

# SISTER'S CHOICE – SCRAPPY AND BRIGHT

Free Quilt Pattern

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*Made with the help of my blog visitors participating in polls to choose the blocks and the border in 2009.*

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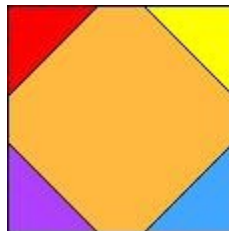
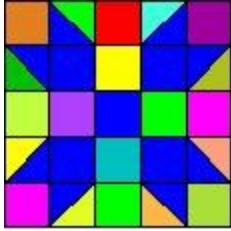
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**Quilt Size – 69” by 69”**

**Block Size – 10” (10.5” unfinished)**

**(13) Sister's Choice Blocks and (12) Snowball Blocks**



**Fabric Requirements:**



**(12) Cuts of fabric – 1/3 yard each  
Each fabric a different color.**



**(1) FQ in an additional color (13 colors in all).**



**½ yard inner border accent fabric.**



**2 ¼ yards background fabric.**

## Cutting Directions:

1. From each 1/3 yard cut of fabric – cut it into the following shapes and sizes.

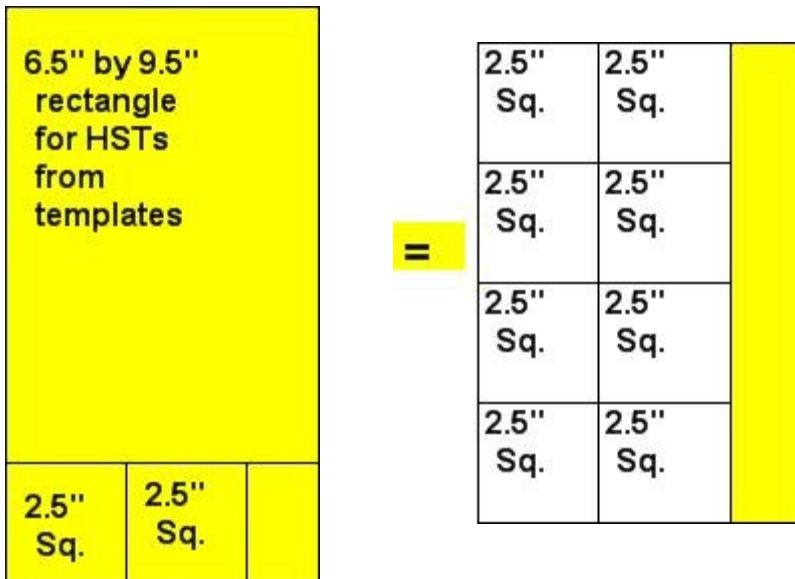
*You may not get the last (4) 2.5” squares on the right hand side if your fabric is less than 44” wide. This is okay.*

|              |             |          |             |  |  |             |             |             |          |          |
|--------------|-------------|----------|-------------|--|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 10.5" Square | 4.5" Square |          | 4.5" Square |  | 6.5" by 9.5" rectangle for HSTs from templates | 3.5" Square | 3.5" Square | 3.5" Square | 2.5" Sq. | 2.5" Sq. |
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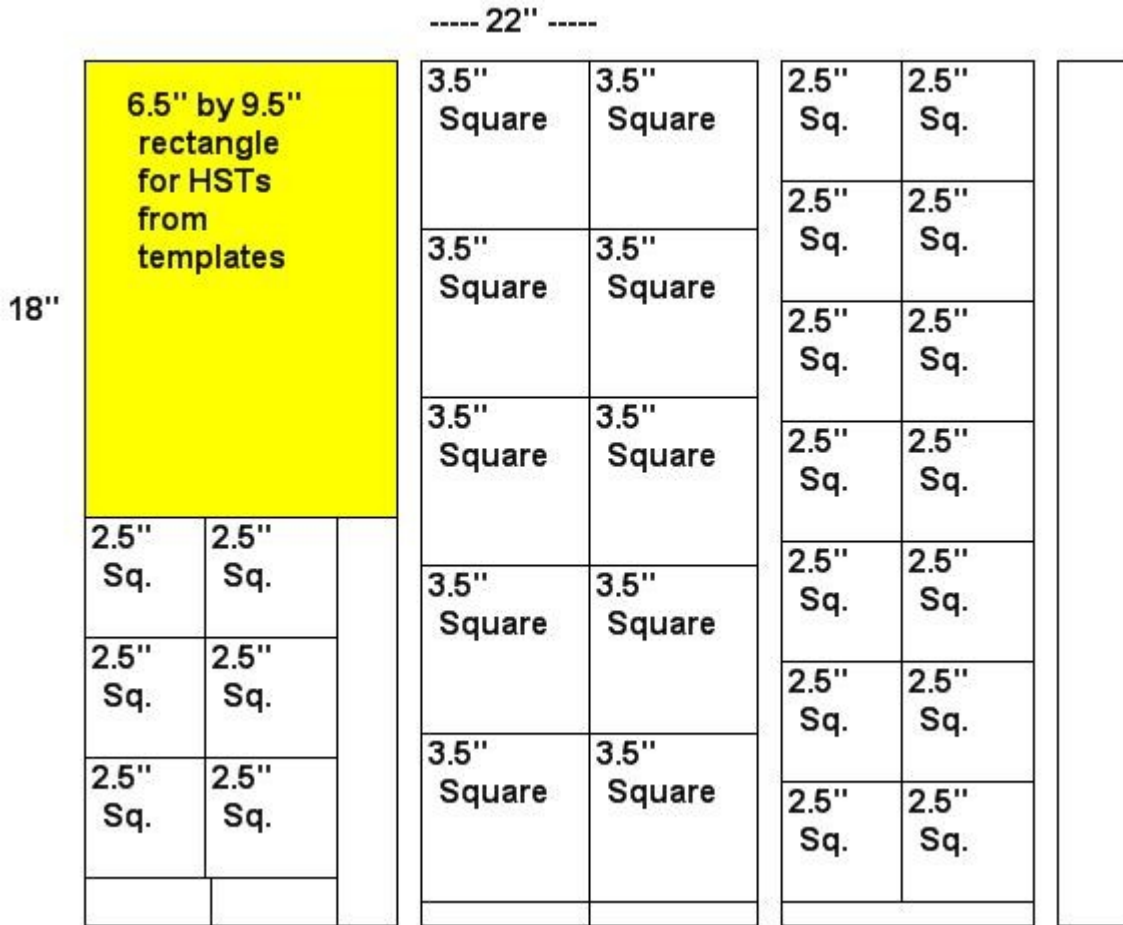
From each fabric you will have:

- (1) 10.5” square
- (4) 4.5” squares
- (1) 6.5” by 9.5” rectangle\*\*\*
- (9) 3.5” squares
- (9-13) 2.5” squares

\*\*\* If you are making your HSTs from squares cut your 6.5” by 9.5” rectangles into (6) 2.5” squares.



2. Cut your FQ.



From your FQ you will have:

- (1) 6.5" by 9.5" rectangle\*\*\*
- (10) 3.5" squares
- (20) 2.5" squares

\*\*\*Cut this rectangle into (6) 2.5" squares if you are making your HSTs from 2.5" squares.

### 3. Accent Border



(6) 2.5" by width of fabric strips.

Piece these strips and make

(2) 2.5" by 53.5" strips and

(2) 2.5" by 57.5" strips

### 4. Background Fabric

| First cut                   | Then cut                    | You will have  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| (2) 9.5" by Width of Fabric | (6) 6.5" by 9.5" rectangles | (12) 6.5" by 9.5" rectangles                                       |
| (1) 6.5" by Width of Fabric | (1) 6.5" by 9.5" rectangle  | (1) 6.5" by 9.5" rectangle<br>Cut the remainder into 2.5" squares. |
| (7) 3.5" by Width of Fabric | 3.5" by 3.5" squares        | (84) 3.5" squares  |
| (4) 2.5" by Width of Fabric | 2.5" by 2.5" squares        | (60) 2.5" squares  |
| (5) 2" by Width of Fabric   |                             | (5) 2" by Width of Fabric strips***                                |

\*\*\*Piece these 2" strips for an inner border and make

(2) 2" by 50.5" strips and

(2) 2" by 53.5" strips

## Making HSTs from Templates:

If you want to create several HSTs at once you can try my new tip:

<http://carterquilter.wordpress.com/2009/05/13/how-to-make-lots-of-hsts-my-first-tip/>

I use Triangle Magic and print out (13) templates for 2" finished size HSTs.  
(12) HSTs per template.

(1) background fabric 6.5" by 9.5" rectangle right sides together with

(1) colored fabric 6.5" by 9.5" rectangle

Pin a template on top in areas that will not be sewn. (2 pins)

*Most of the time I am careful and don't even bother pinning.*

Sew on the colored lines.

Cut on the black lines.

*Sewing and cutting accurately on the lines will yield perfect HSTs.. no trimming needed.*

**Tearing the paper tip:** Hold the corner of the triangle and start tearing from the center part. *(if you start tearing from the corners it can rip out some stitches.)*

You will have

(156) HSTs

Plenty for your blocks and some left over.

The pattern calls for (104) HSTs.

I like to max out my templates when making HSTs and build up my scrappy HST stash with the extras.

## Making HSTs from 2.5" squares:

You will be using (1) different colored 2.5" square and (1) background fabric square per HST.

**You need (104) HSTs for this pattern.**

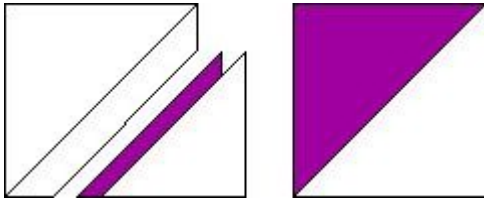
Draw a diagonal line through the center back of the background HST.

Place squares right sides together.

Sew on the diagonal line.

Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from diagonal line on one side.

Press to the background fabric.

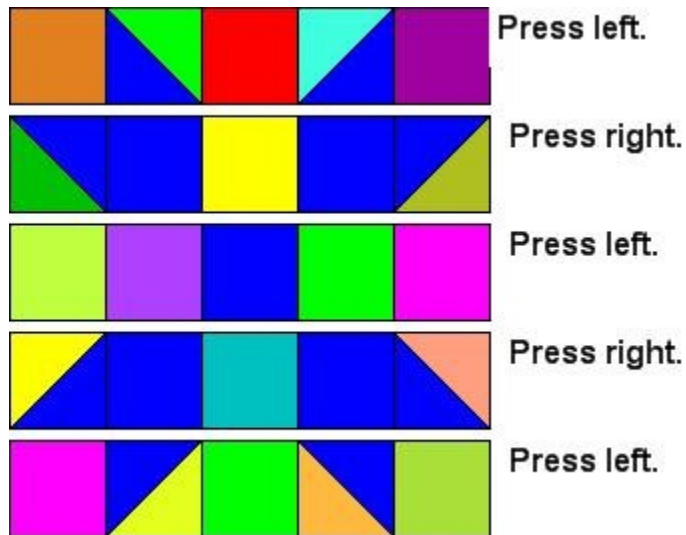


**Assemble your Sister's Choice blocks:  
Make (13)**

Lay out the pieces for your block in rows according to the diagram. You will have five rows.

Press each row in alternating directions so you can nest the seams.

Sew your rows together. Press down or up.



## Make your Snowball Blocks You need (12).

Gather (12) 10.5" squares in assorted colors.

Gather (48) 4.5" squares in assorted colors.

Draw a diagonal line across the back of each of your 4.5" squares.

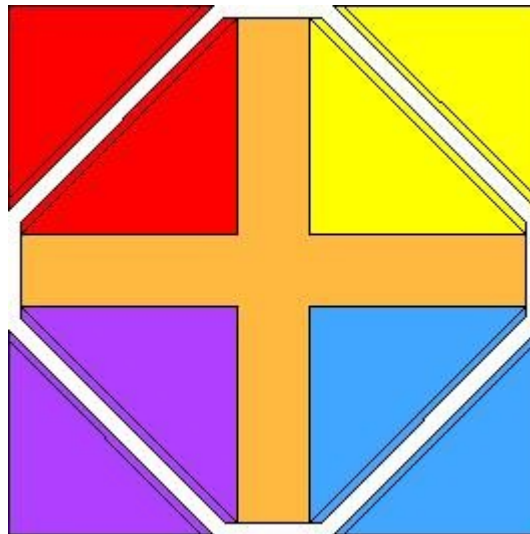
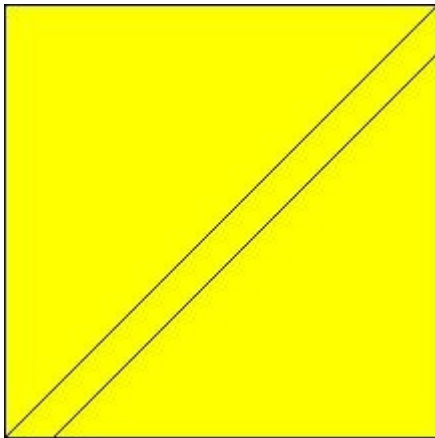
Draw a second diagonal line on ONE side of your first line and 1/2" apart.

Sew (1) 4.5" square to each corner of your 12.5" square.

Sew (2) seams.. one on each drawn line.

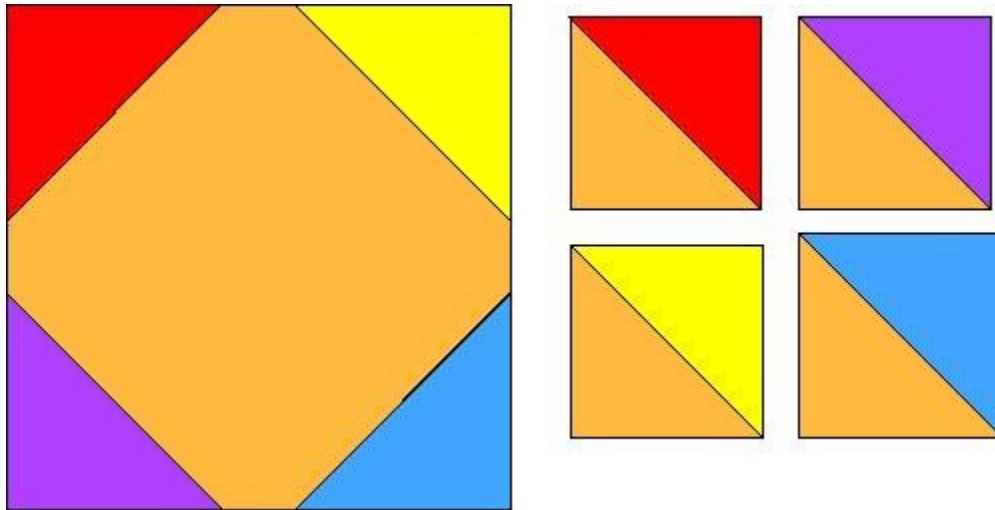
Cut in the middle of the these two seams.

This will give you a 1/4 " seam allowance on the triangle and 1/4 " seam allowance on the snowball.



Press the triangles on the snowballs open.  
 Press your extra HSTs open.

- (12) 10.5" scrappy snowballs
- (48) 4" unfinished HSTs for a later project.\*\*\*



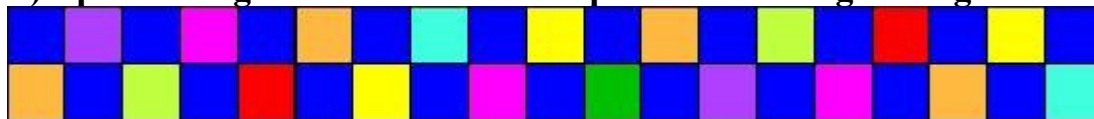
**\*\*\*I don't trim these 4" HSTs to 2.5" for this project because the HSTs for this quilt need to have one of the fabrics be the background fabric.**

**Assemble the Checkerboard Borders.**

Gather your 3.5" squares.  
 Alternate the directions of the seams when sewing so they nest.

**Side Borders. Make (2)**

**(19) squares long. Alternate colored squares according to diagram.**



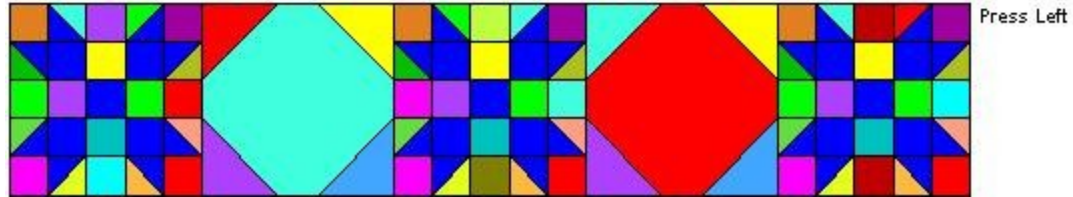
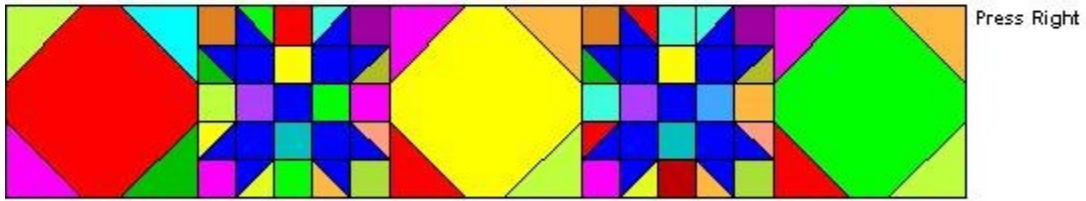
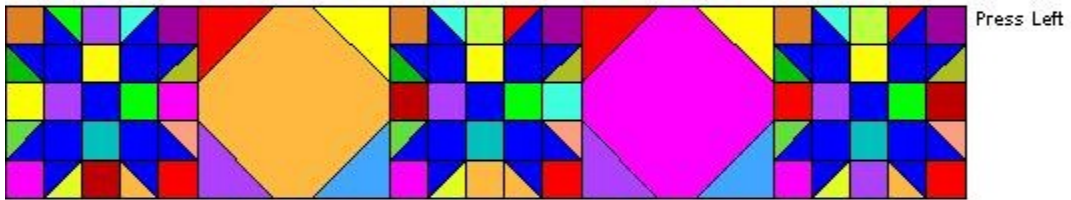
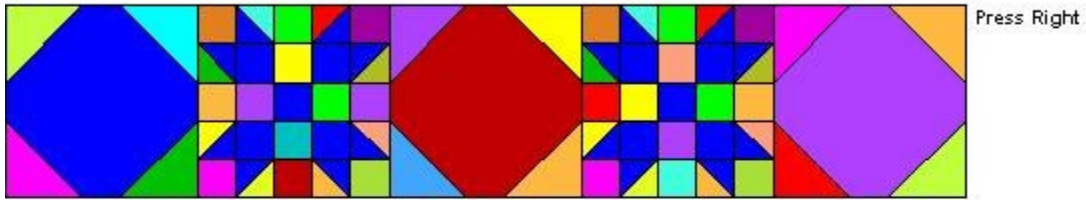
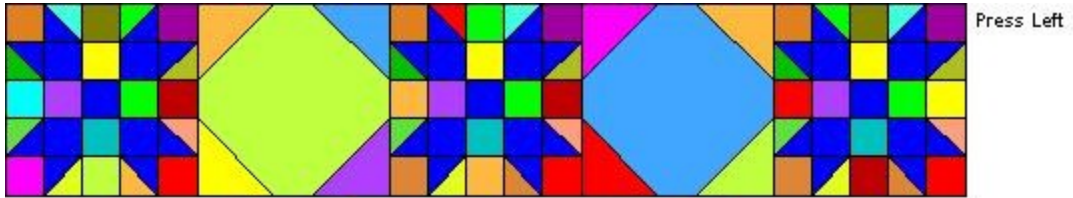
**Top and Bottom Borders. Make (2)**

**(23) squares long. Alternate colored squares according to diagram.**



## Assemble the rows of your quilt.

Press each row in an alternating direction so seams nest.  
Press the seams joining the rows in either direction.



## **Add the Borders.**

### **(1) Background Fabric Border first.**

Sew shorter strips to the sides. Press to the border.

Sew longer strips to the top and bottom. Press to the border.

### **(2) Accent Fabric Border.**

Sew shorter strips to the sides. Press to the Accent Border.

Sew longer strips to the top and bottom. Press to the Accent Border.

### **(3) Checkerboard Border Last:**

Sew shorter strips to the sides. Press to the Accent Border.

Sew longer strips to the top and bottom. Press to the Accent Border.

Make sure you have colored squares in each of the outside corners when finished.

