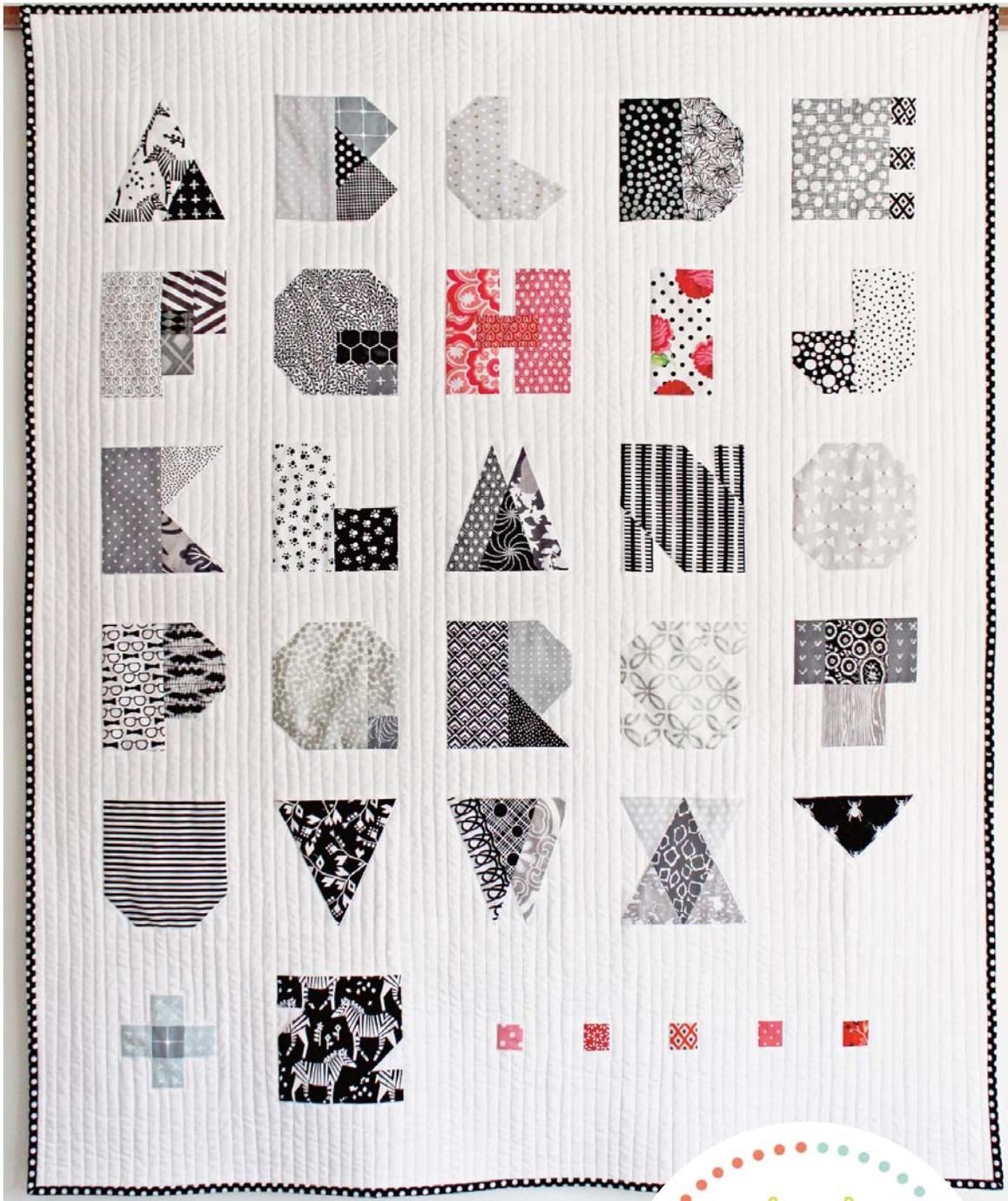


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QUILT SIZE: 40" x 48"

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Technique: Foundation Paper Piecing

Fabric Requirements:

- For Letters: Co-ordinating fabric scraps, minimum 6" x 6". I used approximately 60 different prints.
- 5 pieces contrasting fabric (6" x 6") for letters "H" and "I" and for small squares at bottom right of quilt.
- Ground fabric: 1 yard
- Backing fabric: 1½ yards
- Binding fabric: half yard

Also required:

44" x 52" quilt batting, rotary cutter, cutting mat, acrylic ruler, thread, scissors, pins, pencil

Cutting Instructions:

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|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| - Ground fabric: A - 22 pieces - 2½" x 5½" | B1 - 1 piece - 1½" x 4½" | B2 - 4 pieces - 1½" x 3" |
| B3 - 1 piece 1½" x 2½" | B4 - 1 piece - 4½" x 21½" | B5 - 1 piece - 2½" x 21½" |
| C - 1 piece - 2½" x 40½" | D - 3 pieces - 2½" x 33½" | E - 2 pieces - 3½" x 40½" |
| F - 2 pieces - 4½" x 40" | | |

Use the remainder ground fabric for piecing the letters.

- Binding fabric: Cut 5 strips 2½" x WOF (width of fabric)
- Contrasting fabric: G - Cut 5 squares 1½" x 1½"

Quilt Top Construction:

** All seam allowances are ¼". Templates do not include seam allowances.

Templates are in reverse as you will be placing fabrics on the back.

- For each letter, piece with paper piecing technique. Numbers on templates indicate order in which to piece. Where applicable (ex. letters B, F, etc), grey lines indicate where the template should be cut prior to piecing. In these instances, piece sections separately, then join. Choose fabrics that are lighter or darker in value as per **Diagram 1** to achieve depth and variety. All blocks should measure 5½" square when completed (includes seam allowance).
- Following **Diagram 1**, add ground fabric sashing in the following order:
 - Sew pieces "A" between letter blocks. Sew pieces B1, four B2 & B3 between small squares "G".
 - Sew B4 and B5 to top and bottom of strip with small squares.
 - Sew "C" between 1st and 2nd column of letters, pinning first.
 - Sew three "D" to last three columns of letters, pinning first.
 - Sew block of last three strips of letters to block of small squares.
 - Sew this to block of first two strips of letters, pinning first.
 - Add "E" to both sides, then "F" to top and bottom.

Assembling Quilt:

- Layer backing, batting and quilt top. Baste or pin.
- Quilt as desired. I used straight line quilting ½" apart on all ground fabric, framing letters.
- Square up quilt. Join binding strips together and bind in your preferred fashion.

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Diagram 1

