

PIXELFLAKE

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PIXELFLAKE, 66" x 66", by Stacey Day

SKILL LEVEL: Easy**FINISHED QUILT SIZE:** 66" x 66"

PIXELFLAKE is a strip-pieced, pixel-style lap quilt easy enough for beginning quilters.

Rather than cutting all squares, the sections are strip pieced to make construction a breeze. The strip-sets are then sewn together into four sections, which are joined by a center sash. Traditional holiday colors have been given a makeover into these bright, cheery hues of teal, lime, and fuchsia. Metallic fabrics add sparkle to the perfect holiday gift. To add interest, I chose assorted blenders (tone-on-tone fabrics or fabrics that read as solid) for all the pieces in my quilt.

Cutting

From the white blenders:

- 50 strips 2½" x WOF
- 40 squares 2½" x 2½"

From the teal blenders:

- 20 strips 2½" x WOF
- 24 squares 2½" x 2½"

From the lime green blenders:

- 2 strips 2½" x 21"
- 28 squares 2½" x 2½"

From the fuchsia blender:

- 1 square 2½" x 2½"

Binding:

- 7 strips 2¼" x WOF for 274" of continuous binding

MATERIALS

Note: Requirements are based on 42" usable width of fabric.

- Assorted white blenders – 4 yards
- Assorted teal blenders – 1½ yards
- Assorted lime green blenders – ¾ yard
- Fuchsia blender – scrap
- Binding - 5/8 yard
- Backing - 74" x 74"
- Batting - 74" x 74"

Piecing the units

Note: Press all seam allowances open throughout quilt construction.

- Unit A: Join 2 different white strips to make a strip-set. Make 2. Subcut into 28 pieces 2½" x 4½".

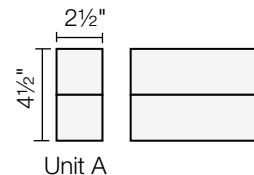


Fig. 1

In the same way, and referring to figure 2, make units B through J from strips as given below.

- Unit B: Join 3 white strips. Make 5. Subcut into 80 pieces 2½" x 6½".
- Unit C: Join 4 white strips. Make 3. Subcut into 40 pieces 2½" x 8½".
- Unit D: Join 5 white strips. Make 2. Subcut into 24 pieces 2½" x 10½".
- Unit E: Join 2 teal strips. Make 2. Subcut into 28 pieces 2½" x 4½".
- Unit F: Join 3 teal strips. Make 1. Subcut into 16 pieces 2½" x 6½".

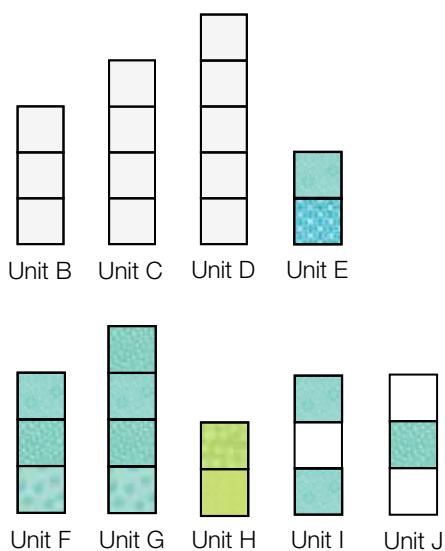


Fig. 2

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|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Row 1 | Unit C | | Unit D | | Unit C | | |
| 2 | Unit C | | Unit D | | Unit C | | |
| 3 | Unit C | | S(t) | Unit B | S(g) | Unit C | |
| 4 | Unit A | Unit E | Unit C | | Unit D | | |
| 5 | Unit B | S(t) | Unit B | S(g) | Unit A | S(g) | Unit A |
| 6 | Unit A | Unit E | S(w) | Unit H | S(t) | S(g) | Unit C |
| 7 | S(w) | Unit E | Unit B | Unit H | Unit D | | |
| 8 | Unit G | | S(w) | S(t) | S(w) | S(g) | Unit D |
| 9 | Unit G | | Unit B | Unit B | S(t) | Unit A | |
| 10 | Unit F | S(w) | Unit E | S(w) | Unit F | Unit B | |
| 11 | Unit E | S(w) | Unit F | Unit E | S(w) | S(t) | Unit B |
| 12 | Unit A | Unit F | Unit E | Unit B | Unit B | | |
| 13 | S(g) | S(w) | Unit G | | Unit D | Unit A | |

Quarter-center unit - Make 4

Fig. 3

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|------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| S(w) | S(g) | Unit C | Unit B | Unit C |
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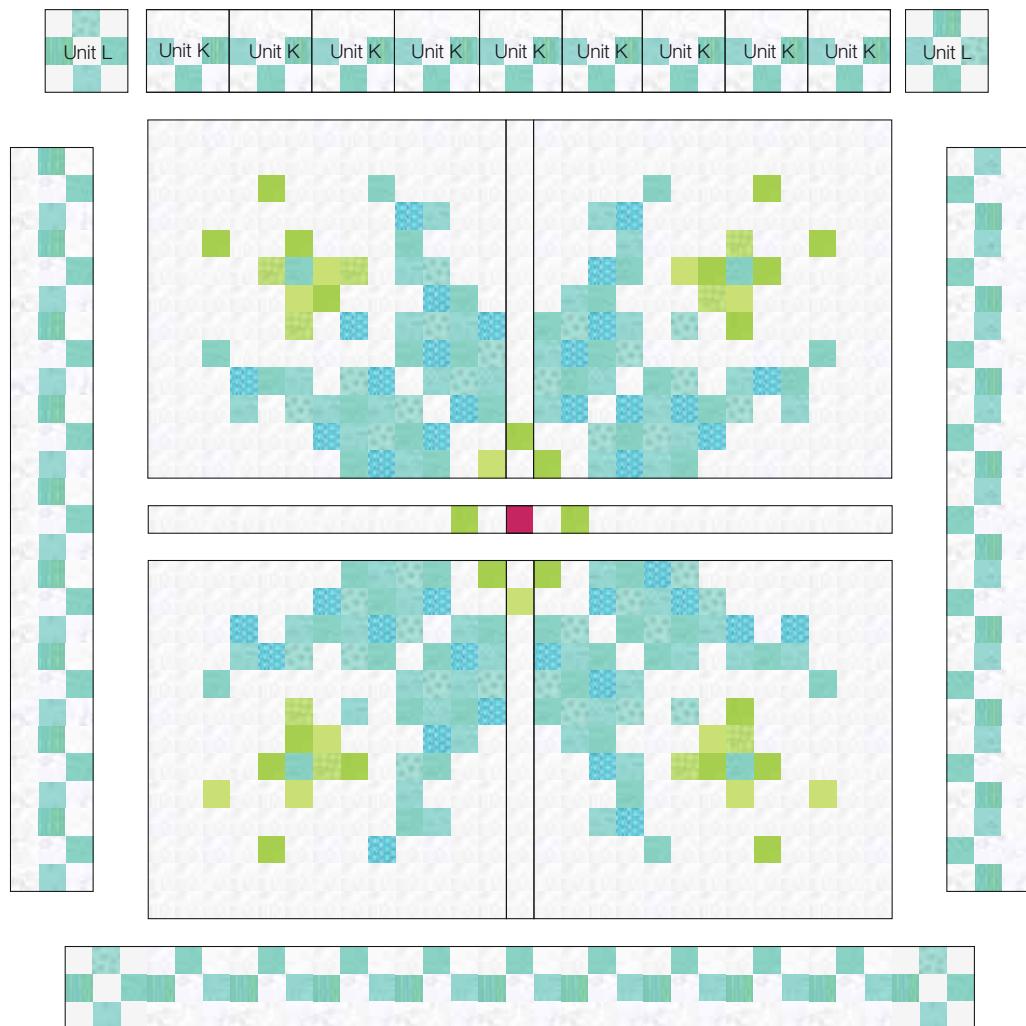
Center sashing row - Make 4

Fig. 4

- Unit G: Join 4 teal strips. Make 1. Subcut into 12 pieces 2½" x 8½".
- Unit H: Join 2 lime green 2½" strips. Make 1. Subcut into 8 pieces 2½" x 4½".
- Unit I: Join in order: a teal strip, a white strip and another teal strip. Make 3. Subcut into 40 pieces 2½" x 6½".
- Unit J: Join in order: a white strip, a teal strip and another white strip. Make 3. Subcut into 44 pieces 2½" x 6½".

Assembling the quilt center

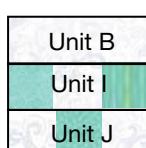
- Following figure 3, sew units together to make rows 1 through 13. Make 4 of each row. There will be some units left over for the border. *Note: For the S squares, the letter in parenthesis indicates the color of the square (w=white, t=teal, g=green).*
- Sew the rows together in order, carefully matching seams, to make a quarter-center unit. Make 4.
- Following figure 4. Sew units together to make a center sashing row. Make 4.
- Referring to the quilt assembly diagram, join quarter-center units and 2 center sashing rows to make 2 halves. Join the remaining center sashing rows and the fuchsia S square. Sew the halves together with the sashing row. Press the quilt center well.



Quilt assembly diagram

Adding the borders

- Join in order: a B unit, an I unit, and a J unit to make a K unit (fig. 5). The unit should measure $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$. Make 36.
- Sew a J unit to each side of an I unit to make an L unit (fig. 6). The unit should measure $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$. Make 4.
- Referring to the quilt assembly diagram, sew 9 K units together, matching seams carefully. Make 4. Set 2 of these rows aside for the side borders.
- Sew L units to each end of the remaining rows to make the top and bottom borders.
- Sew the side borders to the quilt center, matching seams carefully. Add the top and bottom borders. Press well.



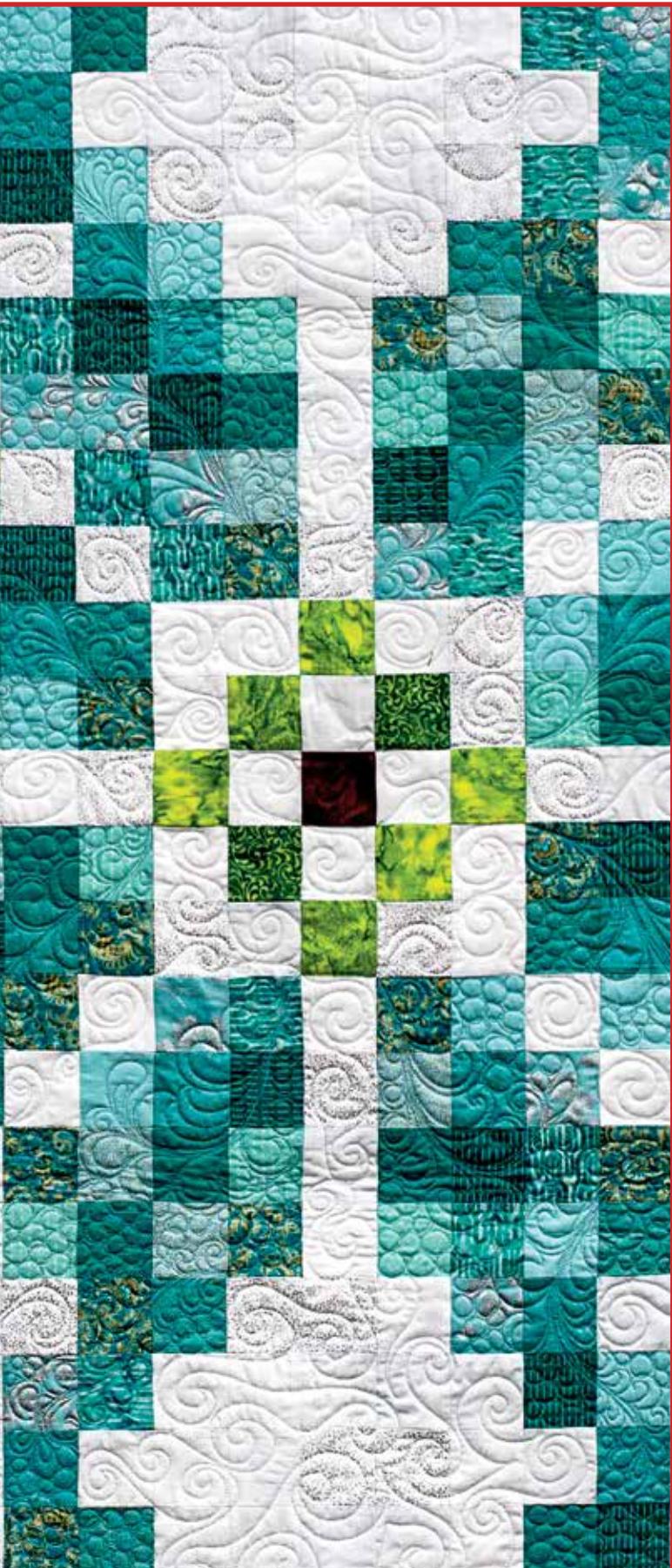
K unit - Make 36



L unit - Make 4

Fig. 5

Fig. 6



Quilting & finishing

- Layer the backing, batting, and quilt top. Baste to secure. Quilt your **PIXELFLAKE** quilt with a tight back and forth meander or a pebble filler over the snowflake, and large swirls or crosshatch straight lines in the background.
- Sew the binding strips together for 274" of continuous binding. Finish the edges of your quilt with double-fold binding.

I love to see what you're making! Upload your **PIXELFLAKE** quilt to the Stacey Day Quilts group on Flickr, or tag me on Instagram @staceyinstitches #pixelflakequilt.



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