

Second to None

Finished size of the quilt is 88" x 88".

Step 1

Fabric Requirements:

- Fabric #1** - Light Background 2 yards
- Fabric #2** - Secondary Accent 1 1/2 yards
- Fabric #3** - Focus Fabric 2 3/4 yards
- Fabric #4** - Primary Accent* 3 1/2 yards

*This fabric will be the outer border of the quilt. Because I was working from my fabric stash and had to get creative, I used two fabrics that were similar in value and slightly different in color. In that case you will need 3/4 yard of one and 2 3/4 yards of the second one. This fabric will not be used until the last step when the mystery is revealed, so you can leave your final decision until then.

- Backing** 8 yards
- Binding** 1 yard

Cutting:

Strips are cut across the width of the fabric making them approximately 42" long with selvages on each of the short ends.

Fabric #1

Cut ten 2 1/2" wide strips.

Fabric #2

Cut fourteen 2 1/2" wide strips.

Fabric #3

Cut two 6 1/2" wide strips.

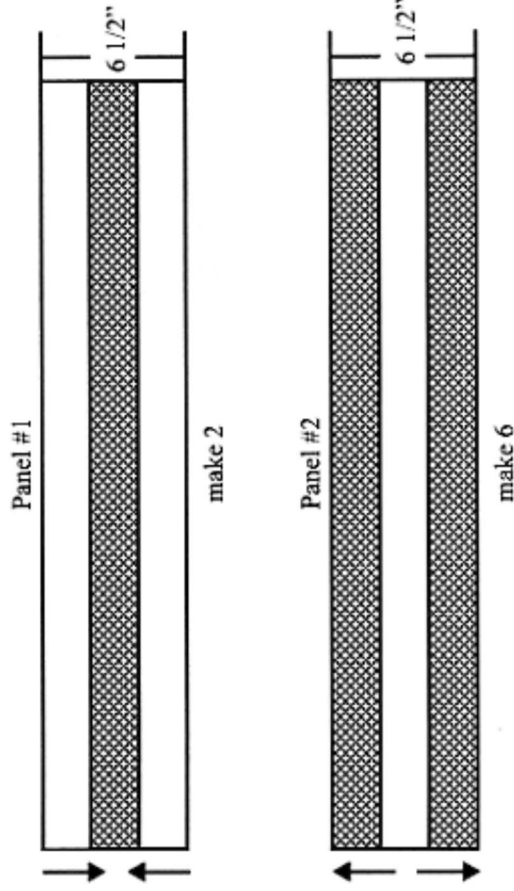
Cut these strips into thirty-two 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles.

Piecing:

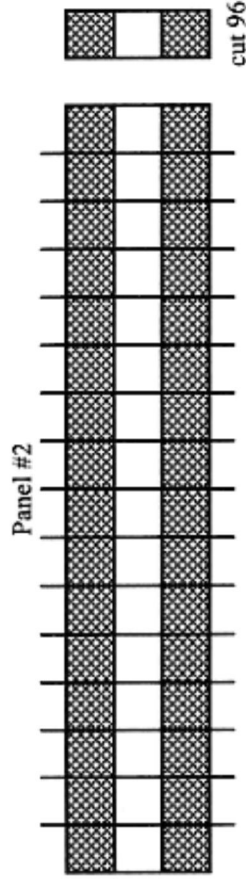
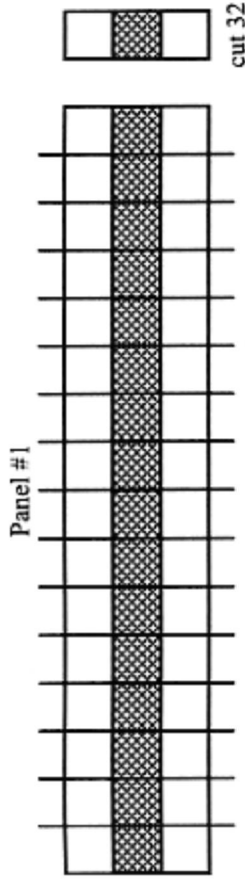
Use 1/4" seam allowances. Accurate piecing is the key to your success.

Use the strips of fabrics 1 and 2 to make panels like those shown below. Press all seam allowances toward fabric 2.

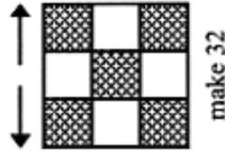
Measure the panels after they are pressed. They should measure 6 1/2" wide at this time.



Crosscut all of the panels into sections that are 2 1/2" wide. Cut thirty-two sections from the #1 panels and ninety-six sections from the #2 panels.



Use the remaining crosscut sections to make thirty-two nine patch blocks. Press the seam allowances away from the center row.



Sew a rectangle of fabric 3 to thirty-two of the sections that were cut from the #2 panels. Press the seam allowances toward fabric 3.

