

# Pick-Up Stix

**SPECIFICATIONS**

Skill Level: Intermediate  
 Quilt Size: Approximately  
 56¾" x 70¾"  
 Block Size: 7" x 7"  
 Number of Blocks: 48

The Pick-Up Stix quilt in the April 2008 issue of *Quilter's World* can be made using templates instead of the X-Blocks ruler. Instructions are given here for only the sections of the quilt that use templates instead of the ruler. Refer to these instructions and those given in the magazine to complete the quilt.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Completing the Blocks**

**Step 1.** Prepare templates using patterns given; cut pieces from previously cut strips as directed on each piece as shown in Figure 1.

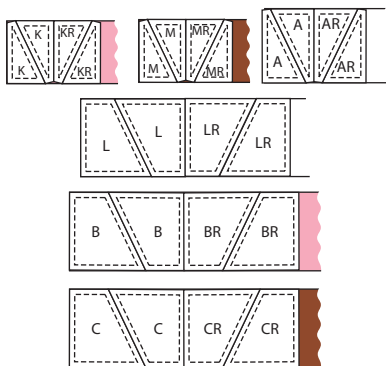


Figure 1

**Step 2.** To complete one X-Block block, sew D between two C pieces to make the center row as shown in Figure 2; press seams toward C and CR.

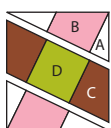


Figure 2

**Step 3.** Sew B between two

A pieces, again referring to Figure 2; press seams toward B. Repeat to make two A-B rows. **Step 4.** Sew the center row between the A-B rows referring to the block drawing to complete one X-Block; press seams toward the center row. Repeat to make 24 X-Blocks and 24 Reverse X-Blocks, pressing the seams away from the center row and using AR, BR and CR pieces for the reverse blocks.

**Completing the Quilt**

**Step 1.** Refer to Steps 1–4 on page 24 in *Quilter's World* April 2008 to complete the pieced center.

**Step 2.** Sew a G strip between two H strips with right sides together along the length; press seams toward H strips.

**Step 3.** Subcut the G-H strip set into (22) 1⅞" G-H units as shown in Figure 3.

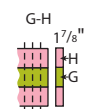


Figure 3

**Step 4.** Join six G-H units on short ends to make a top strip; press seams in one direction. Trim strip to 57½". Repeat to make two side strips; sew to opposite long sides of the pieced center; press seams toward G-H strips.

**Step 5.** Join five G-H units on

short ends to make a top strip; press seams in one direction. Trim strip to 46¼"; repeat to make a bottom strip and add the strips to the top and bottom of the pieced center; press seams toward the G-H strips.

**Step 6.** Sew K to L as shown in Figure 4; press seam in one

FABRIC	#STRIPS/PIECES	CUT	#PIECES	SUBCUT
Measurements based on 42" usable fabric width.				
¼ yard aqua dot	5	1" x 42" E/F		
¾ yard green dot	5	3¾" x 42"	48	3¾" D squares
	1	1⅞" x 42" G		
1⅞ yards brown floral	7	3¾" x 42" C		
	2	3" x 42" M		
1½ yards pink stripe	7	3¾" x 42" B		
	3	3" x 42" K		
	2	1⅞" x 42"		
2½ yards white stix print	6	3⅝" x 42" A		
	9	3¾" x 42" L		
	1	6" x 42"	4	1⅝" I
			4	5⅞" J
	7	2¼" x 42" binding		
Backing		63" x 77"		

**SUPPLIES**

- Batting 63" x 77"
- Neutral color all-purpose thread
- Quilting thread
- Template material
- Spray starch
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

direction. Repeat to make 36 K-L units. Repeat with KR and LR pieces to make 36 reverse K-L units, again referring to Figure 4. Repeat with M and L and MR and LR pieces to make 36 each L-M and reverse L-M units, again referring to Figure 4.

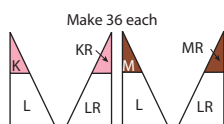


Figure 4

**Step 7.** Join a K-L and reverse K-L unit to make a K unit as shown in Figure 5; press seam toward the reverse unit. Repeat to make 20 K units.

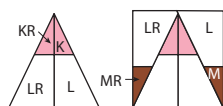


Figure 5

**Step 8.** Add an L-M unit to the K-L side of a K unit and a reverse L-M unit to the reverse K-L side to complete one pink border unit, again referring to Figure 5; repeat to make 20 pink border units. Press seams toward the L-M units.

**Step 9.** Join an L-M and reverse L-M unit to make an M unit as shown in Figure 6; press seam toward the L-M unit. Repeat to make 16 M units.

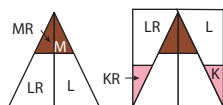


Figure 6

**Step 10.** Add a K-L unit to the L-M side of an M unit and a reverse K-L unit to the reverse L-M side to complete one brown border unit, again referring to Figure 6; repeat to make 16 brown border units. Press seams toward the L-M units.



Figure 7

**Step 11.** Join two brown border units and three pink border units to make a side border unit as shown in Figure 7; press seams in one direction. Repeat to make four side border units; join two side border units as shown in Figure 8 to make a side strip; press seam in one direction. Repeat to make two side strips.

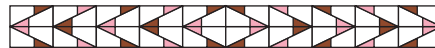


Figure 8

**Step 12.** Sew an I strip to each end of each side strip; press seams toward I. Trim strips to 60¼".

**Step 13.** Sew the side/I strips to opposite long sides of the pieced center; press seams toward G-H borders.

**Step 14.** Join two each pink and brown border units to make

a top border unit as shown in Figure 9; repeat to make two top border units. Join the top border units, again referring to Figure 9, to make a top strip; press seam in one direction. Repeat to make a bottom strip.



Figure 9

**Step 15.** Sew a J rectangle to each end of the top and



bottom strips; press seams toward J; trim strips to 57¼".

**Step 16.** Sew the top and bottom strips to the top and bottom of the pieced center; press seams toward the G-H strips.

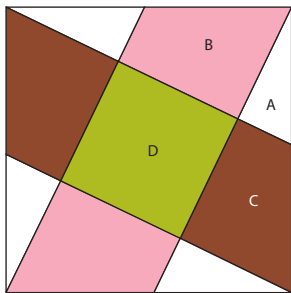
### Finishing Your Quilt

**Step 1.** Sandwich the batting between the completed top and prepared backing; pin or baste layers together to hold. *Note: If using basting spray to hold layers together, refer to instructions on the product container for use.*

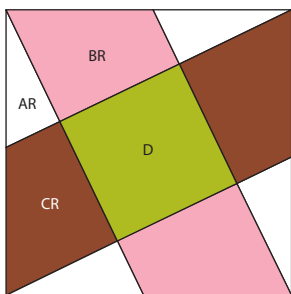
**Step 2.** Quilt as desired by hand or machine; remove pins or basting. Trim excess backing and batting even with quilt top.

**Step 3.** Join binding strips on short ends to make one long strip. Fold the strip in half along length with wrong sides together; press.

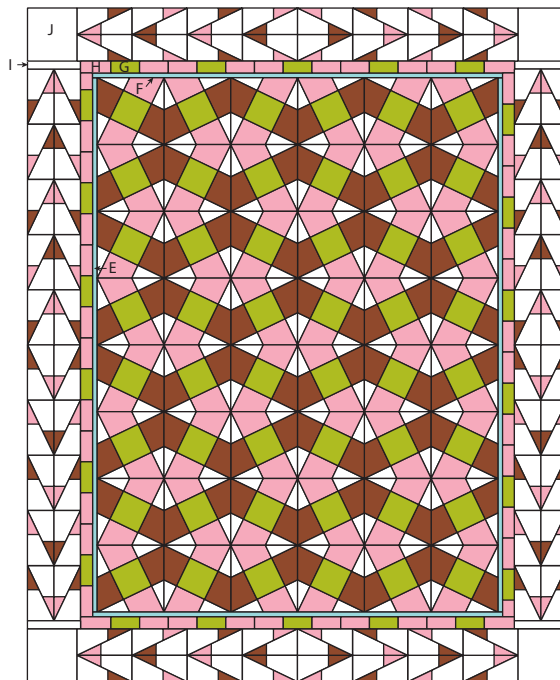
**Step 4.** Sew binding to quilt edges, mitering corners and overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back side and stitch in place to finish. **QW**



**X-Block**  
7" x 7" Block  
Make 24

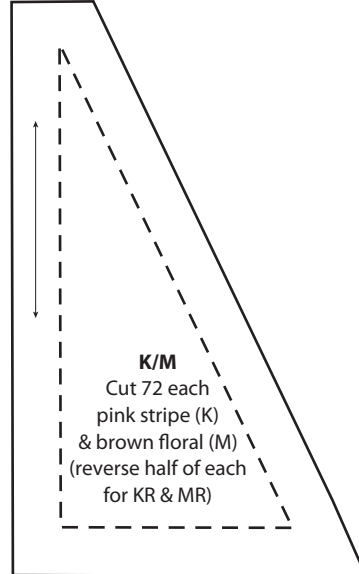
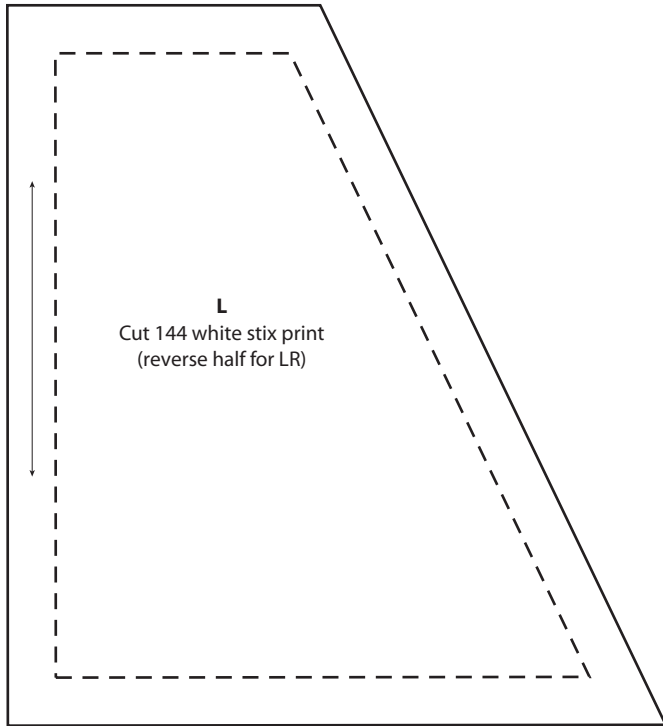
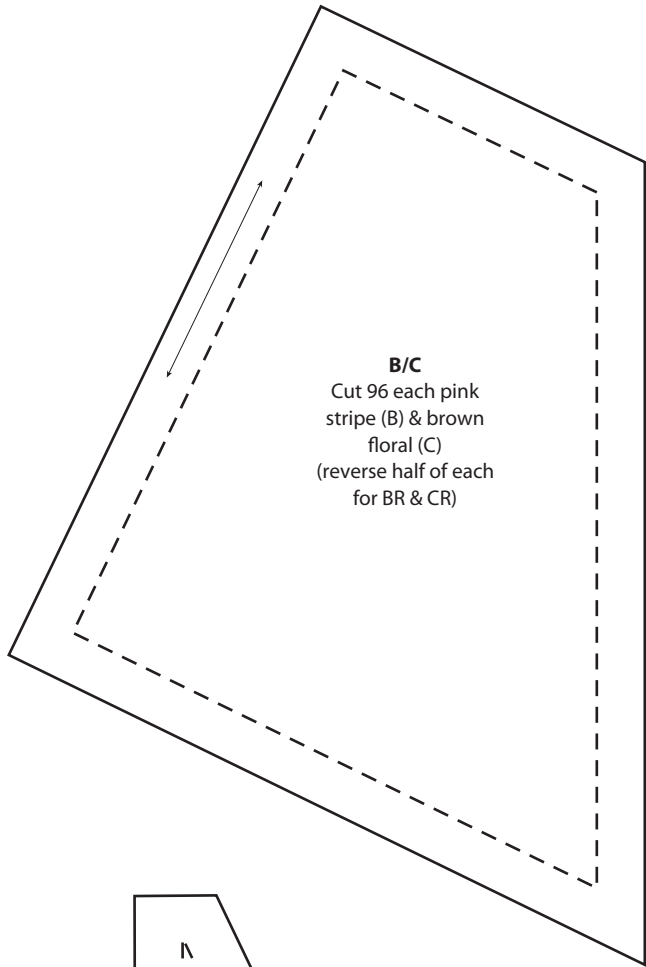
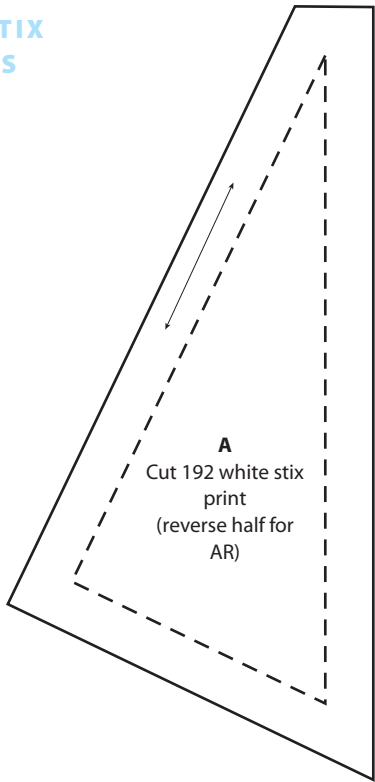


**Reverse X-Block**  
7" x 7" Block  
Make 24



**Pick-Up Stix**  
Placement Diagram Approximately 56¾" x 70¾"

**PICK-UP STIX  
TEMPLATES**



When printing pattern pieces  
check to make sure your  
print settings are set to print  
at 100 percent and page  
scaling displays "None."