

## Mystery Quilt Part 8: Finishing the Quilt

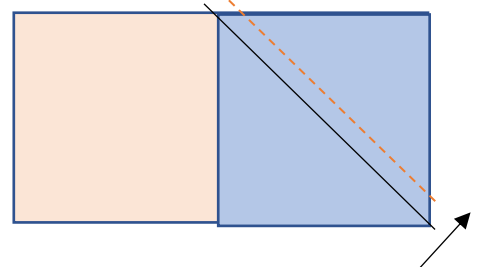


<b>Background Fabric</b> Cut two 6 ½" x 12 ½" rectangles Cut twelve 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles Cut four 6 ½" x 16 ½" rectangles	<b>Main Fabric</b> Cut four 6 ½" x 6 ½" squares Cut four 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares Cut six border strips 4 /12" x WOF (width of fabric)
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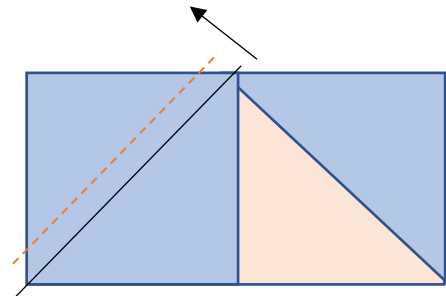
You will also need the remaining half square triangles you made in Part 2 and the completed rows from parts 6 and 7.

### Jumbo Flying Geese

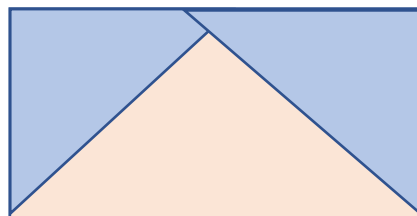
- Mark a line on the center diagonal of the 6 ½" square of main fabric (black line in illustration)
- Place a marked square on a 6 ½" x 12 ½" rectangle of background fabric, right sides together, as shown in illustration.
- Sew just a needle thickness to the right side of your marked line (this allows for the thickness of the folded seam).
- Trim ¼ away from your sewn line, cutting off the corner triangles as indicated by the red dashed line in the illustration.
- Press seam toward the triangle.



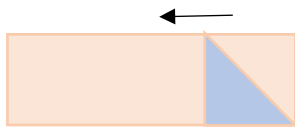
- Place a second marked square on the other end of the 6 ½" x 12 ½" rectangle of background fabric, right sides together, as shown in illustration.
- Sew just a needle thickness to the left side of your marked line (this allows for the thickness of the folded seam).
- Trim ¼ away from your sewn line, cutting off the corner triangles as indicated by the red dashed line in the illustration.
- Press seam toward the triangle.



Make 2 Jumbo flying geese units that measure 6 ½" x 12 ½"



Sew a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to each  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " half-square triangle as shown (note—these HST should have the seam pressed toward the background fabric so they will nest in the final assembly). Be careful with the direction you place the main fabric triangle. Press seams toward the rectangle. Units will measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ "



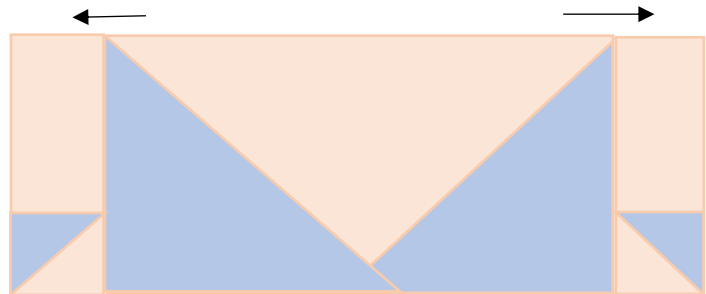
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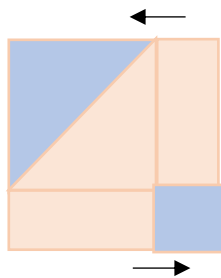
Sew a rectangle unit to each side of the jumbo flying geese, lining up the triangles as show in the illustration. This should measure  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $16\frac{1}{2}$ "

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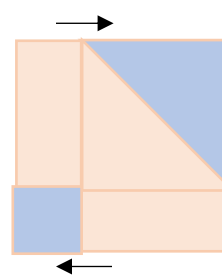


Sew  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles of background and  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of main fabric to four  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " half square triangles as shown in the illustration.

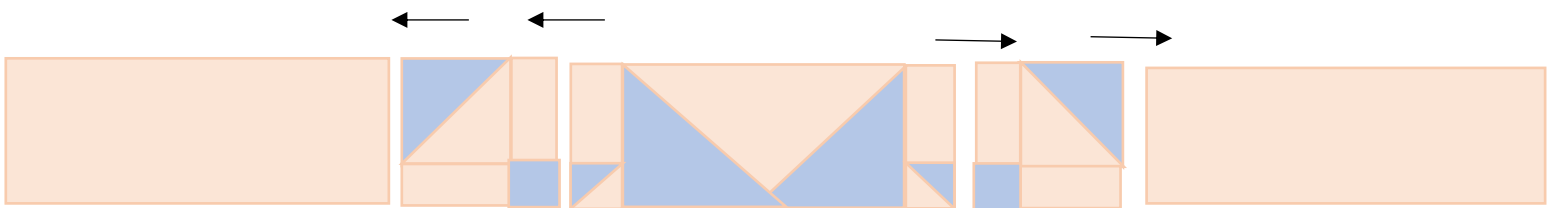
Make 2 like this



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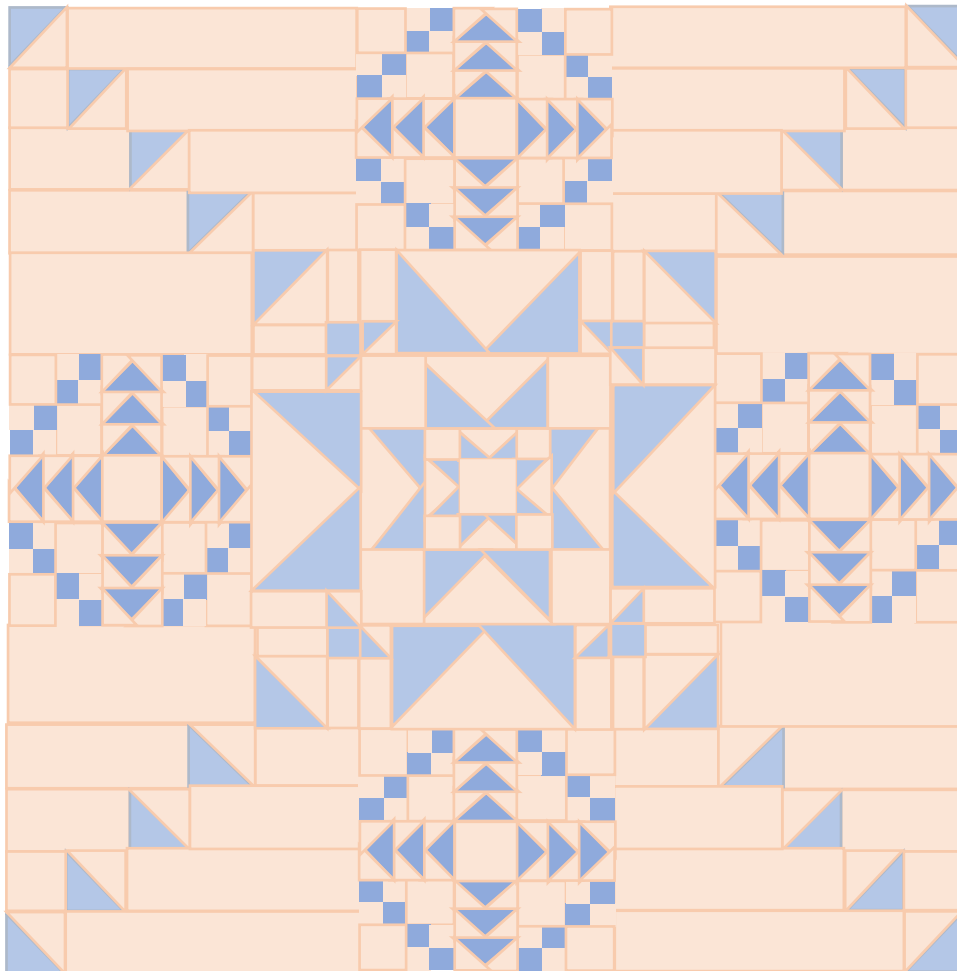
Add these units and the  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $16\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to your jumbo flying geese units to make two rows as shown here. Press seams as indicated by the arrows.



Make 2

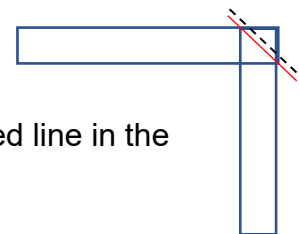


Layout all the completed rows to match the illustration. Pin to match points as needed. Sew all the rows together to complete the center of the quilt top as shown:



**Borders:** Trim off selvages. Piece two strips of background end to end to create one long strip

- Lay strips right sides together at a 90-degree angle
- Sew along the red line in the illustration.
- Cut on  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn line as indicated by the dotted line in the illustration\*\*\*
- Press the seam to one side.
- Follow the above steps to add a third strip
- Make 2 strips like this



Tip: \*\*\*Be sure you have the long part of the strips on the left side of your sewing line and only trim away a small triangle on the right side of your seam line





Borders can be used to help square up a quilt.

The key is to MEASURE, MEASURE, MEASURE!!!

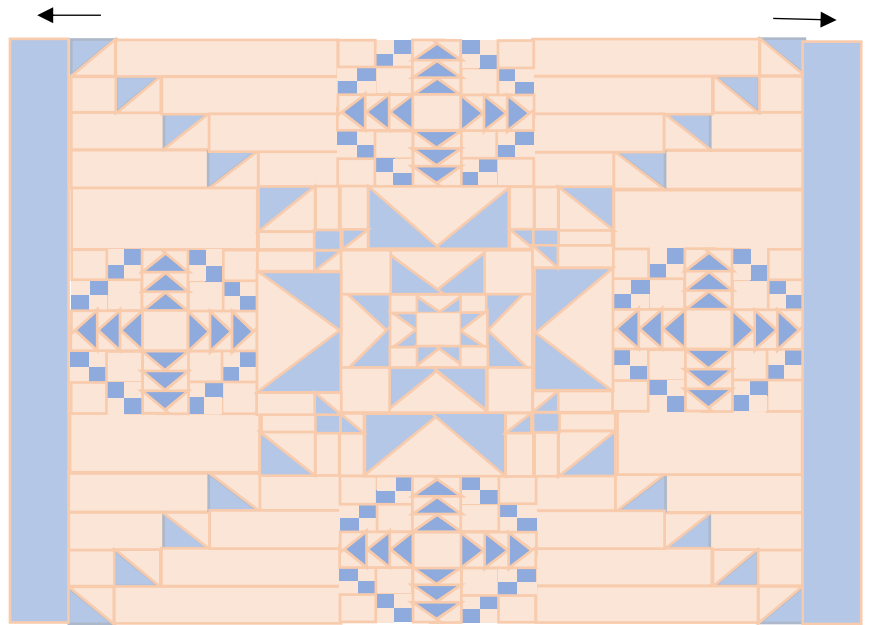
Measure the length of your quilt across the middle, near the left side, and again near the right side. If they are not the same, use the average of the three measurements.

From one of the pieced strips, cut side border strips together to the exact measurement you need.

From the second pieced strip, cut your top and bottom borders. This quilt is square so they should be the same as the sides, but use the measurements that are accurate for your quilt!

Pin your border strips to the sides of your quilt—first match the center points, then each end, then ease in or stretch as needed to make your quilt square.

Sew a border strip to each side of your quilt.

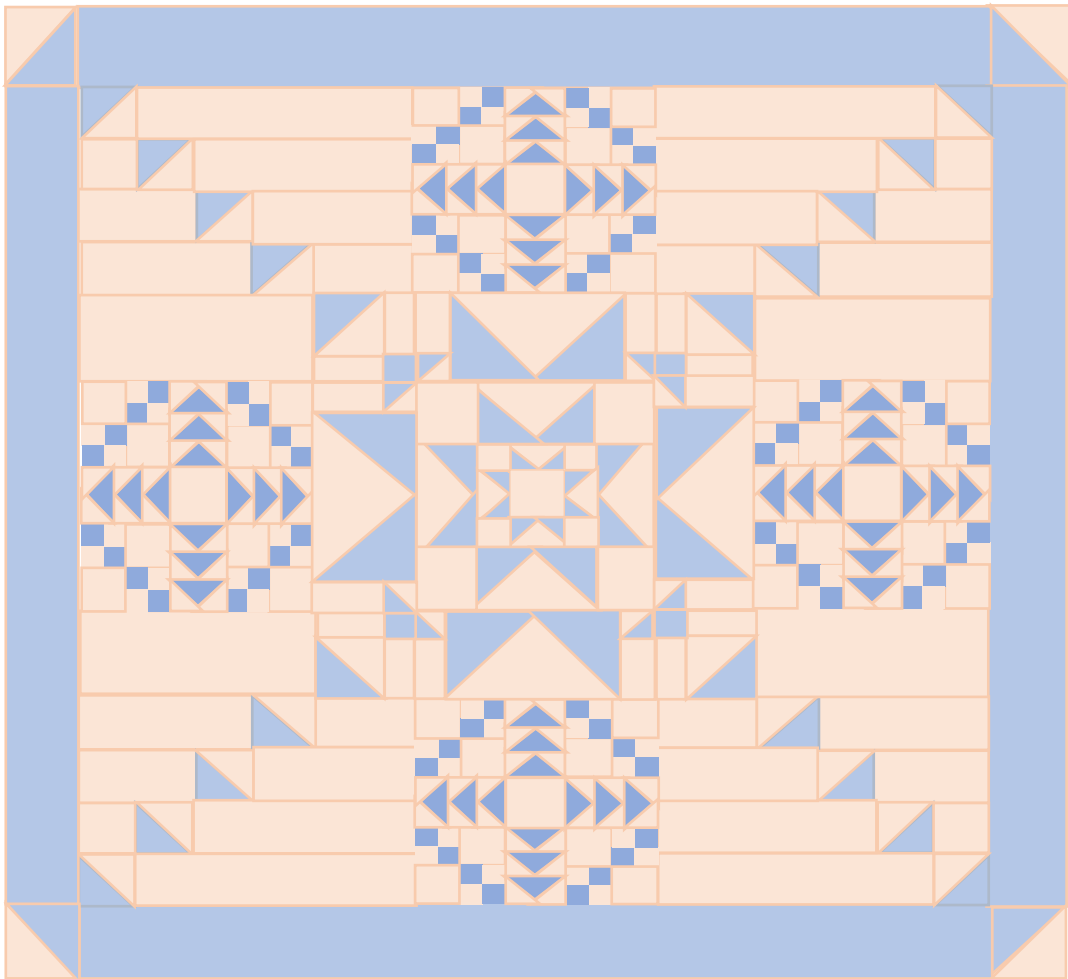


Sew a half square triangle to the ends of two border strips as shown in illustration.

Make 2



Sew top and bottom borders to your quilt and your quilt top is complete!



Quilt and bind as desired. I will be using my background fabric as the binding. You will need about 6 ½ strips x width of fabric for binding (about ½ yard)

If you need instructions and tips on how to bind a quilt, visit <https://myquiltingbeehive.com/Binding.htm>

