Blast Quilt
Skill Level: Beginner





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"Blast: to make or open by or as if by explosion". Blast Quilt is a take on the traditional Ohio Star quilt block. Use simple squares, half square triangles and quarter square triangles to create this dynamic quilt. It is perfect for showing off large scale prints. Sample used Enchanted by Cloud 9 Fabrics in Raven Moon, Feathers Turquoise, Teardrop Shadow, Arrow, Bead Sun, Feathers Coral and Seed Bead. Sample was quilted by Shelly Pagliai of Prairie Moon Quilts. Quilt measures 48" x 48". This pattern is also available as a free cross-stitch pattern at www.imaginegnats.com/cross-stitch-blast-the-quilt.

Fabrics Needed

Fabric A - Raven Moon	¾ yd
Fabric B - Feathers Turquoise	¾ yd
Fabric C - Teardrop Shadow	¼ yd
Fabric D - Arrow	¼ yd
Fabric E - Bead Sun	¼ yd
Fabric F - Feather Coral	¼ yd
Fabric G - Seed Bead	¼ yd
Fabric H - Black Solid	1¼ yds
Backing	2½ yds

Materials Needed

Legacy™ By Pellon® Natural Blend Batting	1 throw size (60" x 60")
Thread	

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
Rotary cutter and related supplies

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Assembly

Use ¼" seam allowances unless otherwise directed.

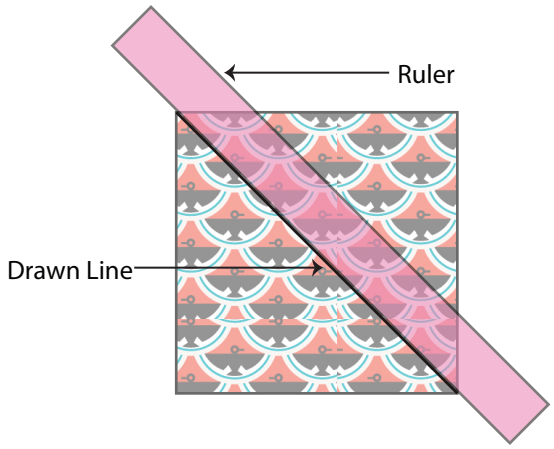
Step 1. Cutting Instructions.

Fabric A	Cut eight 6½" squares.
	Cut eight 6⅞" squares.
Fabric B	Cut eight 6⅞" squares.
	Cut five 2" x width of fabric strips for binding.
Fabric C	Cut four 6⅞" squares.
Fabric D	Cut two 7¼" squares.
Fabric E	Cut two 7¼" squares.
Fabric F	Cut two 7¼" squares.
Fabric G	Cut two 7¼" squares.
Fabric H	Cut twenty 6⅞" squares.
	Cut eight 7¼" squares.

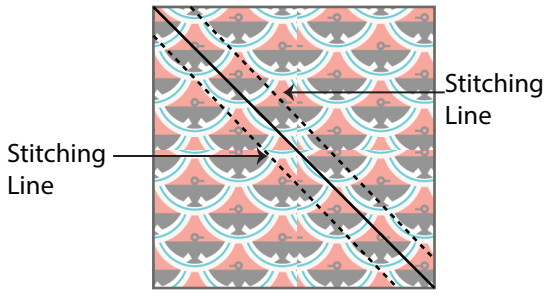
Half Square Triangles

Step 2. Place one 6⅞" square of fabric A right sides together with one 6⅞" square of fabric H.

Step 3. Place a ruler from corner to corner and draw a line.

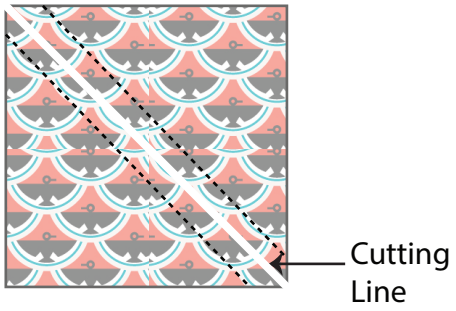


Step 4. Stitch ¼" on each side of the drawn line.

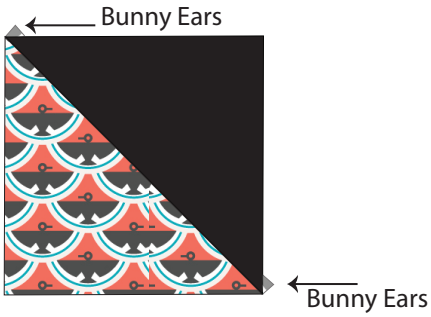


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Step 5. Cut on drawn line.



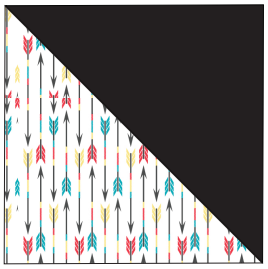
Step 5. Press seam toward the darker fabric. Trim both 'bunny ears'.



Step 6. Repeat Steps 2 through 5 for all fabric A, B, and C 6⅞" squares, placing one each with a fabric H 6⅞" square for a total of twenty half square triangle units. These units should measure 6½". Set aside.

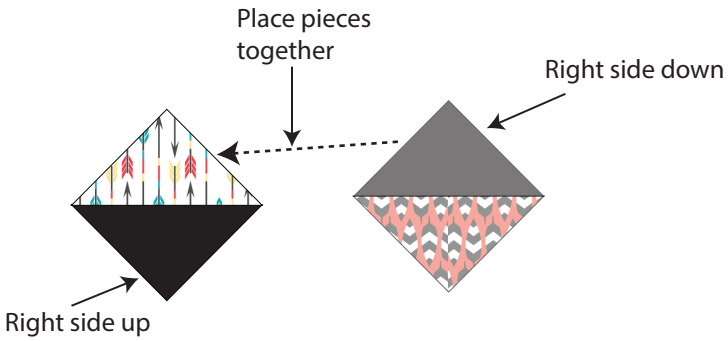
Quarter Square Triangles

Step 7. Repeat Steps 2 through 5 for all fabric D, E, F, and G 7¼" squares, placing one each with a fabric H 7¼" square for a total of eight half square triangle units.

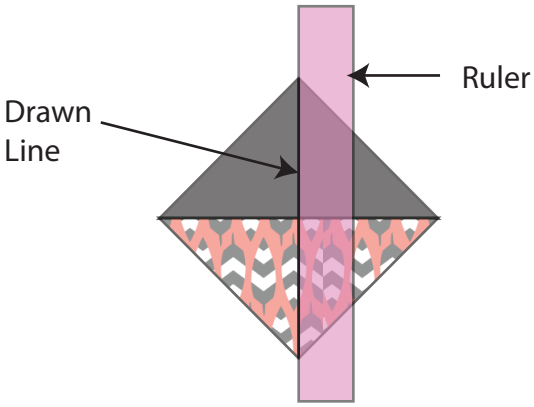


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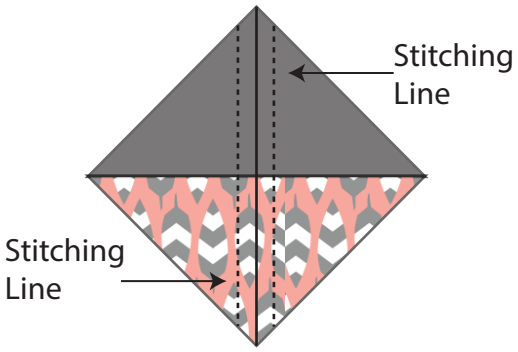
Step 8. Place two of the half square triangle units just made in Step 7 right sides together, with fabric H on opposite sides as shown in the diagram.



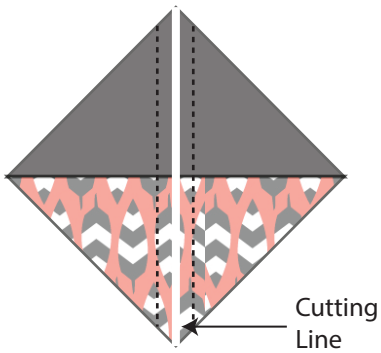
Step 9. Place a ruler from point to point as shown and draw a line.



Step 10. Stitch ¼" on either side of the drawn line.

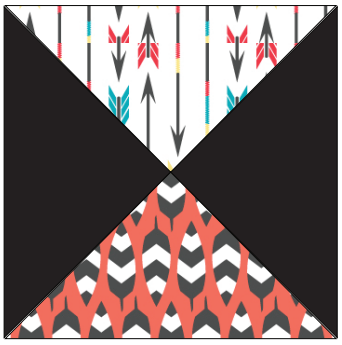


Step 11. Cut on the drawn line. Press seam open.

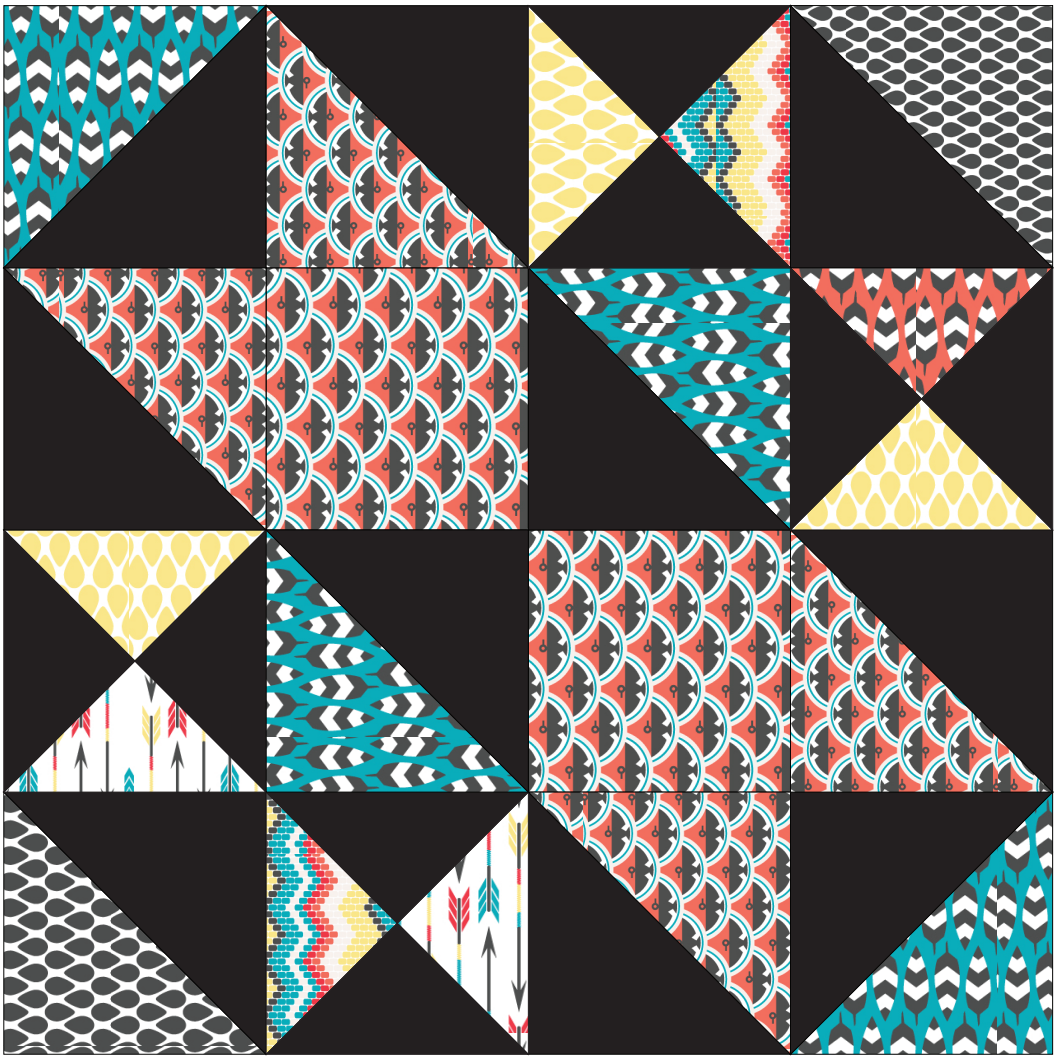


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Step 12. Repeat Step 8 through 11 for the remaining fourteen squares for a total of sixteen quarter square triangle units. Press seams open. Trim the bunny ears. These units should measure 6½".



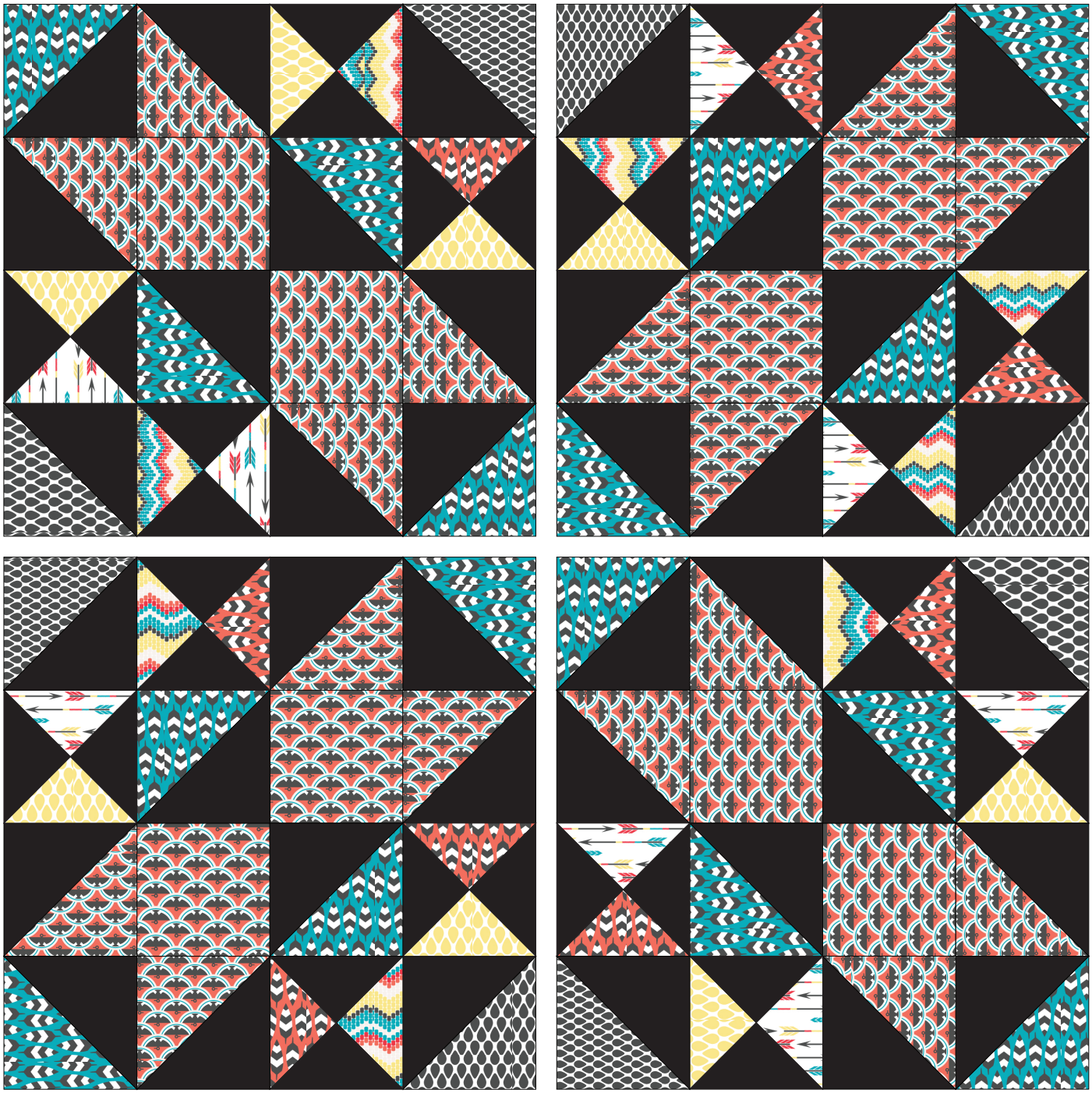
Step 13. Place the squares, various half square triangles, and random quarter square triangles as shown in the diagram. . Create four of these sections.



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Step 14. Sew the squares in each row together using a ¼" seam allowance. Press rows 1 and 3 to the left. Press rows 2 and 4 to the right.

Step 15. Sew the rows together using a ¼" seam allowance. Press seams open. Rotate the four sections as shown below.



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Step 16. Sew the top two sections together. Press seam to the left.

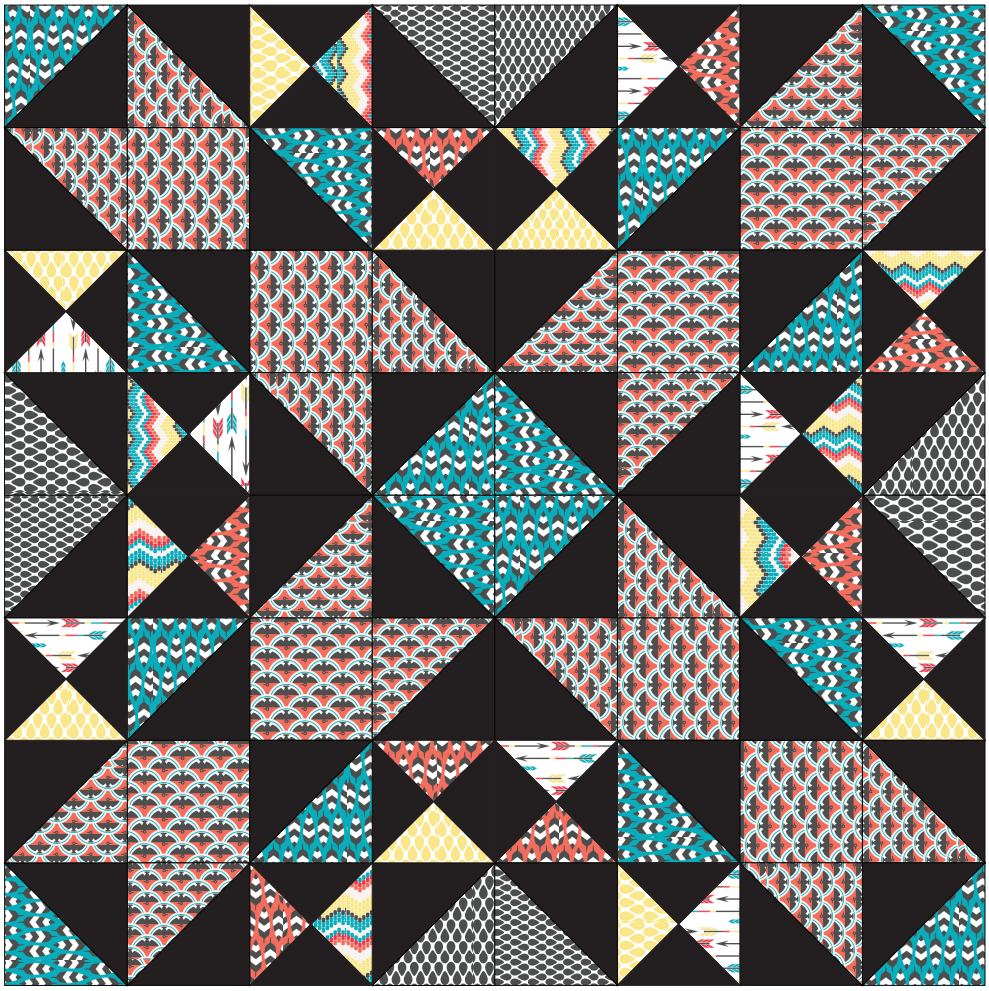
Step 17. Sew the bottom two sections together. Press seam to the right.

Step 18. Sew the top and bottom sections together. Press seam open.

Step 19. Piece backing to fit.

Step 20. Layer backing, batting and top. Quilt as desired.

Step 21. Bind quilt.



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