

# Fast Blocks - 8 Inch

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8-inch Finished Block of focus fabric  
42 x 52 inch Finished Quilt  
12 blocks in a 3 x 4 layout



## Material:

- Blocks - 28 inches of large print focus fabric
- Border 1 and sashing - 24 inches of accent or contrasting color
- Border 2 - 12 inches of coordinating fabric
- Border 3 - 20 inches of coordinating fabric
- Binding- 14 inches of coordinating fabric or same as Border 1, Border 2, or Border 3
- Backing - 44 x 54 inches of coordinating fabric
- Batting - 44 x 54 inches

*Caution: Be sure all fabric is at least 44-45 inches selvage to selvage.*

## Cutting:

- **Focus Fabric Blocks** - Cut three 8.5-inch strips. Sub-cut each strip to make twelve focus fabric blocks 8.5 x 8.5 inches
- **Border 1 and Sashing** - Cut eight 2.5-inch strips from the accent or contrasting fabric for sashing. Sub-cut 2 strips to make 9 rectangles 2.5 x 8.5 inches; set aside 6 strips for Border 1
- **Border 2** - Cut four 2.5 inch strips from coordinating fabric for Border 2
- **Border 3** - Cut five 3.5 inch strips from coordinating fabric for Border 3
- **Binding** - Cut five 2.5 inch strips for binding from coordinating fabric or same as Border 2

## Assembly:

1. Sew 3 rectangles of sashing to 4 focus fabric blocks to form a strip set. Press sashing to the focus fabric. Make two more strip sets pressing to the focus fabric.
2. Attach 4 strips of sashing to the 3 strip sets to form the 3 x 4 focus fabric block unit. Carefully pin each strip set to each sashing strip to align the blocks horizontally. Press to the focus fabric. Sew 1 strip of sashing to the top and one to the bottom of the focus fabric block unit.
3. Attach Border 2 and press to the border fabric.
4. Attach Border 3 and press to the border fabric.
5. Prepare backing, batting, and top for quilting.
6. Attach binding.