

Seaglass Mosaic

Finished Size: 62" x 78"

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Take one simple repeated block, surround it with a couple of borders, and make it sparkle!

This quilt works very well with scraps! Gather your pile of scraps and start with 10-inch squares to follow along with the cutting instructions.

Another way to piece the block units is to start from 2-1/2" strips and use a strip tube ruler.

At the end of the instructions is a black and white drawing for you to use to doodle some quilting ideas!



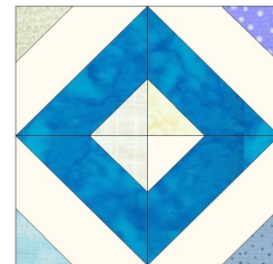
Yardage and Cutting instructions

| Amount | Fabric | Pieces to Cut |
|--------------------|--|--|
| 2-1/2 yards (2.3m) | Background | Cut 6 strips, 10" x wof*; sub-cut into 10" x 10" squares, getting four from each strip. Cut 11 strips, 2-1/4" x wof* sub-cut into squares. Each strips will give you 18 or 19 squares. You need 192 of these small squares. |
| 14 fat quarters | Chosen colors for the blocks and outer pieced border | Cut a total of 24 squares, each 10" x 10" Cut 20 strips, 2-1/4" x 21" from your fat quarters; sub-cut into 192 small squares = 2-1/4" x 2-1/4" Cut the leftovers into 2-1/2" wide rectangles of whatever lengths your fabric lends itself to |
| 1-1/4 yards (1m) | Wide inner border | Cut 7 strips, 5-1/2" |
| 5/8 yard (0.5m) | Binding | Cut 7 strips, 2-1/2" x width of fabric |
| | Batting and Backing | You will need a piece 70" x 86" |

*wof = width of fabric, at least 42 inches

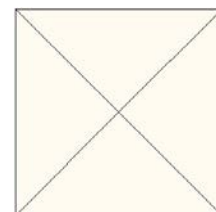
1. Sew the Blocks

The basic block is made of four units, rotated around the center to make a ring of one color with a diamond in the center. There are flip out triangles on the corners of the block that I chose to sew in a scrappy way. You will need to sew 48 blocks.

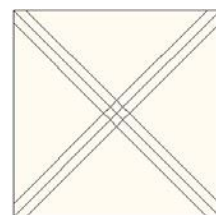


For each of Two blocks:

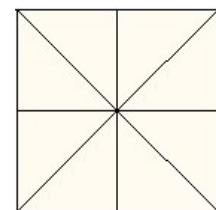
Use one 10-inch square of background (white) and one colored square
Draw two diagonal lines across the back of the background square.



Layer right sides together with the colored square.
Stitch a seam 1/4" away from each side of the drawn lines. Press to set the seams.



Cut the unit apart into 8 sections: in half vertically and horizontally, and on each of your drawn diagonal lines.



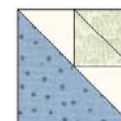
Press each section to obtain 8 half-square triangles units. They are just a bit bigger than 4- 1/2", so that you can now trim them down to an accurate 4-1/2" square unit, since sometimes these half-square triangles get a bit wonky.



Tip: *If you are a really precise piecer, you can start with squares that are only 9-3/4" x 9-3/4" and you won't have to trim them down.*

You will now add a "sew and flip" corner to each side of each unit.

On the background triangle, place a small square of colored fabric, sew exactly on the diagonal, then flip back the flap and press. I like to trim off the extra layers below to reduce bulk, but some people just leave them as is.



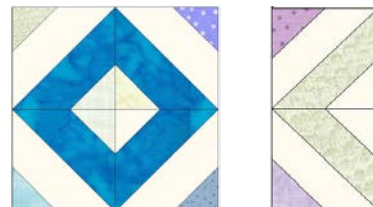
Repeat this process, adding a small square of background fabric to the corner of the colored triangles.

Now your units should look like the diagram at right, still measuring 4-1/2" x 4-1/2".



Sew four units together as you would a four-patch, to make one block.

Combine the units as shown at right to sew 44 full blocks, and 8 half blocks to use as the ends for the staggered rows.



2. Piece the Quilt Center

Lay out the blocks into 8 rows.
Rows 1, 3, 5 and 7 will have 5 full blocks,
and two half-blocks on each end.



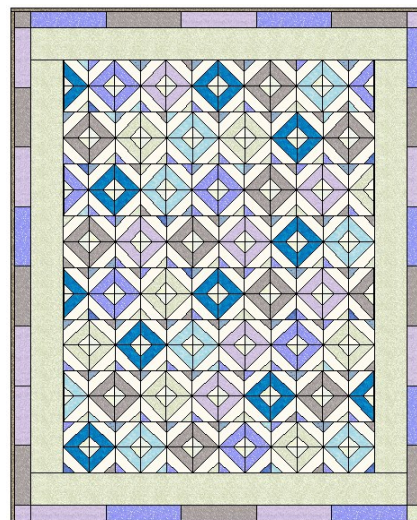
Rows 2, 4, 6 and 8 will have 6 full blocks.



Move the blocks around until you like the way the colors are distributed.
Sew each of the row's blocks together, then sew the rows together to create the quilt's center unit. It will be 48-1/2" x 64-1/2".

3. Add Wide Inner Border

Piece the border strips together as needed to obtain two rectangles measuring 5-1/2" x 64-1/2" for the side borders, and 2 rectangles measuring 5-1/2" x 58-1/2" for top and bottom borders. Attach the side borders first, then press seams toward the border fabric. Next add the top and bottom border sections to the quilt center; press seam toward border fabric.



4. Add Outer Pieced Border

Sew all the 2-1/2" rectangles of colored fabrics together end to end to make one really long strip. Cut to the needed lengths for side borders, (74-1/2") and sew them on. Press toward the inner border. Cut the needed lengths for the top and bottom borders (62-1/2") and sew them on. Press again toward the inner border.

Piecing Design Variation

Although the yardage chart specifies fat quarters to use for your colored areas, you can use pre-cut 10" squares. You will need about 36 squares for the quilt body, and you won't make the outside pieced border. If you want an outer narrow border, just get 2/3 yard (.6m) of a particular fabric. The quilt can be sewn without staggering the rows of blocks as shown at right. Just sew all your units into 48 full blocks, and lay them out into 8 rows of 6 blocks each.

