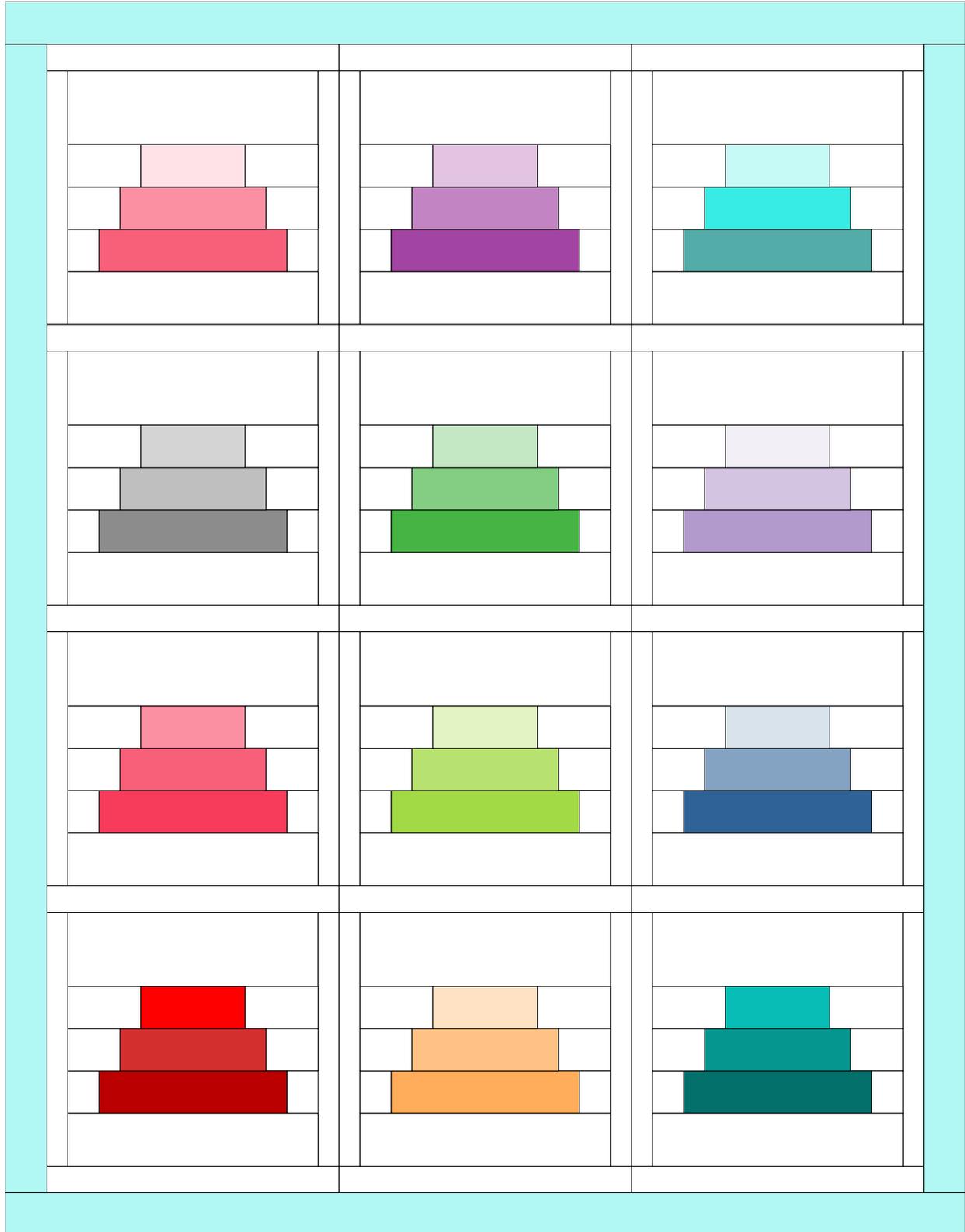


IT'S A BIRTHDAY CAKE!

FINISHED QUILT SIZE: 46" X 58"

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Inspired by the fun idea of honoring my upcoming birthday and the 100th Anniversary of Janome Sewing machines, this easy cake style blocks come to life in lively colors to celebrate any occasion. Finish the quilt by having those in attendance at a party sign their name to the quilt with a permanent pen, or a stitch the names into the quilt later during finishing.

FABRIC YARDAGE

Background Fabric and Sashing: 2 yards

Birthday Cakes: 1/8 yard of 36 colors

Border: 5/8 yard

CUTTING DIRECTIONS

*Cutting hint: Save time on cuts by cutting some strips at 2 1/2" by the width of fabric (WOF) to cut down to size for the 2 1/2" wide pieces to allow for multiple cuts from each strip where you can. For the Birthday Cake pieces, 2 1/2" precut strips work easily to quickly make the cuts for multiple fabric options in each block.

Background Fabric:

24 strips at 1 1/2" x 12 1/2" for A

12 strips at 4" x 12 1/2" for B

12 strips at 3" x 12 1/2" for C

24 pieces at 2 1/2" x 4" for D

24 pieces at 2 1/2" x 3 for E

24 pieces at 2" x 2 1/2" for F

Sashing:

Cut 5 strips of fabric at 1 1/2" x WOF

Birthday Cakes:

12 strips at 2 1/2" x 9 1/2" for G

12 strips at 2 1/2" x 7 1/2" for H

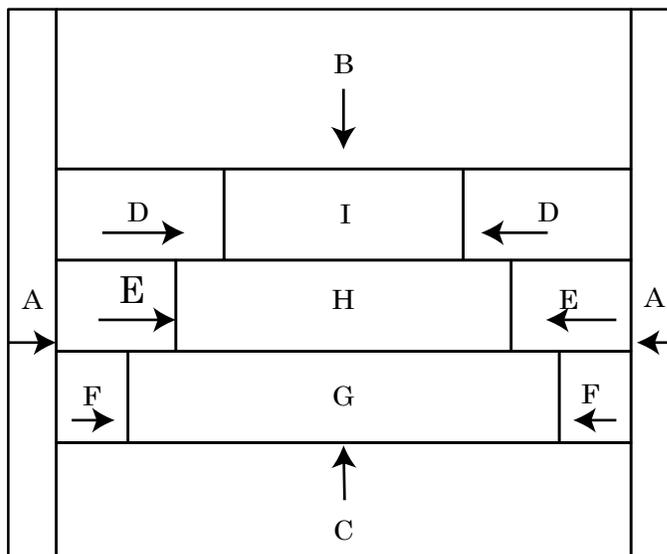
12 strips at 2 1/2" x 5 1/2" for I

BLOCK CONSTRUCTION

Seam width should be set for 1/4".

Sew pieces to strips as shown below in the list below as well as the diagram on the following page:

1. Stitch one F to each side of G, press seams towards G
2. Stitch one E to each side of H, press seams towards H
3. Stitch one D to each side of I, press seams towards I
4. Stitch previous sewn rows together, stitch B on top, C on bottom, and one A on each side of the cake block. Press seams to one side.



QUILT CONSTRUCTION

Prior to sewing blocks together, measure all blocks for consistency in size (14 1/2" x 12 1/2"). If necessary trim to match all block sizes. Row diagram and placement available on following page.

SASHING

Sashing can be applied in two different option.

1. Cut sashing at 1 1/2" x 14 1/2" pieces to attach to the blocks. Total of 15 cuts will be needed.
2. Measure length of rows after attaching 3 blocks together, cut one continuous strip of sashing at 1 1/2" x needed length and attach as one piece.

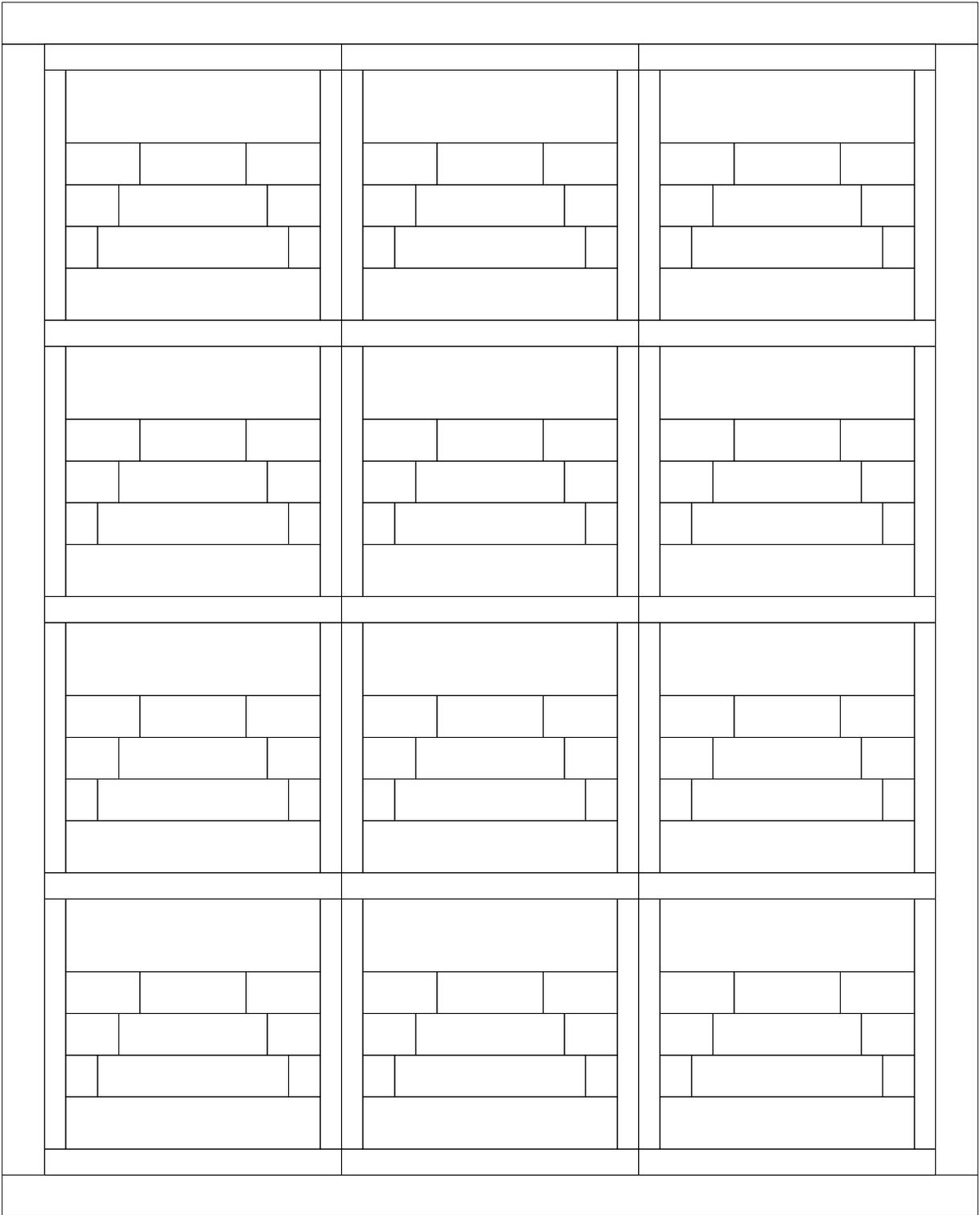
ROWS

1. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, attach 3 blocks together to form a row.
2. Attach sashing below each row before adding additional row. One row of sashing will need to be applied to the top to allow for sashing all around the quilt blocks. Press all newly sewn seams.
3. Measure quilt at top, middle, and bottom lengths to check for need to trim or square up quilt prior to attaching borders.

BORDERS

1. Cut border strips at 2 1/2" x 54 1/2". Length can be adjusted as necessary to fit length of quilt after above measurements. Sew to sides of quilt using 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam towards border.
2. Cut top and bottom borders at 2 1/2" x 46". Sew borders to top and bottom of quilt. Press seams to border fabric.

QUILT LAYOUT



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