

# buttercream twist

*Sprinklings of creamy checkerboard squares seem to twist and turn their way across a basket weave of squares in this simple yet appealing patchwork quilt—so easy to stitch, you'll be tempted to make more than one.*



## MATERIALS

$\frac{1}{3}$  yard *each* of 12 assorted prints for patchwork  
1 yard of cream print for checkerboard patchwork  
 $\frac{5}{8}$  yard of coordinating print for binding  
4 yards of fabric for backing  
67" x 67" square of batting

## CUTTING

*Cut all pieces across the width of the fabric.*

**From the cream print, cut:**

12 strips,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42"

**From *each* of the assorted prints, cut:**

1 strip,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42" (combined total of 12)

1 strip,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42" (combined total of 12)

**From the coordinating print, cut:**

7 strips,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42" (binding)

## PIECING THE BLOCKS

Sew all pieces with right sides together using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance unless otherwise noted.

1. Select a  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42" strip and a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42" strip cut from a matching print. Join these strips to each long side of a cream  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42" strip. Press the seam allowances toward the cream print. Repeat with the remaining assorted print and cream print strips to make 12 strip sets. Crosscut each strip set into 15 segments,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

*Note:* Kim pressed the seam allowances of her strip sets toward the cream print to make the checkerboard squares stand out more prominently from the background fabrics. If your cream print is transparent enough that shadowing may occur, simply reverse the direction of your pressed seams.



Make 12.  
Cut 15 segments from each strip set.



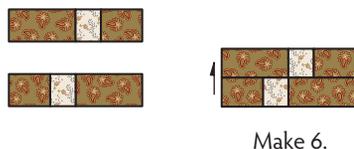


Finished quilt size: 60½" x 60½"

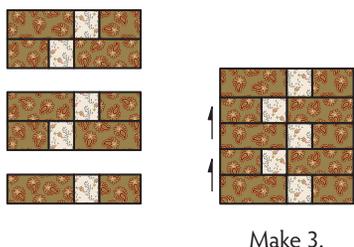
Finished block size: 10" x 10"

*Designed and pieced by Kim Diehl. Machine quilted by Deborah Poole.*

- Select a matching group of strip-set segments. Stitch together two segments as shown to make a joined pair. Press the seam allowances to one side. Repeat to make a total of six joined pairs. Reserve the remaining individual segments.



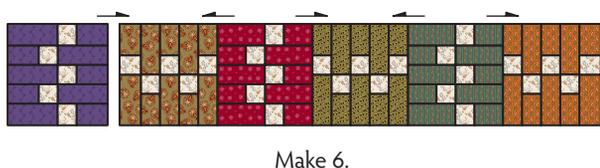
- Lay out two joined pairs and one individual segment as shown to form a block. Join the segments. Press the seam allowances in one direction. Repeat for a total of three pieced blocks measuring 10½" square, including the seam allowances.



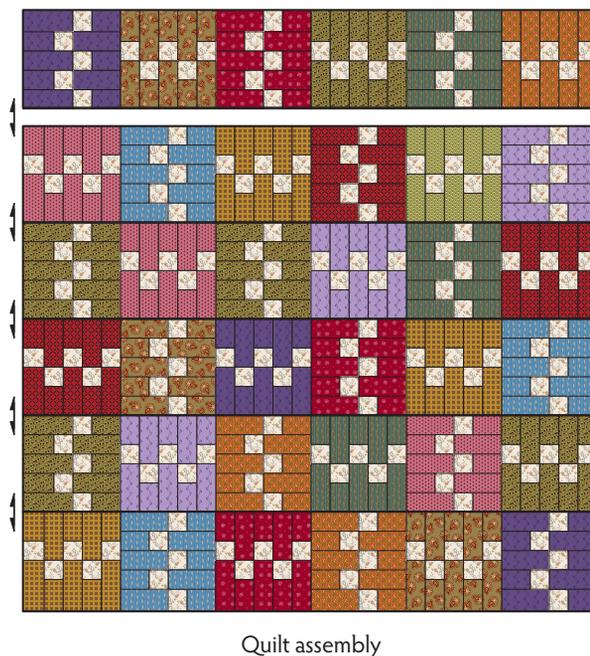
- Repeat steps 2 and 3 to make a combined total of 36 blocks, with three blocks from each assorted print.

## PIECING THE QUILT TOP

- Lay out six pieced blocks as shown, turning every other block to stagger the seam placement. Join the blocks. Press the seam allowances toward the blocks with the vertical strip seams. Repeat for a total of six pieced rows.



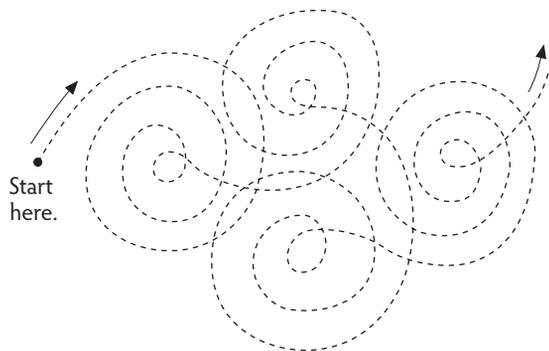
- Lay out the pieced rows in alternating positions to create the quilt design. Join the rows. Press the seam allowances open. The pieced quilt top should now measure 60½" square, including the seam allowances.



## COMPLETING THE QUILT

If you need more information on any finishing steps, go to [ShopMartingale.com/HowtoQuilt](http://ShopMartingale.com/HowtoQuilt) to download free instructions.

Layer the quilt top, batting, and backing. Quilt the layers. The featured quilt was machine quilted in an overall swirling pattern (below). Join the seven coordinating print 2½" x 42" strips into one length and use it to bind the quilt.



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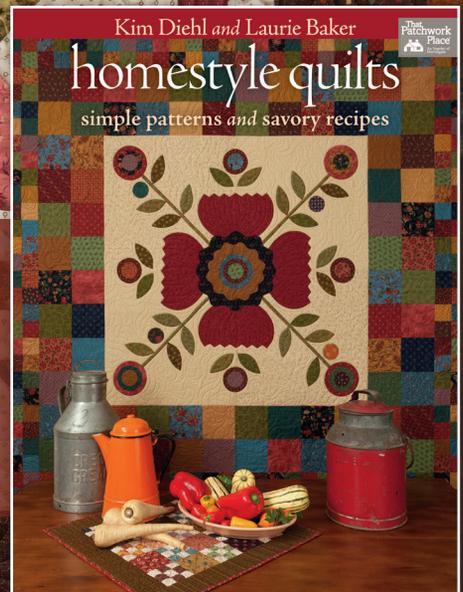
Finished quilt size: 20½" x 20½"

To make this bonus candle mat, use your extra strip-set lengths to cut a combined total of 20 assorted print 2½"-wide segments, and then piece the segments together to make four scrappy blocks. Join the blocks to make a

quick and easy quilt measuring 20½" square, including the seam allowances. Bind this fun little project using a complementary print from your stash for the final finishing touch!

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