



# Black (Bow) Tie Affair

35 or 36 blocks (8" finished). About 56" x 72" or 64" square



## Supplies:

Based on a swap of 40 total 10" black with white and black with color squares. Could also use 10 or more fat quarters or stash/scrap

Background: 1 1/4 yard

Border: 1 1/2 yards

Binding: 3/4 yards

## Cutting:

From each (well, 35-36) square: Cut: One 4 1/2" x 10" strip. Subcut into 2 ea. 4 1/2" squares. From remainder cut 2 ea. 2" squares.

From Background:

Cut 4 ea. 4 1/2" strips. Subcut into 35 (36) ea. 4 1/2" squares.

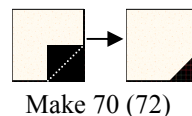
Also: Inner Border: Cut/Construct 2 ea. 2 1/2" x 60 1/2" and 2 ea. 2 1/2" x 40 1/2" (2 ea. 2 1/2" x 48 1/2" and 2 ea. 2 1/2" x 52 1/2")

Outer Border: Cut/Construct 2 ea. 6 1/2" x 44 1/2" and 2 ea. 6 1/2" x 72 1/2" (2 ea. 6 1/2" x 52 1/2" and 2 ea. 6 1/2" x 64 1/2")

Binding: Cut 8-9 ea. 2 1/2" x Width of Fabric strips

## Assembly:

1. Using the 2" squares cut from blacks (Swap), snowball 1 ea. 2" square onto 1 corner only of each 4 1/2" Background Square. (Snowball by creasing or marking one diagonal on the square, placing RST together to rectangle as shown and stitching.) Make 70 (72). Trim away excess.



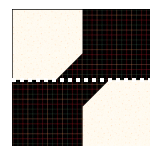
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2. Using a matched pair of step 1 units and the matching black (swap) 4 1/2" squares, make a BowTie block. To make the block, stitch together a step 1 unit and a matching black (swap) 4 1/2" square, watching orientation as shown at right. Make two. Stitch these two units together to make one BowTie block. Make 35 (36) BowTie Blocks.



Make 70 (72)

3. Set the blocks together into 7 rows of 5 blocks or 6 rows of 6 blocks. Experiment with different designs as below.



Make 35 (36)

4. Add inner border of background 2 1/2" strips.

5. Add outer border of 6 1/2" strips.

6. Quilt as desired.

7. Bind with 2 1/2" binding strips.

## Alternate Layouts



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