

hugs & kisses no. 9

by scott hansen



photo by David Butler

When *GenQ* Community Editor Scott Hansen isn't sniffing out great designers and project ideas, he's pushing his own design career ahead via his business, Blue Nickel Studios. (And don't think for a minute we won't exploit that!) He designed this scrappy quilt especially for our debut issue, using prints from various Amy Butler collections and David Butler's inaugural *Curious Nature* collection by Parson Gray. The prints are popping with energy, but the grassy Robert Kaufman *Essex* linen blend unifies the quilt and gives your eye a place to rest. And because it's a scrap quilt, we've listed the fabric needs for each block, allowing you to mix and match fabrics for an even scrappier look.

overall materials:

Backing fabric: 5 yards

Binding fabric: $\frac{3}{4}$ yards

Thread

Batting

big hug blocks

Directions make (8) blocks

materials:

Light/Medium Print 1: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard

Light/Medium Print 2: $\frac{1}{2}$ yard

Light/Medium Print 3: $\frac{1}{3}$ yard

Dark Print 1: $\frac{1}{3}$ yard

Dark Print 2: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard

Dark Print 3: $\frac{2}{3}$ yard

cutting:

From light/medium print 1, cut:

- (8) $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 4\frac{1}{2}"$ [A]

From light/medium print 2, cut:

- (8) $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 8\frac{1}{2}"$ [C]
- (16) $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$ [D]

From light/medium print 3, cut:

- (16) $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 4\frac{1}{2}"$ [G]
- (8) $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$ [F]

From dark print 1, cut:

- (24) $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 4\frac{1}{2}"$ [B]

From dark print 2, cut:

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quilted by
becky marshall
skill level: mostly know
what i'm doing
finished dimensions:
 $84" \times 68\frac{1}{2}"$

- (8) $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$ [E]

From dark print 3, cut:

- (8) $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 10\frac{1}{2}"$ [H]
- (16) $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$ [I]

piecing:

For the left side of Big Hug Block:

1. Sew (1) B to A along long side. Press seam to B.

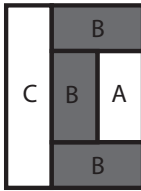


2. Sew (2) remaining Bs to top and bottom of B-A unit. Press seams to Bs.

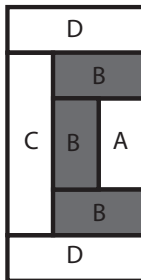


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3. Sew C to left side of B-A-B-B unit as shown in illustration. Press seam to B.



4. Sew (2) Ds to top and bottom of B-A-B-B-C unit as shown in illustration. Press seams to D.



For the right side of Big Hug Block:

5. Sew E to F along long side. Press seam to E.



6. Sew (2) Gs to top and bottom of E-F unit. Press seams to Gs.



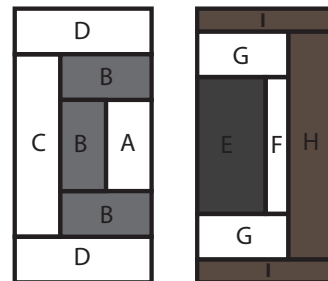
7. Sew H to right side of E-F-G-G unit as shown in illustration. Press seam to H.



8. Sew (2) Is to top and bottom of E-F-G-G-H unit as shown in illustration. Press seams to main unit.



9. Sew left side to right side of Big Hug Block along long side, facing A and E together.



10. Repeat (7) more times.

big kiss blocks

Directions make (8) blocks

materials:

Dark Print: $\frac{3}{8}$ yard



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Light Print: $\frac{2}{3}$ yard
Red/Pink Print: $\frac{2}{3}$ yard

cutting:

From dark print, cut:

- (4) $11 \frac{1}{4}$ " square, THEN cut in half diagonally twice, creating (16) [A] triangles. Note: You will use two for one block and two for another block.



From a light print, cut:

- (4) $11 \frac{1}{4}$ " square, THEN cut in half diagonally twice, creating (16) [B] triangles. Note: You will use two for one block and two for another block.

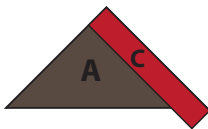


From a red/pink print, cut:

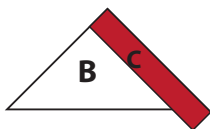
- (32) 2" x 10" [C] strips

piecing:

1. Using illustration as a guide and with right sides together, sew C strip to right side of A triangle. Press seam to A. Repeat (15) times.



2. Using illustration as a guide and with right sides together, sew C strip to right side of B triangle. Press seam to B. Repeat (15) times.



3. Using illustration as a guide, sew A-C unit to B-C unit along short side. Press seam to A. Repeat (15) times.



4. Using illustration as a guide, sew A-B-C-C units together in pairs along long side. Repeat (7) times.



5. Trim each Big Kiss block to $12 \frac{1}{2}$ " square.

little hug blocks

Directions make (47) blocks

materials:

Dark Print: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard
Red/Pink Print: 1 yard

cutting:

From dark print, cut:

- (47) $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " [A]

From a red/pink print cut:

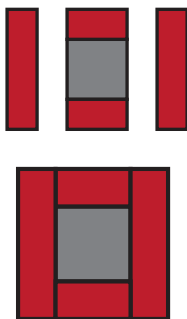
- (94) $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " [B]
- (94) $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " [C]

piecing:

1. Sew (2) Bs to opposite sides of (1) A. Press seams to B. Repeat (46) times.



2. Sew (2) Cs to opposite sides of A-B-B unit along long side. Press seams to C. Repeat (46) times.



little kiss blocks

Directions make (64) blocks

materials:

Dark Green/Blue/Tonal: Total of $1 \frac{1}{4}$ yards

Light/Medium Prints: Total of $1 \frac{1}{4}$ yards

cutting:

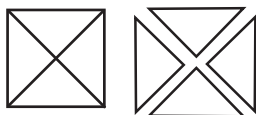
From green/blue, cut:

- (32) $5 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares, THEN cut in half diagonally twice, creating (128) [A] triangles. Note: You will use two for one block and two for another block.



From light/medium Prints, cut:

- (32) $5 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares, THEN cut in half diagonally twice, creating (128) [B] triangles. Note: You will use two for one block and two for another block.



piecing:

1. Sew (1) green/blue triangle to (1) light/medium triangle along one short side. Press seam to green/

blue. Repeat (127) times.



2. Sew triangle pairs together to make a total of (64) squares. Press seams to one side.



3. Using square ruler, trim each square to finished size of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " square.

sashing

Solid Green: 2 yards (Use extra on backing.)

cutting:

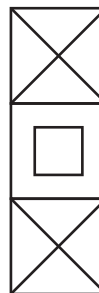
- Cut (8) strips at $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $68 \frac{1}{2}$ " along length of grain.

little hugs & kisses units

Directions make (20) units

piecing:

1. Sew (2) Little Kiss Blocks on either side of (1) Little Hug Block. Press seams to Little Kiss Blocks. Repeat (19) times.



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sewing it together

piecing:

1. Sew blocks/units in following order:

- Little Kiss/Hug Unit
- Big Hug Block
- Little Kiss/Hug Unit
- Big Kiss Block
- Little Kiss/Hug Unit
- Big Hug Block
- Little Kiss/Hug Unit
- Big Kiss Block
- Little Kiss/Hug Unit

2. Repeat (3) times. Two rows are turned over to alternate row's direction.

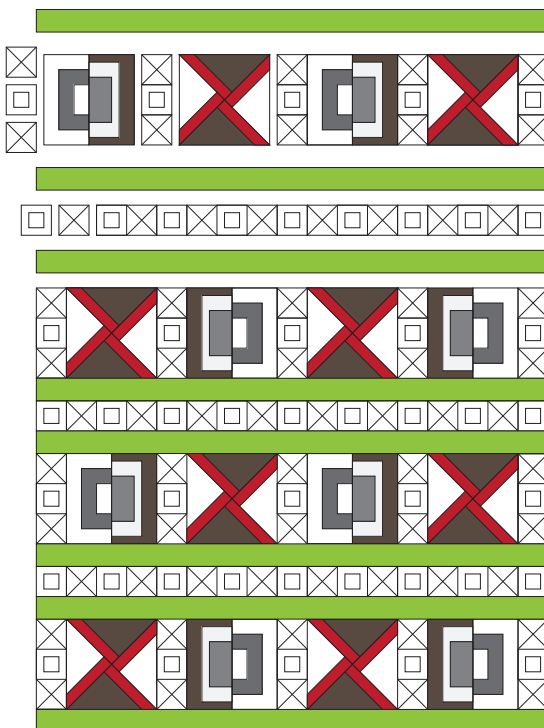
3. Sew little rows together starting with Little Hug, then Little Kiss. Alternate little blocks until one row is made up of (9) Little Hugs and (8) Little Kisses blocks. (Little Hugs start and end each row.) Repeat (2) times.

4. Sew all rows/sashing together in this order from top to bottom:

- Sashing
- Big block row
- Sashing
- Little block row
- Sashing
- Big block row
- Sashing
- Little block row
- Sashing
- Big block row
- Sashing
- Little block row
- Sashing
- Big block row
- Sashing

5. Baste sandwich together.

6. Quilt and bind as desired. 



When he's not wondering how his three little kids grew up so fast or how amazing his wife is or where the last two weeks went, Scott Hansen is sewing up a storm at his home-based design lab, Blue Nickel Studios. Scott is also our Community Editor, so when he's not cooking up something spectacular on his Singer, he's out in the q-niverse, tweeting and chatting with our favorite designers and Q-bies across the globe.