Birthday Cake Quilt
by Elizabeth Hartman

Finished quilt measures 48” x 48”.
Use fat quarters of Laurie Wisbrun’s Pooches & Pickups and Kona Solids to make this simple, cheerful quilt.

Supplies

For Spring Blocks
1 Fat Quarter* each of the 3 green and blue “Spring” prints from the Pooches & Pickups collection
(ALP-11340-192, ALP-11341-192, and ALP-11342-192)
1 Fat Quarter* each of Kona Solids in White (K001-1387), Pacific (K001-90) and Clover (K001-135)

For Summer Blocks
1 Fat Quarter* each of the 3 red and gold “Summer” prints from the Pooches & Pickups collection
(ALP-11340-193, ALP-11341-193, and ALP-11342-193)
1 Fat Quarter* each of Kona Solids in Black (K001-1019), Tomato (K001-7) and Curry (K001-1677)

For Quilt Back
3¼ Yards Medium Gray Kona Solid (K001-1223)

Batting
52” x 52”

Binding
3/8 Yard Pimatex Basics Black and White Stripe (BKT-10533-2)

*Fat Quarters should measure at least 18” x 21”
Cut the Fat Quarters

From White Solid fat quarter, cut 2 strips 9” x 21”. Subcut these into 40 strips, 1” x 9”.

From Black Solid fat quarter, cut 2 strips 5” x 21”. Subcut these into 40 strips, 1” x 5”.

From each of the remaining fat quarters cut 2 strips 9” x 21”. Subcut each into 8 rectangles 5” x 9” (80 total rectangles).

Divide the cut pieces into two sets. The white strips and green and blue rectangles will be used to make the cool-colored “Spring” blocks. The black strips and red and gold rectangles will be used to make the warm-colored “Summer” blocks.

Note: The following piecing instructions contemplate a ¼” seam allowances with all seams pressed open.

Make the Summer Blocks

Cut one Summer rectangle in half horizontally (into 2 pieces, each 4½” tall). Sew the pieces back together, placing one black strip between the two pieces, as shown above.

Trim the finished block to 4½” x 8½”. Repeat with the remaining 39 red and gold rectangles and black strips, making a total of 40 Summer blocks.
Make the Spring Blocks

Cut one Spring rectangle in half vertically (into 2 pieces, each 2½” wide). Sew the pieces back together, placing one white strip between the 2 pieces, as shown above.

Trim the finished block to 4½” x 8½”. Repeat with the remaining 39 green and blue rectangles and white strips, making a total of 40 Spring blocks.

Make the Quilt Top

Arrange 72 of the blocks in 6 rows of 12, alternating Spring and Summer blocks in a checkerboard pattern.

Sew each row of blocks together, than sew the 6 rows together to complete the quilt top.
Finish the Quilt

Sew 7 of the remaining blocks together, matching 4½” ends (you will have 1 extra block).

Cut the Medium Grey solid backing fabric into 2 pieces, each measuring about 56” long. Trim away selvages from one piece and trim the other to about 14” wide.

Sew the 2 pieces together, matching long sides and inserting the strip of blocks between the solid gray pieces.

Sandwich and quilt as desired. Cut binding fabric into 5 strips measuring 2½” x width of fabric. Use these to make and sew double-fold binding.

Enjoy your finished quilt!