

Changes in Attitudes – Step 3

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finished size of block - 7½"

finished size of quilt - 63¾" x 63¾"

Completing the Quilt

Measure your blocks. They should be 8". From the black fabric cut the alternate setting blocks as follows:

Cut two strips 8" wide (or the average measurement of your blocks).

Use the strips to cut nine 8" squares (or the measurement of your blocks).

Arrange the blocks on point. Begin by alternating the 54-40 or Fight blocks with the 8" squares of black. Refer to the photo on the next page for the placement of the blocks. The stars are arranged into four rows of four blocks. The black squares fill in the spaces between them.

Put the corner blocks in place and place the Four Patch Chain blocks on the sides around the perimeter of the quilt.

Fill in the edges with the large quarter-square triangles of black. The four half-square triangles of black are the corners.

Assemble the top by sewing the blocks and triangles into diagonal rows. See the exploded diagram for the blue and white quilt in Step 3 of the pattern for *Nothing But Blue Skies* to get you started. This quilt is assembled the same way. Press the seam allowances away from the 54-40 or Fight blocks and setting triangles in each row.

Sew the rows together. Press the seam allowances to one side.

The setting triangles are designed to be oversized. The corners of the blocks will float away from the edge of the quilt.

Borders

Sew twenty-one rail units together to make a border. Add a 1¾" x 3" rectangle of black to the bright piece on one end. Press all of the seam allowances toward the black. Repeat to make the remaining three borders.

Measure your pieced borders. Trim the quilt to that measurement.

Attach a border to two opposite sides of the quilt. Press the seam allowances away from the border.

Attach a four patch unit to each end of the remaining two borders. Press the seam allowances toward the four patches. Attach the borders to the quilt. Press the seam allowances away from the border.

Use the reserved 3" strips of black to add the outer border as directed for the blue and white quilt in Step 3 of *Nothing but Blue Skies*.

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