

# **QUILT BLOCK LAYOUTS**

# AGENDA

July –Dec 2025 BOM Recap

Block Preparation Tips

Layout decisions

Quilt Show Requirements

# **HQG BOM 2025**

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# A TRADITIONAL BLOCK & A MODERN VARIATION

- 6 traditional blocks and a modern variation from May to November 2025
- 9.5 inch block instructions in the newsletters and on the website
- Make one block, some, all or choose one pattern and create multiple blocks of that pattern
- Make one or both versions of the block
- Create your own interpretation of the traditional design
- Any size
- It's completely up to you!



4-PATCH, COURTHOUSE AND SNOWBALL



RAIL FENCE, 4 HST AND SHOO FLY

# BLOCK PREPARATION

- Press all blocks
- Determine desired block size
- Square up all blocks
  - Block too small? Add strips (recommend larger than 1/2")
  - Block too large? Trim
  - OR add sashing and adjust accordingly



# LAYOUT DECISIONS - part 1

- This is your quilt – you make the decisions
- Desired size?
  - Need to make more blocks?
    - BOM blocks
    - Fillers (e.g., fabric square, 4 patch, 9 patch, etc.)
    - Orphan blocks
  - Adding sashing and/or borders will increase size
  - Remember to subtract  $\frac{1}{2}$ " for each seam



# LAYOUT DECISIONS - part 2

- Format? Traditional grid or ???



Traditional grid



On point



Non-traditional grid

# QUILT LAYOUT DECISIONS - part 3

- Sashing?
  - Pro – Distinguishes each block
  - Con – Additional work, may lose possible secondary design
- Cornerstones?
  - Pro – Makes sashing more interesting; helps piecing of rows
  - Con – Additional work



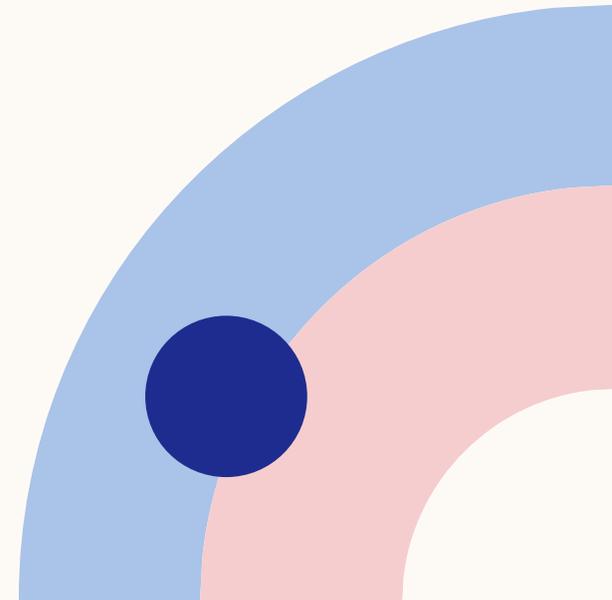
Without sashing



With sashing

# LAYOUT DECISIONS - part 4

- Brainstorm - Sketch various design layouts
- Figure out balance between “Spark of Joy” and “Get it Done”
- Use a design wall (flannel, batting, flannel backed tablecloth, etc.)
- No wall space? Use floor, table, or bed
- Try different layouts
- Take lots of pictures
- Walk away (an hour, a day, etc.)
- Get advice from a friend



**QUILT  
LAYOUT  
IDEAS**

# BLOCKS SEWN WITH BINDING

Ideal for a beginner  
quilt.

<https://patchwork-of-mini-grey.blogspot.com/>





# BLOCKS WITH BORDERS

**By Joanne How**

Previous HQG BOM Quilt

# BLOCKS WITH AN ASYMMETRICAL BORDER

By Cindy Grisdela





## HORIZONTAL WITH SASHING

<https://www.rebeccamaedesigns.com/homesweethome/quilt-as-you-go-block-of-month-finished/>



## VERTICAL WITH SASHING <https://www.renecreates.com/>



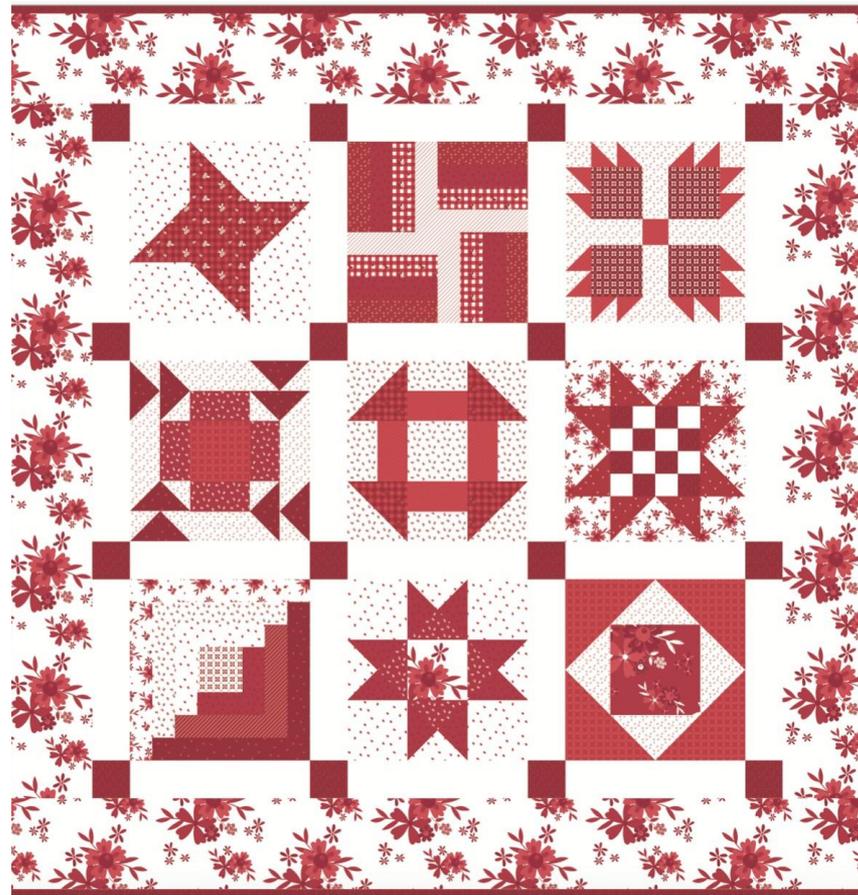
ELLEN OWENS - SASHING AROUND BLOCKS



JOANNE HOW - SASHING AROUND BLOCKS



MARYANN JONES - SASHING WITH CORNERSTONES



SASHING WITH CORNERSTONES AND A BORDER

<https://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/assets/images/freepatterns/quiltpatterns/cheerfullyredbuilditngblocksCuttingGuide.pdf>



# 13 BLOCKS LAYOUT

<https://quiltingjetgirl.com/2021/12/27/13-block-lap-size-quilt-tutorial-old-school-bom-final-layout/>

# OFFSET BLOCKS

Pinterest





# ADDITIONAL LAYOUTS - EXPERIENCED QUILTERS



BLOCKS ON POINT

<https://www.gigsthimble.com/2021/05/willy-nilly-string-quilt-tutorial.html?m=1>



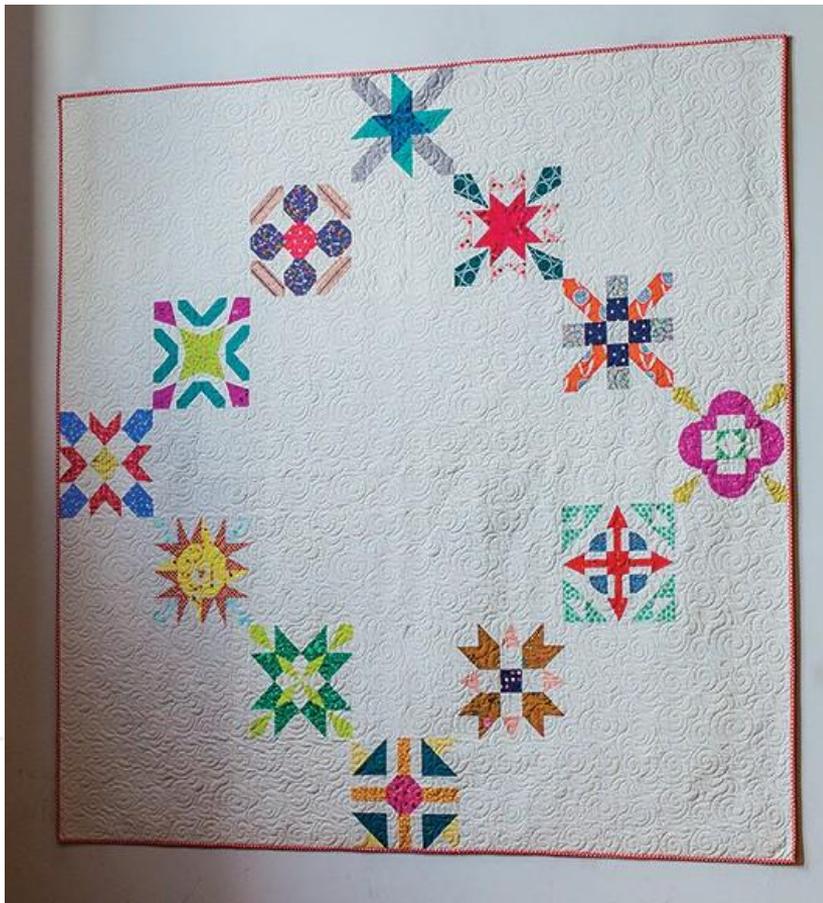
BLOCKS WITH MITRED CORNERS BORDER (PINTEREST)



FLOATING BLOCKS (<https://patchworknplay.blogspot.com/>)



BLOCKS WITH HST BORDER (PINTEREST)



BLOCKS IN A DIAMOND (BY AMY SMART)



MEDALLION QUILT

<https://www.etsy.com/listing/640774064/perfect-hst-bom-block-of-the-month?epik=dyjnujUGF0QmISd1kww294BkdFUEwONUVlFUdUdEdJNlUVwMk4McDwJm49DMDQYUhwMl23SEFK23YUmlxcGlBdy70PUFBQUeBR2ww73RR>

# QUILT SHOW



- Some projects shown at our meetings
- Show your projects at the Quilt Show
- Any **finished** project with at least **one** BOM block
  - Blocks any size
  - Quilt, wall-hanging, tote, pillow, table runner, etc.
- Enter on the online Quilt Show form Feb 1 – March 16



**QUESTIONS?  
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**THANK YOU  
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