

# Celebrate Life

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# Use of a border stripe fabric along the diagonal of each block frames the center of this wall quilt or table topper.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Cutting

**Step 1.** Cut two 9" by fabric width strips bird stripe; fussy-cut (12)  $3\frac{3}{8}$ " A rectangles, centering the bird section in each piece.

**Step 2.** Cut two  $3\frac{7}{8}$ " by fabric width strips cream tonal; subcut strips into (12)  $3\frac{7}{8}$ " B squares and four  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " I squares. Cut each B square in half on one diagonal to make 24 B triangles.

**Step 3.** Cut one  $3\frac{7}{8}$ " by fabric width strip green floral; subcut strip into four  $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares. Cut each square in half on one diagonal to make eight C triangles.

**Step 4.** Cut one  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " by fabric width strip green floral; subcut strip into eight  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " J squares.

**Step 5.** Cut one  $3\frac{7}{8}$ " by fabric width strip each light (E) and dark (D) pink tonals; subcut strips into eight  $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares each fabric. Cut each square in half on one diagonal to make 16 each D and E triangles.

**Step 6.** Cut one  $6\frac{7}{8}$ " by fabric width strip each light (H) and dark (G) pink tonals; subcut strips into two  $6\frac{7}{8}$ " G squares and four  $6\frac{7}{8}$ " H squares.

**Step 7.** Cut one  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " by fabric width strip green tonal; subcut strip into (12)  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares. Cut each square in half on one diagonal to make 24 F triangles.

**Step 8.** Cut two  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " by fabric width strips green tonal; subcut strips into four  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " K rectangles.

**Step 9.** Cut two strips each 2" x  $32\frac{1}{2}$ " (M) and 2" x  $35\frac{1}{2}$ " (N) green tonal.

**Step 10.** Cut five  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " by fabric width strips green tonal for binding.

**Step 11.** Cut four 5" by fabric width strips rose floral for O/P borders.

**Step 12.** Cut one  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " L square rose floral.

seams toward F. Repeat to make 12 A-F units. Set aside four units for Corner blocks.



Figure 1

**Step 2.** Sew B to D along the diagonal as shown in Figure 2; press seam toward D. Repeat to make eight B-D units.



Figure 2

**Step 3.** Sew C to E along the diagonal, again referring to Figure 2; press seam toward E. Repeat to make eight C-E units.

**Step 4.** Sew B and D to a B-D unit as shown in Figure 3; press seams toward B and D. Repeat to make four B-D-D units and four reversed B-D-D units, again referring to Figure 3.

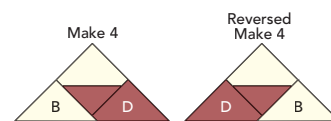


Figure 3

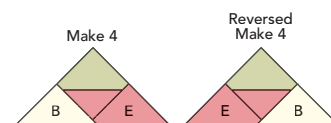
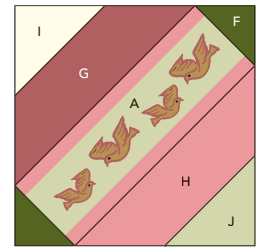


Figure 4

### Piecing the Celebration Blocks

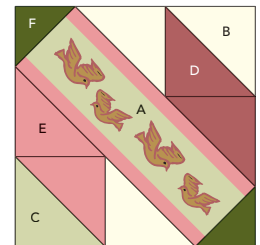
**Step 1.** Sew F to each end of A as shown in Figure 1; press

**Step 5.** Sew B and E to a C-E unit as shown in Figure 4; press seams



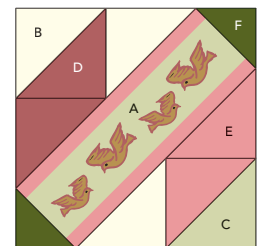
Corner

8" x 8" Block  
Make 4



Celebration

8" x 8" Block  
Make 4



Reversed Celebration

8" x 8" Block  
Make 4

## PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Skill Level: Beginner  
Quilt Size: 44" x 44"  
Block Size: 8" x 8"  
Number of Blocks: 12

## MATERIALS

- $\frac{3}{8}$  yard cream tonal\*
- $\frac{1}{2}$  yard green floral\*
- $\frac{1}{2}$  yard each light and dark pink tonals\*
- $\frac{5}{8}$  yard bird stripe\*
- 1 yard green tonal\*
- 1 yard rose floral\*
- Backing 50" x 50"
- Batting 50" x 50"\*
- All-purpose thread to match fabrics
- Quilting thread\*
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

\*Heaven on Earth, a Quest for the Cure fabric collection by Ro Gregg for Northcott, Coats Star Machine Quilting Thread, and Machine 60/40 Blend batting from Fairfield Processing used to make the sample. Stitched on a Brother Innovis QC1000 sewing machine.

toward B and E. Repeat to make four B-C-E units and four reversed B-C-E units, again referring to Figure 4.

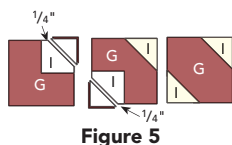
**Step 6.** Sew a B-D-D unit to one side and a B-C-E unit to the remaining side of an A-F unit to complete one Celebration block referring to the block drawing for positioning of units; press seams toward A-F. Repeat to make four blocks.

**Step 7.** Sew a reversed B-D-D unit to one side and a reversed B-C-E unit to the remaining side of an A-F unit to complete one Reversed Celebration block referring to the block drawing for positioning of units; press seams toward A-F. Repeat to make four blocks.

### Piecing the Corner Blocks

**Step 1.** Mark a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each I and J square.

**Step 2.** Place I on opposite corners of G as shown in Figure 5; stitch on the marked line, trim seam allowance to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press I to the right side, again referring to Figure 5. Repeat to make two G-I units.



**Step 3.** Cut each G-I unit in half on the unstitched diagonal to make four G-I triangles as shown in Figure 6.



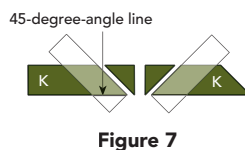
**Step 4.** Repeat Steps 2 and 3 with H and J squares to make four H-J

units and eight H-J triangles, again referring to Figures 5 and 6. Set aside four H-J triangles for the center unit.

**Step 5.** Sew a G-I triangle to one side and an H-J triangle to the remaining side of an A-F unit to complete one Corner block referring to the block drawing for positioning; press seams toward A-F. Repeat to make four Corner blocks.

### Piecing the Center Unit

**Step 1.** Cut the ends of each K rectangle at a 45-degree angle as shown in Figure 7.



**Step 2.** Sew a K piece to each side of L as shown in Figure 8; press seams toward K.

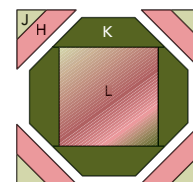


Figure 8

**Step 3.** Sew an H-J triangle to each side of the K-L unit to complete the center unit, again referring to Figure 8; press seams toward H-J.

### Completing the Top

**Step 1.** Sew a Celebration block to a Reversed Celebration block as shown in Figure 9; press seam open. Repeat for four block units.

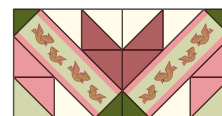
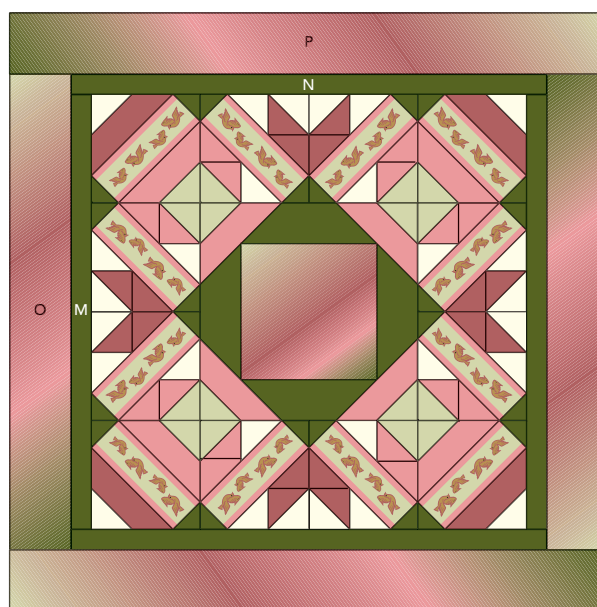


Figure 9



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Placement Diagram 44" x 44"

**Step 2.** Sew a block unit to two opposite sides of the center unit referring to the Placement Diagram for positioning; press seams toward the center unit.

**Step 3.** Sew a Corner block to each end of the remaining block units; press seams toward the Corner blocks. Sew a strip to the remaining sides of the center unit; press seams toward the strips.

**Step 4.** Sew M to opposite sides and N to the remaining sides of the pieced center; press seams toward M and N.

**Step 5.** Join the O/P strips on the short ends to make a long strip; press seams to one side. Cut the strip into two 35½" O strips and two 44½" P strips.

**Step 6.** Sew O to opposite sides and P to the remaining sides of the pieced center to complete the top; press seams toward O and P.

### Finishing the Quilt

**Step 1.** Sandwich the batting between the completed top and prepared backing; pin, baste or spray-baste to hold.

**Step 2.** Quilt as desired; remove pins or basting, if used. Trim batting and backing even with the top.

**Step 3.** Join the binding strips on short ends with diagonal seams to make a long strip; press seams to one side.

**Step 4.** Press the strip in half along length with wrong sides together to complete the binding.

**Step 5.** Sew the binding to the quilt edges, mitering corners and overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back side and stitch in place to finish. **QW**