

# EXPLODING STAR

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Featuring **Sunshine Garden**  
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Finished quilt measures: 48-1/2" x 58"

**Pattern Level: Experienced Intermediate**









***"I know the ropes and would like to test my skills!"***

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## Fabric and Supplies Needed

*Fabric amounts based on yardage that is 42" wide.*

Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage	Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage
	A	ADZ-17191-9 NAVY	1 yard		E	ADZ-17190-5 YELLOW	1 yard
	B	ADZ-17193-4 BLUE	1 yard		F	ADZ-17194-5 YELLOW	1 yard
	C	ADZ-17194-4 BLUE	1 yard		G	ADZ-17190-9 NAVY	3/4 yard
	D	ADZ-17193-5 YELLOW	1 yard		Binding	ADZ-17191-5 YELLOW	1/2 yard
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## Notes Before You Begin

- Read through all of the instructions before beginning.
- All of the seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.
- Press seam allowances open unless otherwise noted.
- Width of fabric (WOF) is equal to at least 42" wide.
- Right sides together has been abbreviated to RST.
- Remember to measure twice and cut once!



## Cutting Instructions

**TIP:** Before cutting the fabrics, iron with spray starch. A stiffer fabric will minimize fraying and stretching.

**From each of Fabrics A-F, cut:**

eleven 2-1/2" x WOF strips for the strip sets

**From Fabric G, cut:**

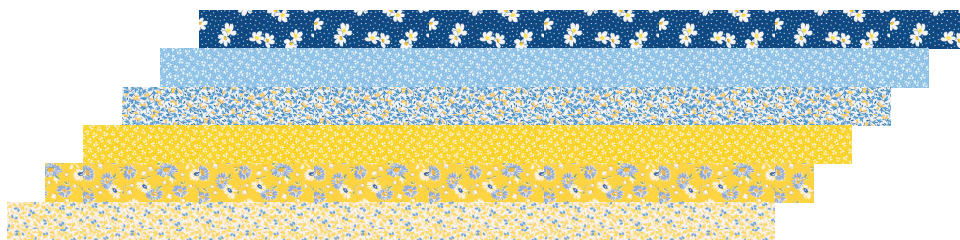
six 4" x WOF strips for the border

**From the Binding Fabric, cut:**

six 2-1/2" x WOF strips

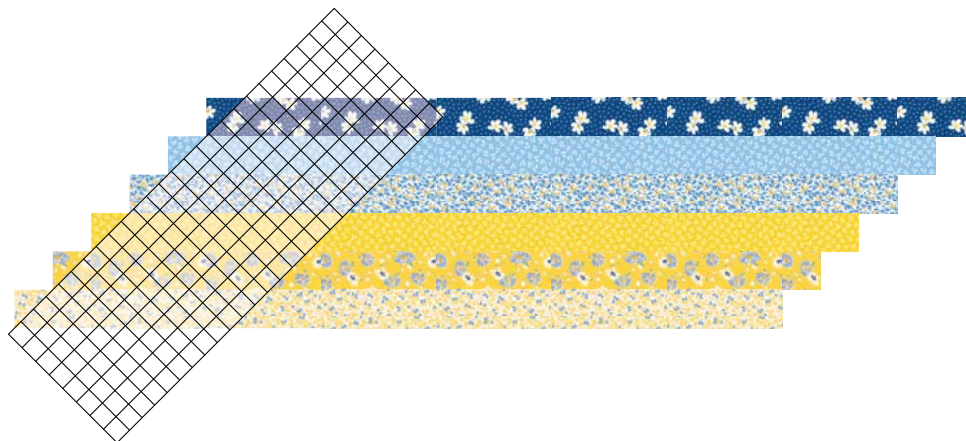
## Assembling the Strip Sets

**Step 1** Sew the 2-1/2" strips together in the order shown to make a total of eleven strip sets with the ends off-set from the left by 2". Press the strip sets carefully so they remain straight (not curved). Press the seams all to the bottom strip.

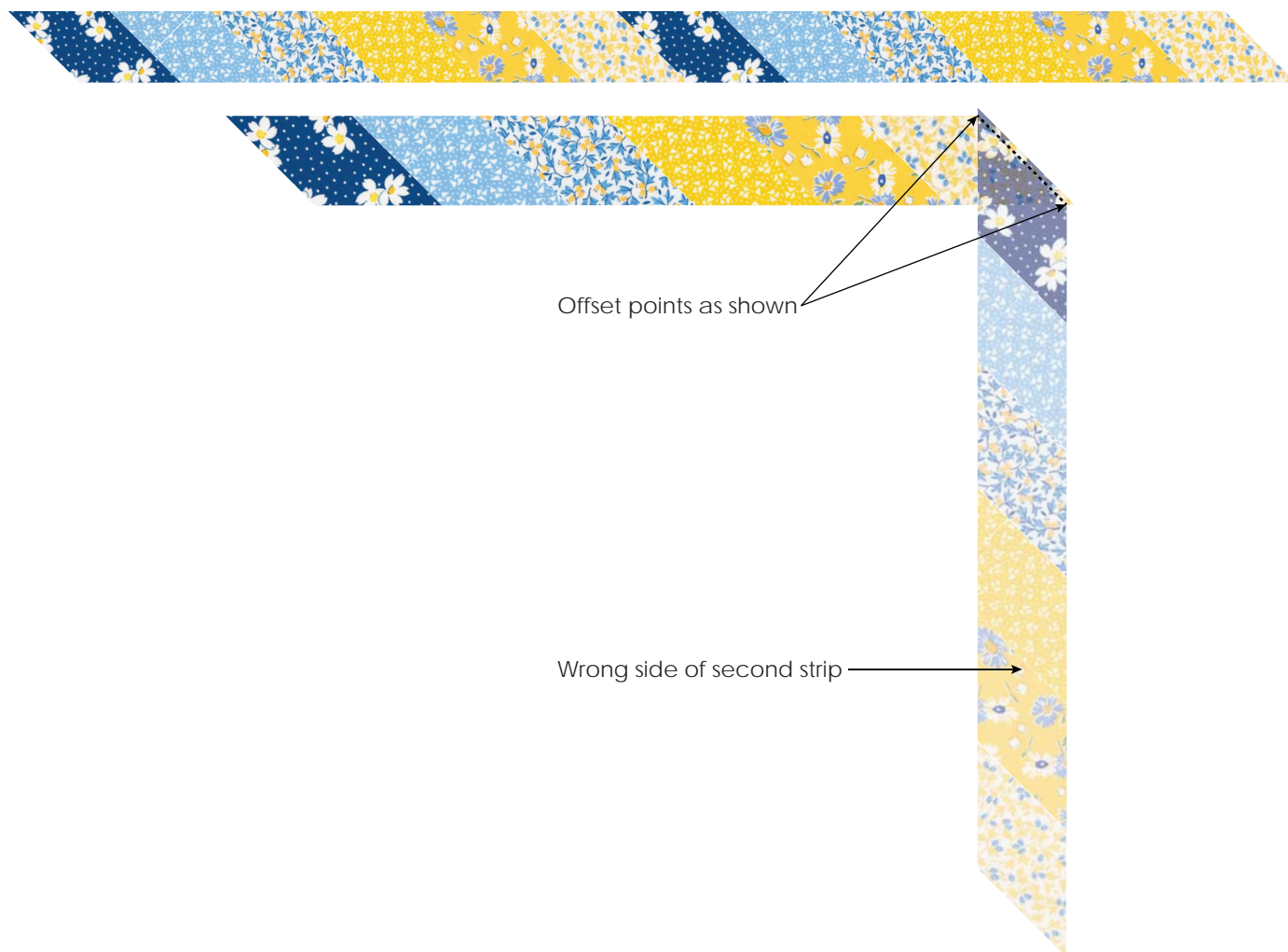


Fabric order: Fabric A - Fabric B - Fabric C - Fabric D - Fabric E - Fabric F

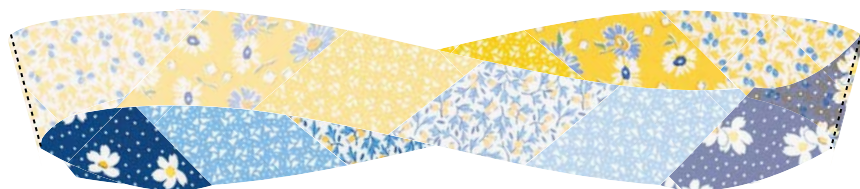
**Step 2** Using a 24" long ruler, align the 45-degree angle on the ruler with the top of one strip set, and making sure the lines on the ruler match the seam lines of the strip set. Trim off the corners of the strip set at a 45-degree angle. Continue cutting 2-1/2" wide strips, keeping the strips at a 45-degree angle. You will need one hundred four cut strips.



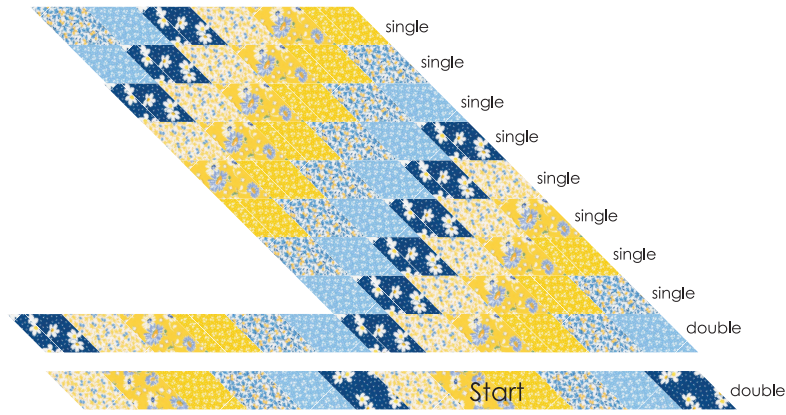
**Step 3** Using sixty of the cut strips from Step 2, join two strips to make a double strip. Make thirty double strips.



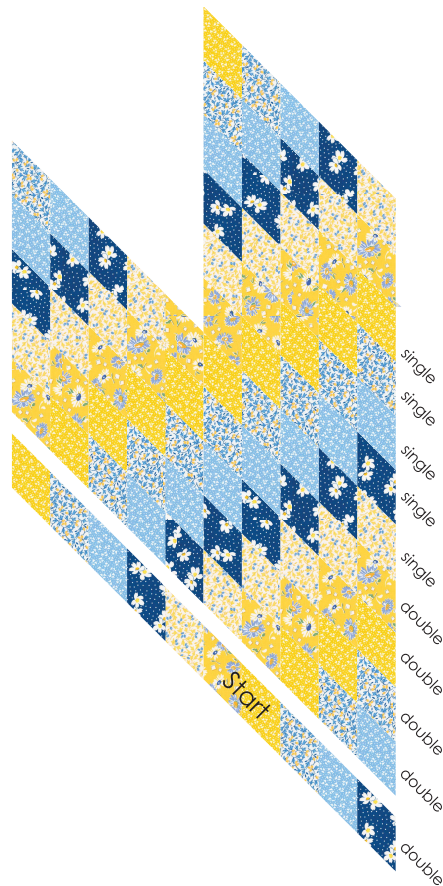
**Step 4** With the remaining forty-four single strips, join each first and last diamond, creating a circle for each strip. Repeat with the double strips from Step 3.



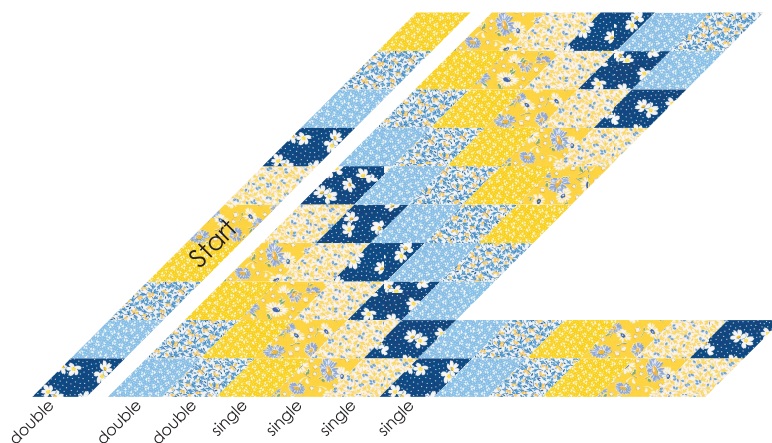
**Step 5** Using the strip circles in Step 4 on page 4, create a large triangle unit as shown below by sewing the strips together on the diagonal edge. Remove the stitching between two diamonds in the circle to off-set the colors, referring to the prints shown in the illustration for the specific seams to remove stitching. Some rows will be double strips, others will be singles as indicated on the illustration below. You will need a total of ten rows per triangle unit. After sewing, press as shown, making sure you have a square corner at the bottom. Make two triangles as shown.



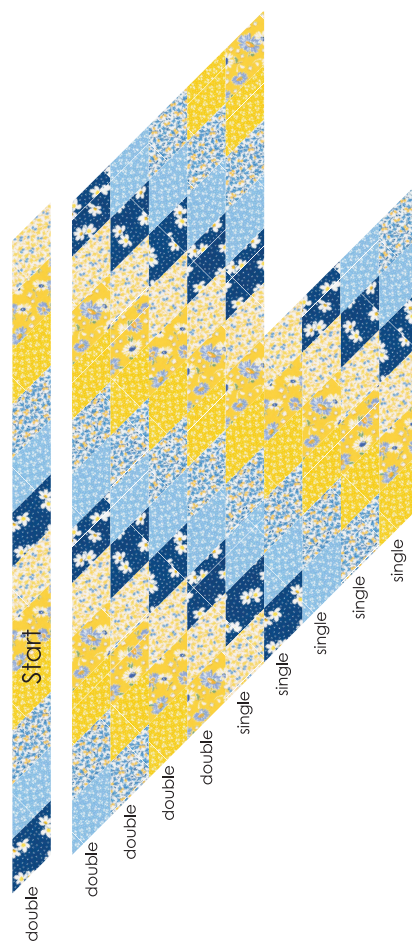
**Step 6** In the same manner as above, create two more triangle units facing the other direction as shown.



**Step 7** In the same manner as before, sew a large triangle unit as shown. Make two.



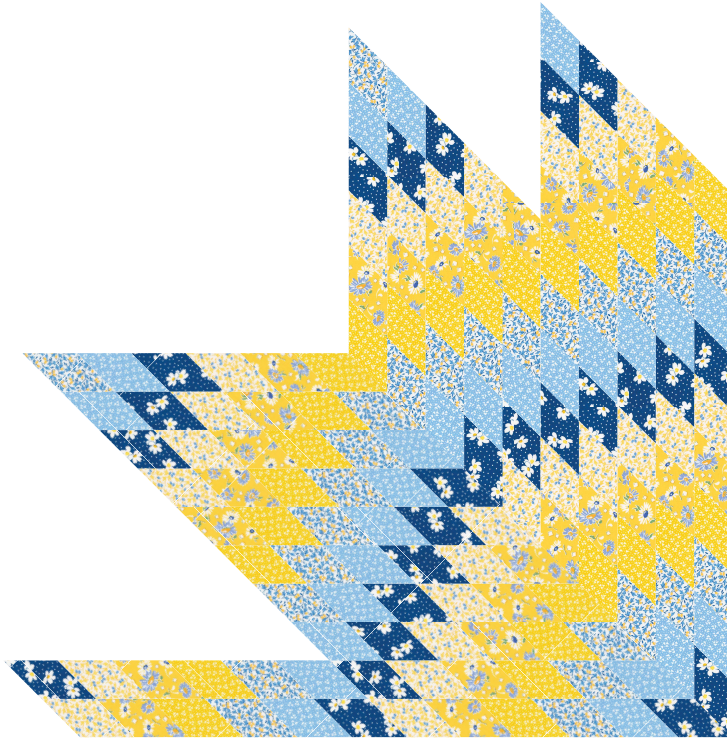
**Step 8** In the same manner, make two more large triangle units as shown below.



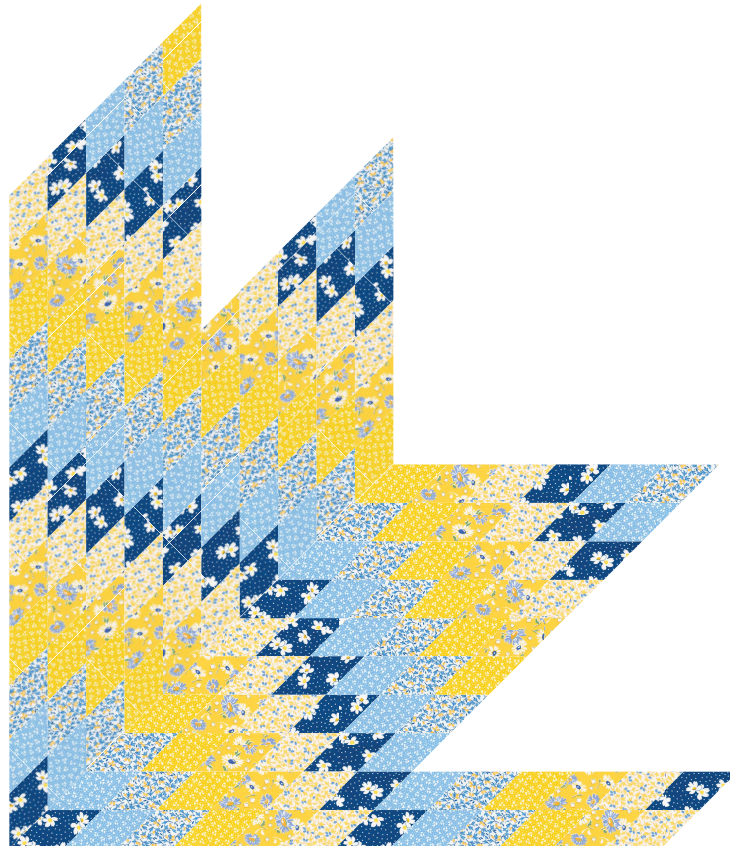


## Assembling the Quilt

**Step 1** Sew the Step 5 and 6 triangles together on the long edges to make rectangles, pinning and matching the seams. Press the seam open. Make two rectangles, the upper left and lower right quadrants.

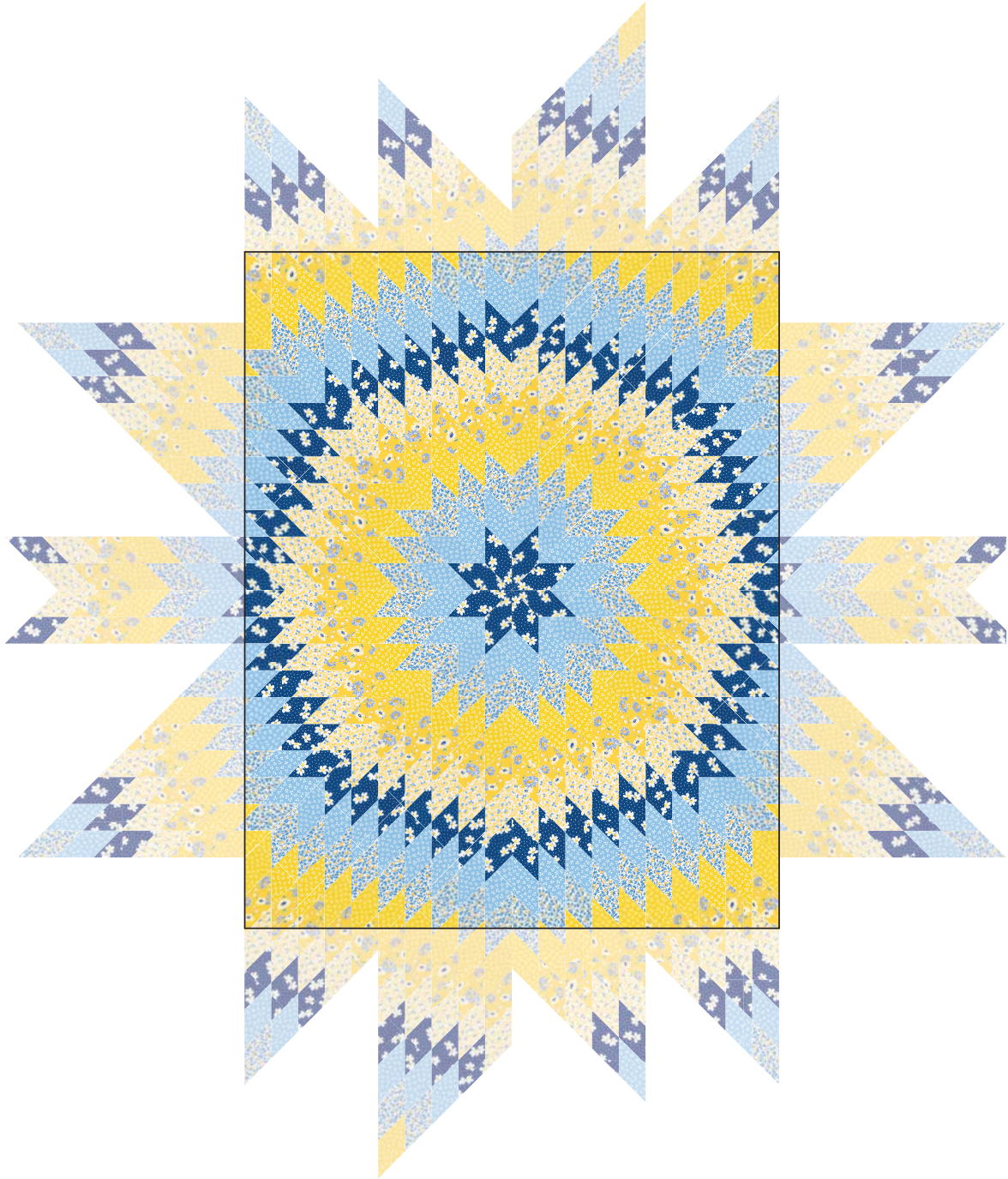


**Step 2** Sew the Step 7 and 8 triangles together on the long edges to make rectangles, pinning and matching the seams. Press the seam open. Make two rectangles, the upper right and lower left quadrants.



**Step 3** Sew the rectangles together in two pairs. Sew the pairs together to make a large rectangle. Press all the seams open.

**Step 4** Using a large square ruler aligned with the seams, mark the four corners of the quilt. Note the quilt is rectangular, so the corners will look a little odd. Mark the lines connecting the corners. Check to make sure the lines are where you want to cut, then trim on the marked lines to square up the edges of the quilt top.



**Step 5** Measure the quilt through the center. Piece the border strips together with diagonal seams pressed open. Trim two borders to the width of the quilt. Sew to the quilt with the borders on top as you sew, in order to prevent stretching the pieced quilt center. Repeat for the remaining two sides of the quilt.

Your quilt top is complete! Baste, quilt, bind and enjoy!