

Giant Churn Dash Baby Quilt 37" x 37"

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Fun, Quick, and Easy are the operative words for this quilt. First choose a multi-colored juvenile print, and then select 8 coordinating 2 1/2" strips. Add a very light or very dark background to showcase your prints and tone-on-tones; finally, select binding and backing fabric for a fabulous finish.

Fabrics:

3/8 yd. Theme print
 1 2 1/2" x 41" Strip **each** from 8 coordinating fabrics
 2/3 - 3/4 yd. Background fabric
 3/8 yd. Binding fabric
 1 1/4 yd. Backing fabric

Equipment:

Rotary cutting mat and cutter, 8 1/2", 9 1/2", or 12 1/2" square ruler,
 6" x 24" ruler, sewing machine, neutral thread, scissors,
 pins, **seam ripper**

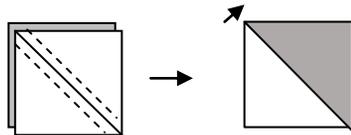


Cutting:

Theme Print - ___ 2 9" sqs. (HSTs), ___ 4 5" sqs. (Border corner sqs.), ___ 1 2 1/2" strips (strip piecing)
Eight Coordinating Prints and Tone-on-tones - ___ 1 2 1/2" x 41" strip **each** (strip piecing)
Background - ___ 2 9" sqs. (HSTs), ___ 1 8 1/2" sq. (center sq.), ___ 3-4 2 1/2" strips (first border),
 ___ 4 4" x 8 1/2" rectangles (rectangle units)
Binding - ___ 4 2 1/2" x 41" strips

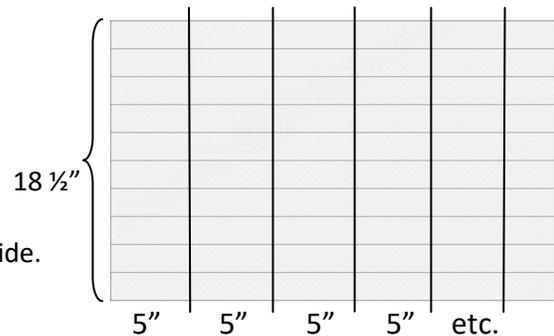
Sewing:

Make 4 HSTs by layering each of the 2 9" Background squares right sides together with a 9" Theme print square. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each Background square. Sew 1/4" away from both sides of the drawn lines. Cut apart on the drawn lines and press seam allowances toward the Print triangles. **Trim the 4 resulting HSTs to measure 8 1/2" square.**



Arrange the 9 2 1/2" strips in a pleasing order.
 Sew them, right sides together, into a panel that measures 18 1/2" wide by approximately 41" long.
 Press seams to one side as you go.

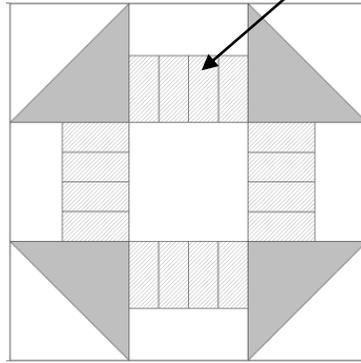
Cross-cut this strip-set at 5" intervals.
 This yields **8 units** each measuring 5" long by 18 1/2" wide.



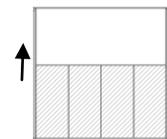
Use a seam ripper to un-sew 4 of the strip-set units, so that 4 rectangles are separated from the remaining 5 rectangles of the units. You will use the sets of 4 rectangles in the Churn Dash block; reserve the sets of 5 rectangles to add to the border strips.



Assemble the Churn Dash block by laying out the 8 1/2" HSTs, the 5" x 8 1/2" strip-pieced rectangles, the 4" x 8 1/2" Background rectangles, and the 8 1/2" Background center square.



First, sew each 5" x 8 1/2" strip-pieced rectangle set to a 4" x 8 1/2" Background rectangle. Press seam allowances toward the Background rectangle.



Now sew the block together similar to a "Nine Patch" of 3 rows with 3 units each. Press seam allowances away from the HSTs in rows 1 and 3 and press away from the center square of row 2. The "Giant Churn Dash" block should measure 24 1/2" square.

Add the 1st border: (If your block is not 24 1/2" square, adjust the length of your border strips accordingly.)

Cut 2 Background strips 2 1/2" x 24 1/2."

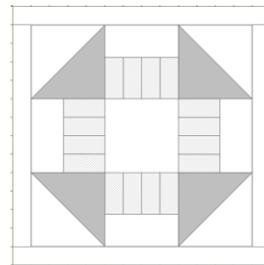
Sew these strips to the sides of the patchwork.

Press seam allowances toward the border.

Cut 2 Background strips 2 1/2" x 28 1/2."

Sew these strips to the top and bottom of the patchwork.

Press seam allowances toward the border.



Add the 2nd border of strip-pieced print rectangles: (If your quilt is not 28 1/2" square, adjust the seam allowances of the pieced rectangles accordingly.) Each of the 4 border strips requires 14 rectangles. At this point, you have 4 pieced strips of 9 rectangles and 4 pieced strips of 5 rectangles. Sew each unit of 9 rectangles to a unit of 5 rectangles.



Sew pieced border strips of 14 rectangles to the sides of the quilt. Press seam allowances toward the 1st border. Sew 5" corner squares of Theme print to the 2 remaining border strips and sew these borders to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press seams toward the 1st border.

Stay-stitch all around the quilt so the seams of the strip-pieced borders will not pop open during quilting.

Quilt as desired and bind with 4 2 1/2" x 41" strips.

