

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/scraps

Background: 1 1/2 yard Border: 1 1/2 yards Binding: 3/4 yards

Culting:

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 8 ea. 4 1/2" strips. Subcut into 70 (72) ea. 4 1/2" squares.

Also: Inner Border: Cut/Construct 2 ea. 2 1/2" x 40 1/2" and 2 ea. 2 1/2" x 60 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.
- 3. Set the blocks together into 7 rows of 5 blocks or 6 rows of 6 blocks. Experiment with different designs as below.
- 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.





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