## Ella

## Checkerboard Squares

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Featuring the Ella Collection by Whistler Studios Size: 52" x 67"


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## Estimated Fabric Requirements:

2/3 yard - 41851-X Multi
2/3 yard - 41852-3 Light Blue
½ yard - 41856-1 Dark Blue $1 / 2$ yard - 41856-4 Medium Blue 1/4 yard - 41858-1 Dark Blue 3/8 yard - 41854-3 Light Blue $3 / 8$ yard - 41855-1 Dark Blue $3 / 8$ yard - 41857-3 Light Blue 3/8 yard - 41853-1 Dark Blue 2 yards - 31835-White Solid White $1 / 2$ yard - 41853-4 Medium Blue $31 / 2$ yards - 41852-1 Dark Blue


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## Cutting Instructions:

Fabric A: Squares - Multi

- Cut two $91 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into six $91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares.

Fabric B: Leaves - Light Blue

- Cut two $91 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into six $91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares.

Fabric C: Rain Drops - Dark Blue

- Cut three 2" $\times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into twelve $2^{\prime \prime} \times 91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips.
- Cut four $2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into twelve $2^{\prime \prime} \times 121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips.

Fabric D: Rain Drops - Medium Blue

- Cut three 2" $\times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into twelve $2^{\prime \prime} \times 91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips.
- Cut four 2" $\times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into twelve 2" $\times 121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips.

Fabric E: Diamonds - Dark Blue

- Cut two $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into twenty $31 / 2{ }^{\prime \prime}$ squares.

Fabric F: Plants - Light Blue

- Cut three $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into thirty-one $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares.

Fabric G: Suns - Dark Blue

- Cut three $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into thirty-one $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares.

Fabric H: Lines - Light Blue

- Cut three $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into thirty-one $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares.

Fabric I: Lines of Squares - Dark Blue

- Cut three $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into thirty-one $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares.

Fabric J: Solid White

- Cut twenty-four 2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into (496) 2" squares.
- Cut four $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut two $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 631 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips.
- Cut three $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut two $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 521 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips.

Fabric K: Lines of Squares - Medium Blue

- Cut six $2 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips for the binding.

Backing: Leaves - Dark Blue

- Cut two $60^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sew the strips together and trim to $60^{\prime \prime} \times 75^{\prime \prime}$ for the pieced back.


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## Block Assembly:

1. Sew one $2^{\prime \prime} \times 91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Fabric C strip to each side of one $91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Fabric A square. Sew one $2^{\prime \prime} \times 121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Fabric C strip to the top and to the bottom of the Fabric A square to make one Block One (Fig. 1). Repeat to make six Block Ones total.
2. Sew one 2" x $91122^{\prime \prime}$ Fabric D strip to each side of one $91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Fabric B square. Sew one $2^{\prime \prime} \times 121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Fabric D strip to the top and to the bottom of the Fabric B square to make one Block Two (Fig. 2). Repeat to make six Block Twos total.


Fig. 1


Fig. 2
3. Place one 2" Fabric J square on the top left corner of one $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Fabric F square, right sides together (Fig. 3). Sew across the diagonal of the smaller square from the upper right corner to the lower left corner (Fig. 3). Flip open the triangle formed and press (Fig. 4). Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ away from the sewn seam.


Fig. 3


Fig. 4
4. Follow Figure 5 for the seam direction to add a 2" Fabric J square to each of the remaining corners of the $3 \underline{1} 2^{\prime \prime}$ Fabric F square to make one F block (Fig. 6).
5. Repeat Steps 3-4 to make thirty-one F blocks total.

Unit One
make 31

Fig. 6


Fig. 5

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6. Repeat Steps $3-4$ using thirty-one $31 / 2 "$ Fabric $G$ squares and (124) 2" Fabric J squares to make thirty-one G blocks (Fig. 7).
7. Repeat Steps $3-4$ using thirty-one $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Fabric H squares and (124) 2" Fabric J squares to make thirty-one H blocks (Fig. 8).
8. Repeat Steps $3-4$ using thirty-one $31 / 2 "$ Fabric I squares and (124) 2" Fabric J squares to make thirty-one I blocks (Fig. 9).


Fig. 7


Fig. 8

Unit Four
make 31


Fig. 9

Sashing Unit make 31
9. Sew one F block, one G block, one H block and one I block together in that order to make one sashing unit (Fig. 10). Repeat to make thirty-one sashing units total.


Fig. 10
10. Sew four $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Fabric E squares and three sashing units together, alternating them, to make one sashing strip. Repeat to make five sashing strips total.

## Quilt Assembly - Refer to the Quilt Layout while assembling the quilt top:

11. Sew four sashing units, two Block Ones and one Block Two together to make Row One. Repeat to make Row Three.
12. Sew four sashing units, two Block Twos and one Block One together to make Row Two. Repeat to make Row Four.
13. Sew the five sashing strips and the four rows, in numerical order, together, alternating them, to make the quilt top.
14. Sew one $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 631 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Fabric J strip to each side of the quilt top. Sew one $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 521 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Fabric $J$ strip to the top and to the bottom of the quilt top.
15. Layer and quilt as desired.
16. Sew the six $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF Fabric K strips together, end to end with 45 -degree seams, to make the binding. Fold this long strip in half, lengthwise with wrong sides together, and press.
17. Bind as desired.

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