common sizes of 2 ½" and 4 ½". If you are adding sashings and cornerstones, you could use 2 ½" strips

You need the following for each block (amounts in parenthesis for quilts).

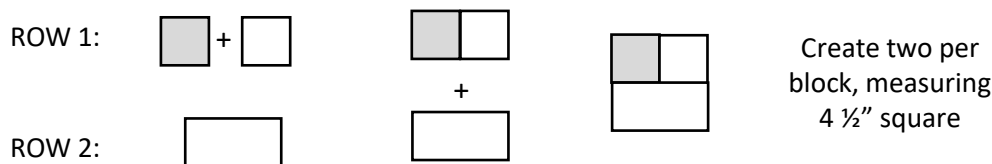
- Scrappy Fabric:**
 2 ½" squares – 2 (72 Lap, 96 Twin, 128 Queen)
 4 ½" square – 2 (72 Lap, 96 Twin, 128 Queen)

- Background:**
 2 ½" squares – 2 (72 Lap, 96 Twin, 128 Queen)
 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles – 2 (72 Lap, 96 Twin, 128 Queen)

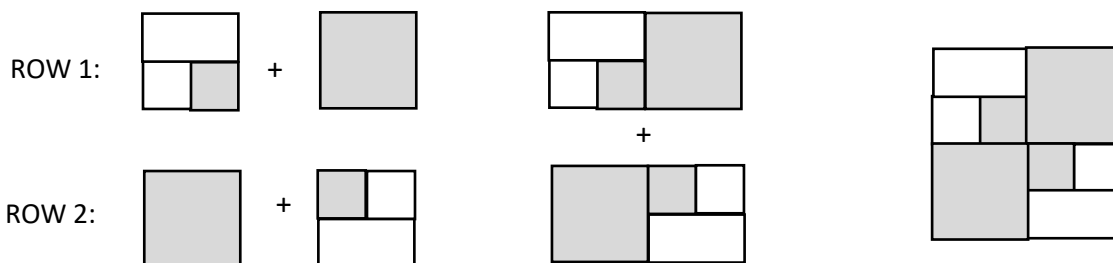


Laps size – 36 blocks
 Twin Size – 48 blocks
 Queen size – 64 blocks

Sew a Scrappy 2 ½" square to the Background 2 ½" square as shown. Press the seam allowance toward the scrappy fabric unless you use a dark background. Add the 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangle to the side as shown in the diagram. Press the seam allowance to the side. Create 2 per block measuring 4 ½".



Sew the units into rows, then sew the rows together to create blocks measuring 8 ½" square.



When you are creating your blocks, decide if you want all the scrappy fabrics in the block to be the same or not. Keeping all the fabrics the same within a block will create a different look.

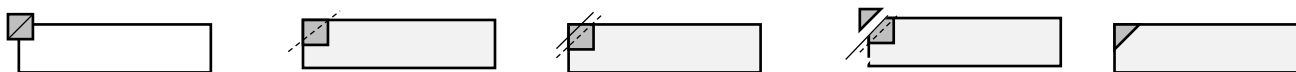
You need the following for each Sashing block.

- Scrappy Fabric:**
 1 ½" squares – (120 Lap, 280 twin, 392 Queen)
- Background:**
 2 ½" x 8 ½" rectangles – (40 Lap, 82 Twin, 112 Queen)



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Scrappy 1 ½" squares. (You can also just iron the squares on the diagonal to create the line.) This line is the sewing line. You can eyeball it, but don't be surprised if the corners of the Flying Geese look a little wonky.

Layer the Scrappy Square on the 2 ½" x 8 ½" Background rectangle, right sides together, as shown in the diagram. Pay attention to the direction of the drawn line. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim ¼" from the sewing line toward the outside corner. Press the seam allowance toward the Scrappy fabric.



Repeat the process on the other corner, as shown in the diagram. Pay close attention to the direction you are sewing the second square. Sashings should measure 2 ½" x 8 ½"



Laps size – 20 blocks
 Twin Size – 24 blocks
 Queen size – 28 blocks

Repeat the process on the other two corners, as shown in the diagram. Pay close attention to the direction you are sewing the second square. Sashings should measure 2 ½" x 8 ½"

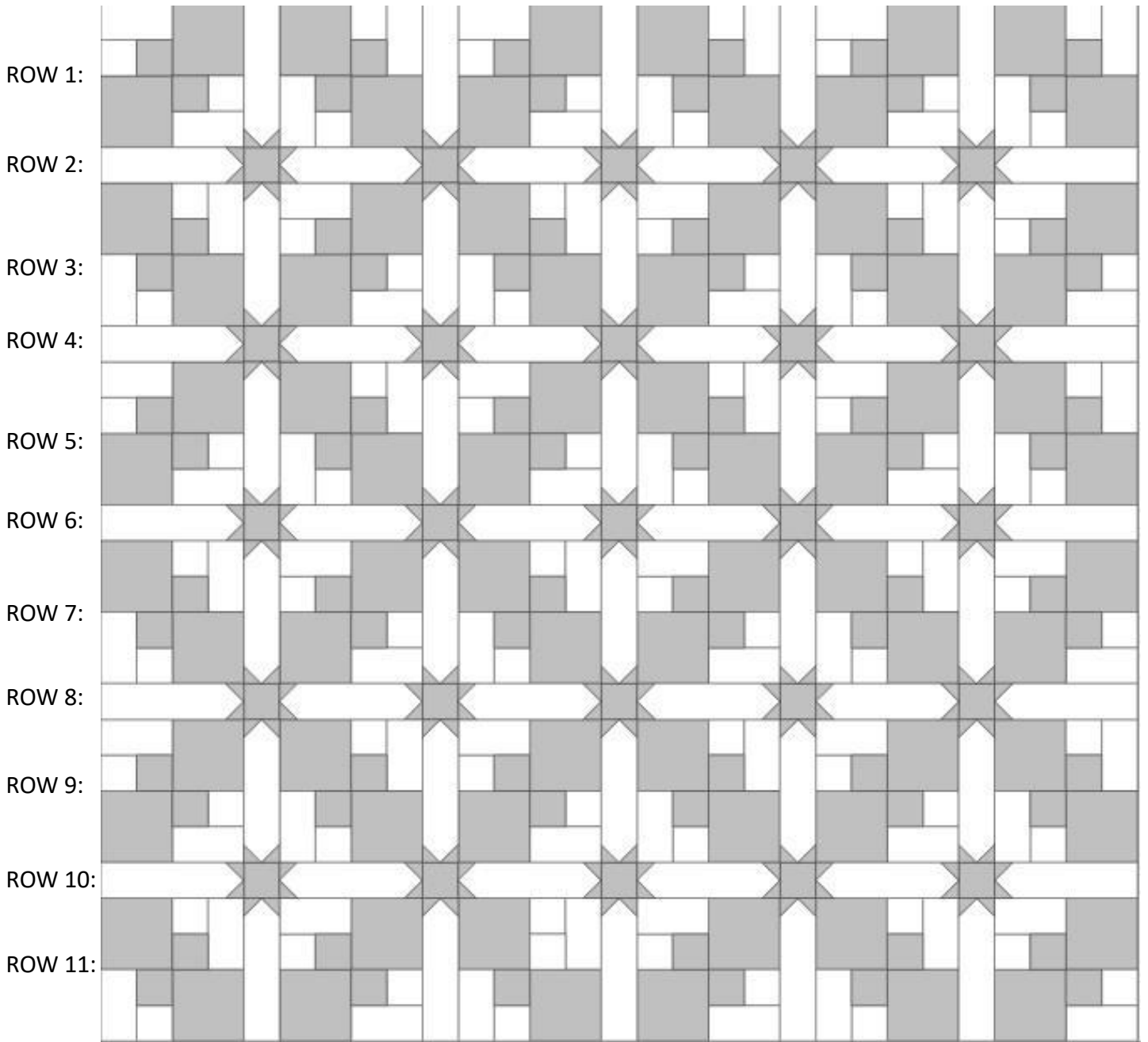


Laps size – 20 blocks
 Twin Size – 58 blocks
 Queen size – 84 blocks

You need the following for each Cornerstone block.

- Scrappy Fabric:**
 2 ½" squares
 Laps size – 25 squares
 Twin Size – 35 squares
 Queen size – 49 squares

Lap-size Layout – alternate the position of the scrappy blocks in the rows.



Twin-size Layout – alternate the position of the scrappy blocks in the rows.

ROW 1:

ROW 2:

ROW 3:

ROW 4:

ROW 5:

ROW 6:

ROW 7:

ROW 8:

ROW 9:

ROW 10:

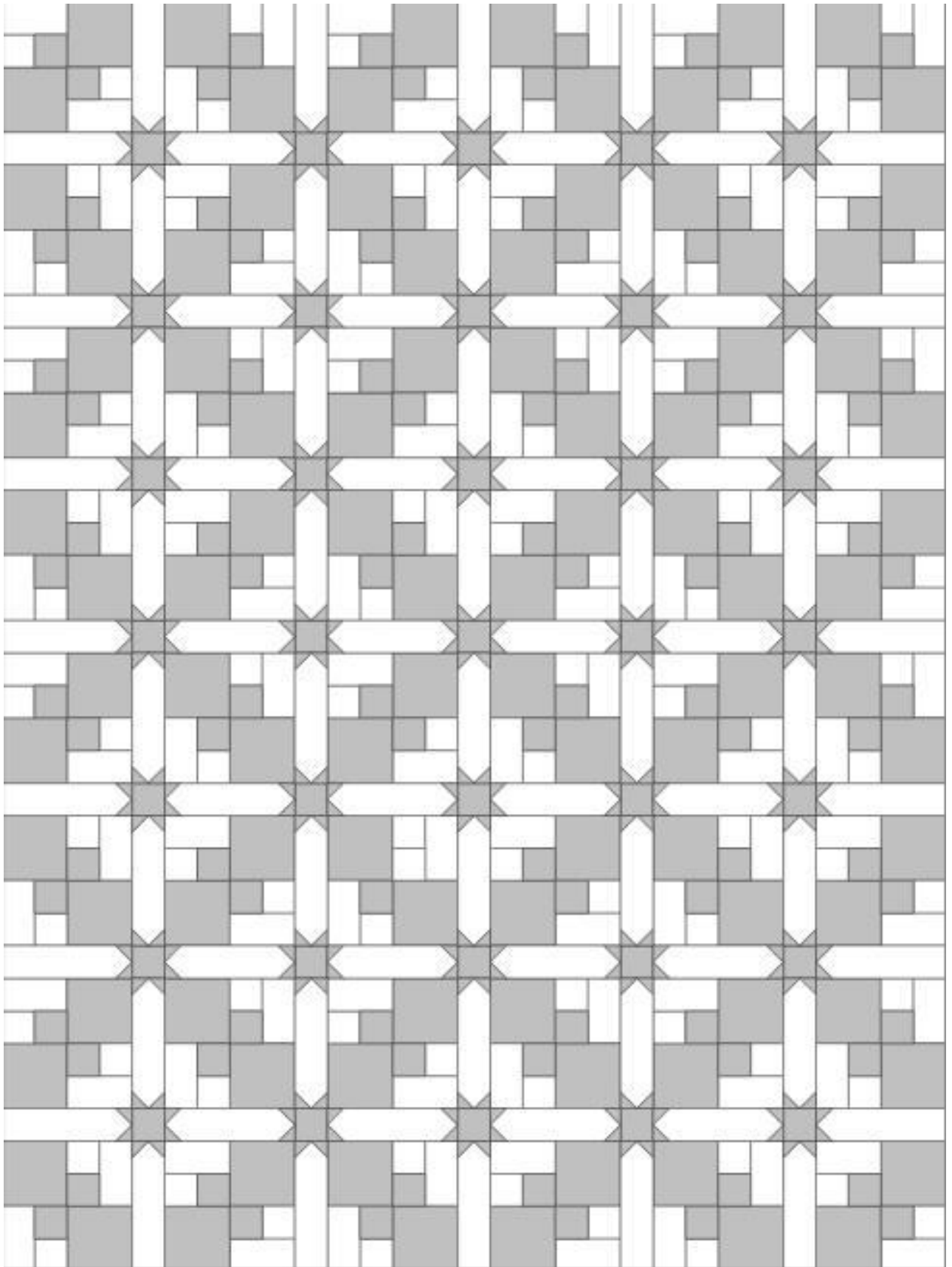
ROW 11:

ROW 12:

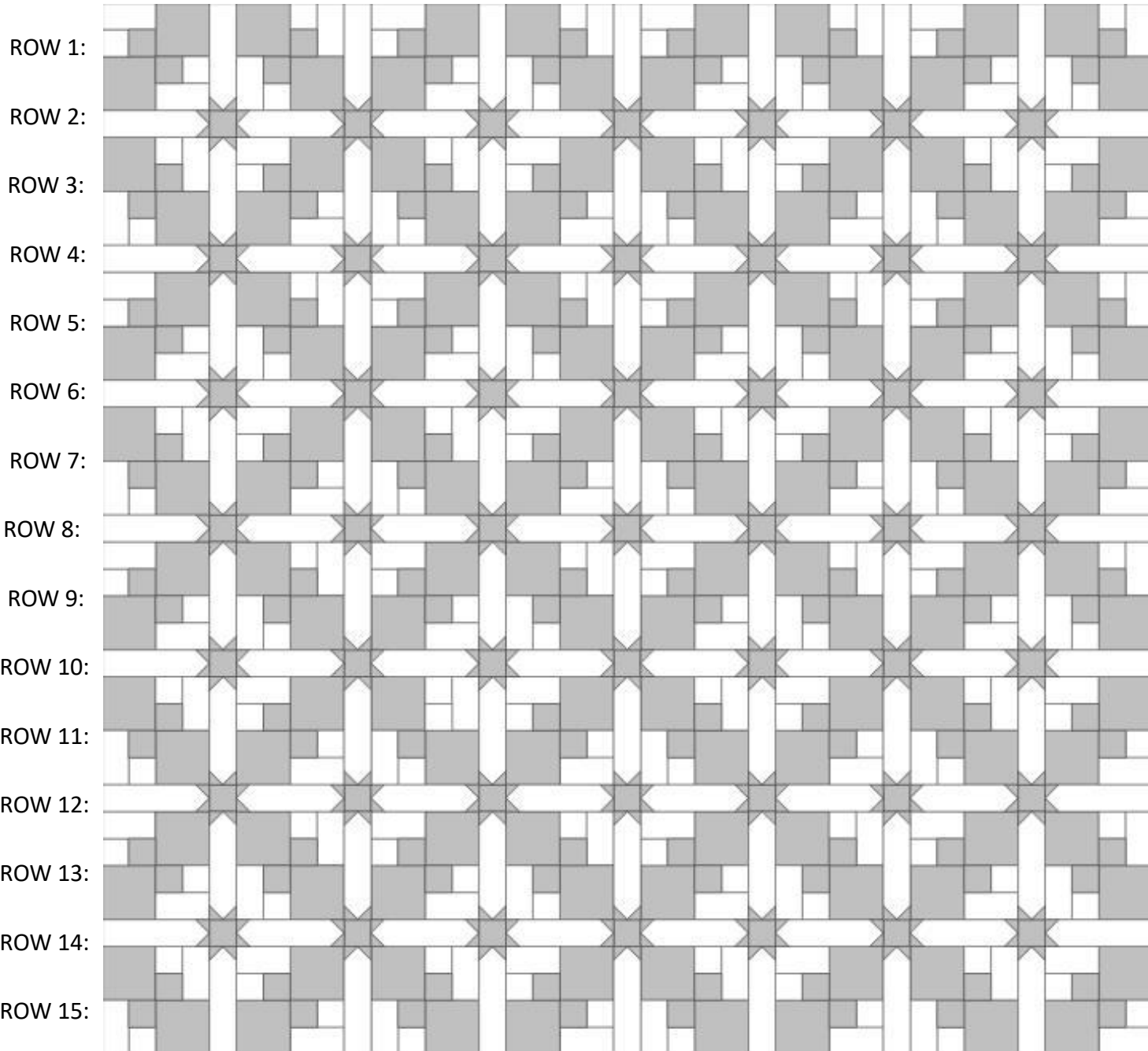
ROW 13:

ROW 14:

ROW 15:



Queen-size Layout – alternate the position of the scrappy blocks in the rows.



Borders #1 and #2 - Suggestions

Border #1 is 2 ½" x WOF - Background.

Laps size – 7 strips
Twin Size – 8 strips
Queen size – 9+ strips

I tend to overestimate the border fabric needed with the mindset of better having too much than not enough. I saying that DO NOT cut out all the strips until you know if you need that many. Please take a moment to measure your quilt top to figure out how many strips you will need.

Border #2 is 4 ½" x WOF - Scrappy Fabric.

Laps size – 8 strips
Twin Size – 9 strips
Queen size – 10 strips

Measure your quilt top horizontally across the middle (not the top and bottom edges), in three different areas (fig.1), to determine the length you need for the top and bottom border. Use an average of the three measurements. Piece the border strips to make them long enough (if needed). Add the top and bottom border to the quilt. It may be helpful to pin the strip to the quilt and ease in as needed. Press the seam allowance to the side. Measure the quilt top vertically to include the top and bottom borders you just added (fig. 2). Once again, measure it in a couple of areas and take the average of these measurements to determine the length needed for the side borders. Piece the border strips to make them long enough. Add them to the sides of the quilt. Press the seam allowances to the side. By using this process, you are keeping the quilt square. Repeat the process with each border.

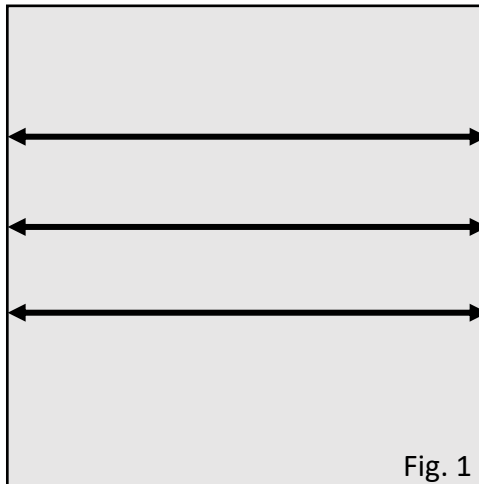


Fig. 1

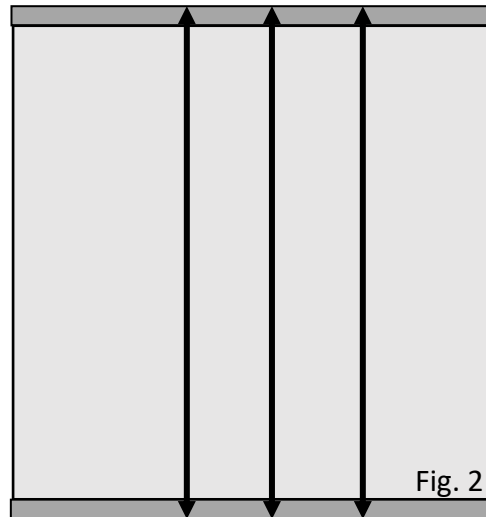


Fig. 2

Hint: When adding the border to the top, you may find that the quilt top is slightly longer. When sewing if you put the longer piece on the bottom, you will find that it will ease in better. The feed dogs tend to feed the bottom unit in a bit faster than the top unit.