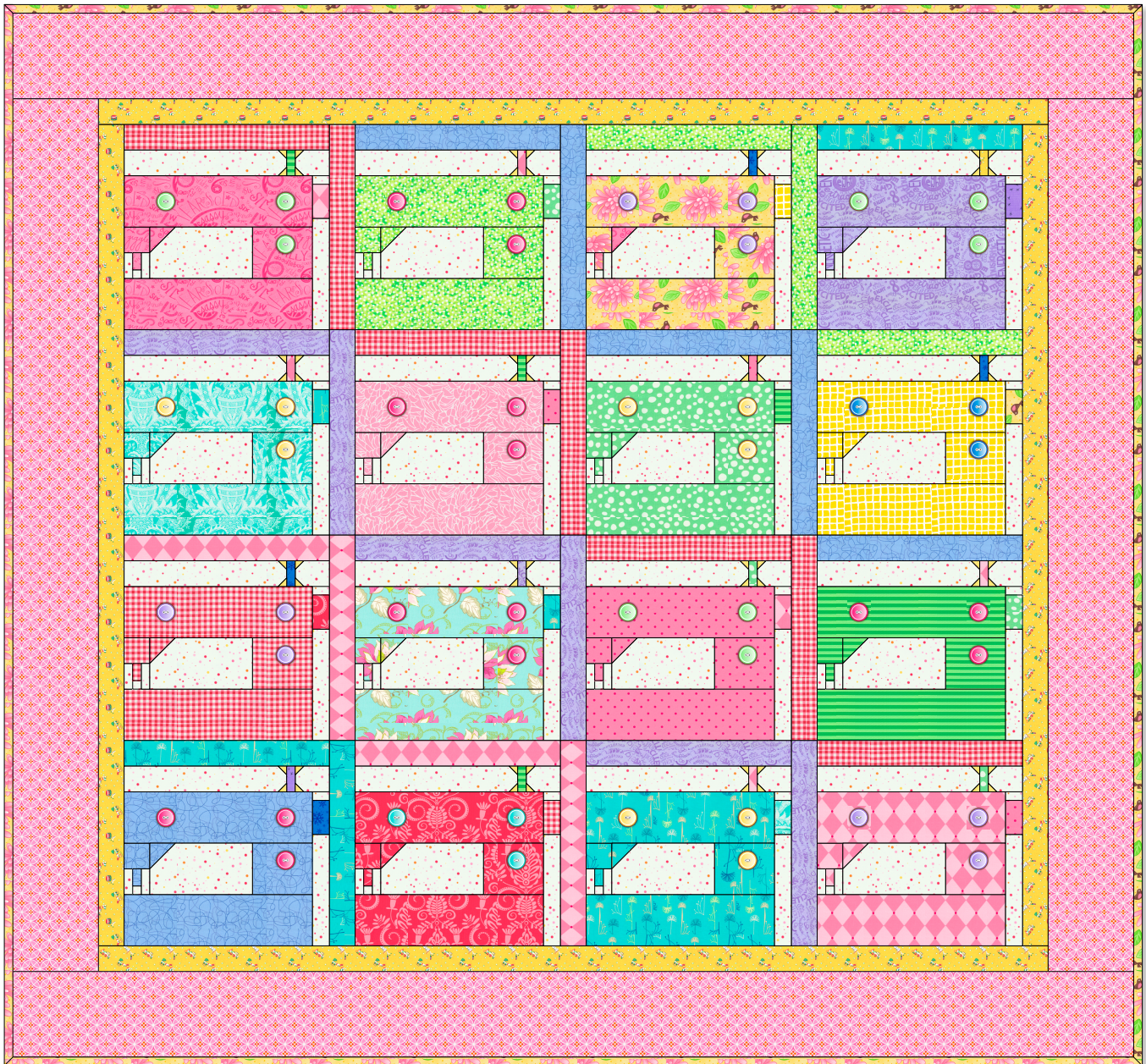




Dream Machines

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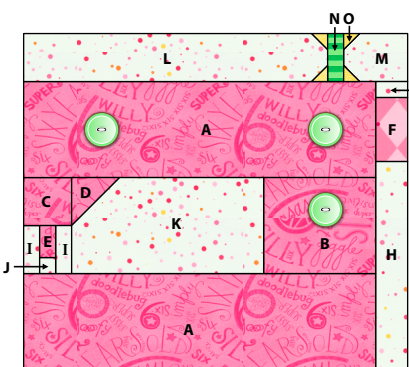


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If you could choose the color of your sewing machine—any color—what would it be? Try out lots of colors with this cheery little quilt. It's the perfect design for a scrappy quilt or for a swap. Invite 15 of your friends to make a sewing machine block for you and ask each one to sign their name on the background print just above the sewing machine. Have fun using your scraps and fat-quarter stash to sew up these "jelly-bean" machines with big bright buttons for the knobs.

- 1 1/8 yards background print (I-L)
- Assorted fat quarters of several different prints for the sashing
- (48) 1"-diameter buttons in assorted colors for the knobs
- 5/8 yard print for inner border
- 1 1/4 yards of a print for outer border
- 5/8 yard of a print for binding
- 4 3/8 yards for the backing
- 69" x 74" batting rectangle



Finished Quilt Size:
66 (wide) x 61 1/2" (long)

Finished Block Size:
12" square

Cut the Pieces for One Block

Refer to Figure 1 for piece location.

Cut each of the following pieces for each of 16 different sewing machine blocks.

Fabric	Piece	No. to Cut	Dimensions
Sewing Machine Color	A	2	3 1/2" x 11 1/2" rectangle
	B	1	3 1/2" x 4" rectangle
	C	1	2" square
	D	1	2 3/8" square
	E	1	1" x 1 1/2" rectangle
Handwheel Color (lighter or darker shade of the sewing machine color)	F	1	1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangle
Thread color	N	1	1" x 2"
Spool color	O	4	1 3/8" squares

Figure 1

Sewing Machine Block

Materials: 44/45"-wide fabric*

*Based on 40" of usable width

- 12" square of each of 16 different prints for the sewing machines (A-E)
- Assorted scraps for sewing machine handwheels and thread (F and N)
- 1/4 yard beige or pale yellow print for spools (O)



Cut the Block Background and Quilt Finishing Pieces

Cut all strips across the fabric width.

Fabric	Piece	No. to Cut	Dimensions	No. to Crosscut	Dimensions
Light background print	G	1	1" x 40"	16	1" x 1 1/2" rectangles
	H	4	1 1/2" x 40"	16	1 1/2" x 7" rectangle
	I	2	1" x 40"	32	1" x 2" rectangles
	J	1	1" x 40"	16	1" squares
	K	3	3 1/2" x 40"	16	3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles
	L	4	2" x 40"	16	2" x 10"
	M	1	2" x 40"	16	2" x 2 1/2" rectangles
Assorted prints	Sashing	NA	NA	28	2" x 12 1/2" strips*
Inner border		6	2" x 40"	NA	NA
Outer border		7	5 1/2" x 40"	NA	NA
Binding		7	2 1/2" x 40"	NA	NA
Backing		2	40" x 74" panels	NA	NA

*: Do not cut the sashing strips until directed to do so in step 1 of "Assemble the Quilt" on page 5.

2. Add sewing machine piece C to the unit from step 1 and press the seam allowance toward C. Figure 3.

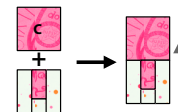


Figure 3

Make the Blocks

1. To make the needle section of the sewing machine, arrange light background print pieces I and J with the sewing machine rectangle E as shown. Sew together and press as directed by the arrows. Figure 2.

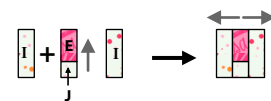


Figure 2

3. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 2 3/8" sewing machine square (D). Position on the light background print rectangle (K) and stitch on the line. Trim 1/4" from the stitching and press the seam allowance toward the resulting triangle. Figure 4.



Figure 4



- 4. Sew the units from steps 2 and 3 together with the sewing machine rectangle B and press as directed by the arrows. Figure 5.



Figure 5

- 5. Sew 3 1/2" x 11 1/2" sewing machine rectangles (A) to the top and bottom edges of the unit from step 4 and press the seam allowances as directed. Figure 6.

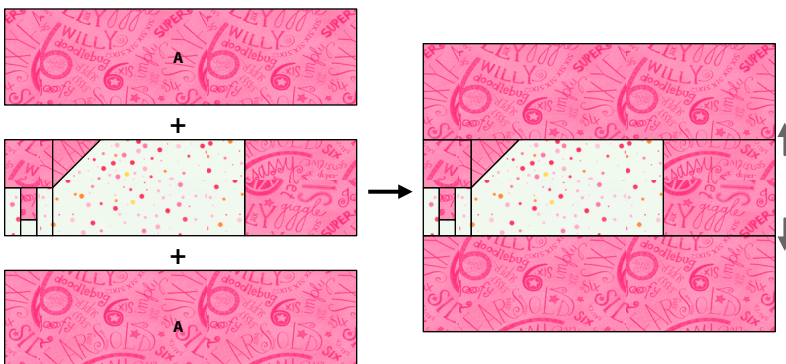


Figure 6

- 6. Sew light background pieces G and H to the sewing-machine handwheel piece (F) as shown and press as directed. Figure 7.
- 7. Sew the handwheel unit to the right-hand edge of the unit from step 6 and press as directed. Figure 8.

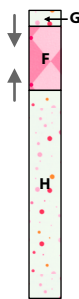


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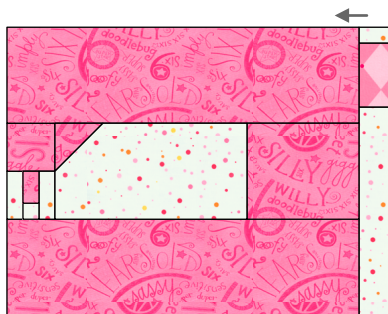


Figure 8

- 8. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (4) 1 3/8" spool squares (O). Position one face down at the upper right corner of light background strip (L) and stitch on the line. Trim 1/4" from the stitching and press toward the triangle. Repeat at the bottom corner. Figure 9.

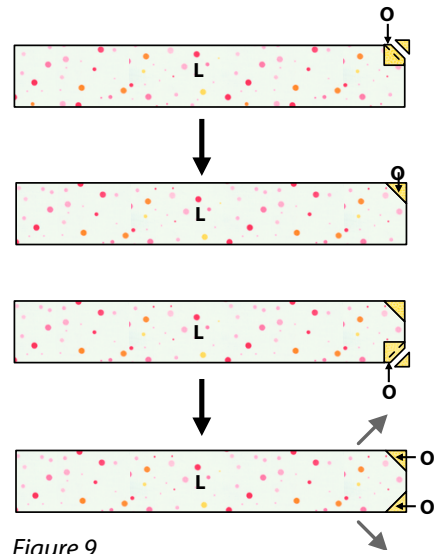


Figure 9

- 9. In the same manner, add the remaining 2 marked spool squares to one short end of a 2" x 2 1/2" light-background rectangle (M). Figure 10.

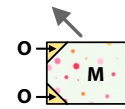


Figure 10

- 10. Add the units from steps 8 and 9 to the spool rectangle (N) and press the seam allowances toward the spool. Figure 11.

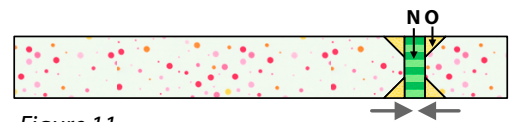


Figure 11



11. Add the spool unit to the upper edge of the sewing machine from step 7 to complete the Sewing Machine block. Press toward the sewing machine. Figure 12.

Make 16 blocks in assorted color prints

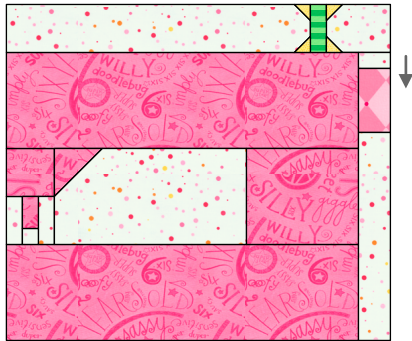


Figure 12

12. Repeat these steps to make 16 sewing machine blocks.

Assemble the Quilt Top

1. Refer to Figure 13 for steps 1-3. Arrange the sewing machine blocks in 4 vertical rows of 4 blocks each, with space between the blocks for the horizontal and vertical sashing strips. After finalizing the arrangement, decide on the sashing colors and their locations and cut the required number of 2" x 12 1/2" strips of each color (28 total) from the assorted print fat quarters.
2. Position the sashing strips in the block layout between the blocks. Sew the horizontal sashing strips and blocks together in vertical rows and press the seam allowances toward the sashing strips.
3. Sew the vertical sashing strips together and press as directed by the arrows.

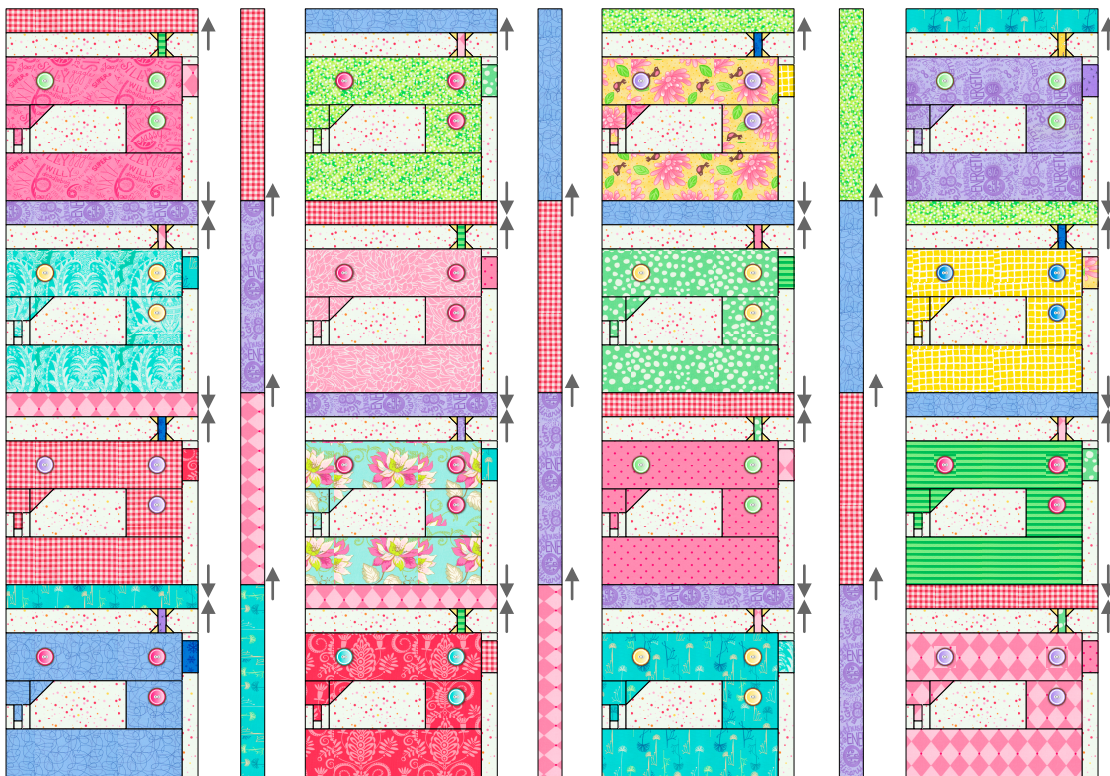


Figure 13



4. Refer to Figure 14 for the remaining quilt-top assembly steps. Sew the vertical rows of blocks and sashing strips together to complete the quilt-top center and press the seam allowances toward the sashing strips.
5. Sew the inner border strips together with diagonal seams to make one long strip; press the seams open. Repeat with the outer border strips.
6. Measure the quilt-top length through the center and cut 2 inner border strips to match this measurement. Sew to opposite edges of the quilt top and press the seam allowances toward the inner border strips.
7. Measure the quilt-top width through the center, cut, and sew inner border strips to the top and bottom edges of the quilt top as described for the side borders.
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 to measure for, cut, and sew outer border strips to the quilt top. Press the seam allowances toward the inner borders.
9. Sew the buttons to each sewing machine for the knobs—or wait to sew them to the finished quilt, sewing through all layers for added dimension to the finished quilt.

Finish the Quilt

1. Cut one of the two backing panels in half lengthwise and sew the strips to the opposite long edges of the remaining panel. Press the seam allowances toward the center and trim to 69" x 74".
2. Layer the quilt top with batting and backing and pin- or hand-baste the layers together. Quilt as desired. Trim the excess batting and backing even with the quilt-top edge.
3. Sew the binding strips together with diagonal seams and press the seams open. Fold the strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides facing and press. Use the binding to finish the quilt edges with a 3/8"-wide finished binding. Miter the corners as you reach them.
4. Don't forget to add a label.

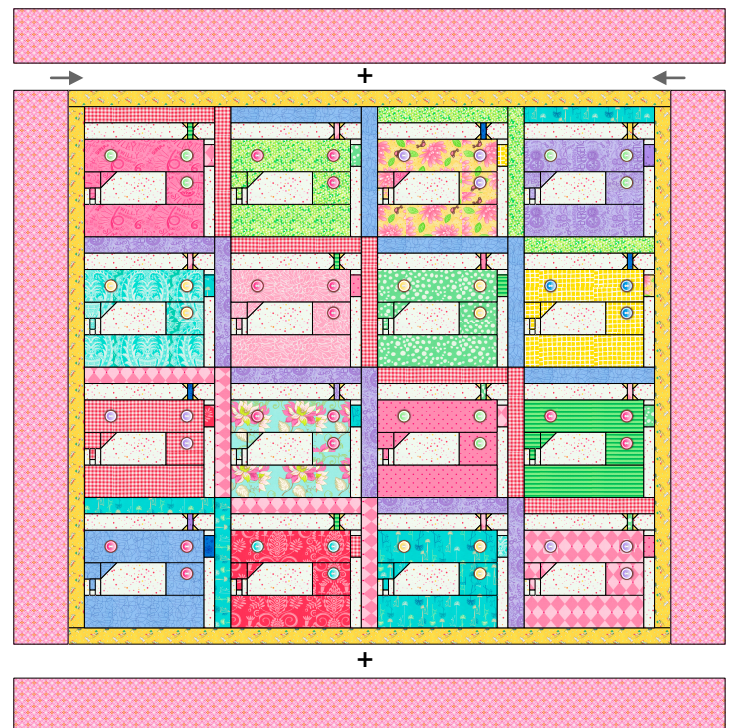


Figure 14