## Black (Bow) Tie Affair

35 or 36 blocks ( 8 " finished). About $56^{\prime \prime}$ x $72^{\prime \prime}$ 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: $11 / 2$ yard
Border: $11 / 2$ yards
Binding: $3 / 4$ yards

## Cutting:



From each (well, 35-36) square: Cut: One 4 1/2" x 10" strip. Subcut into 2 ea. $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares. From remainder cut 2 ea. $2^{\prime \prime}$ squares.
From Background:
Cut 8 ea. $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. Subcut into 70 (72) ea. $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares.
Also: Inner Border: Cut/Construct 2 ea. 2 1/2" x 40 1/2" and 2 ea. $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ x $601 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ (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. $61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ x $441 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ and 2 ea. 6 1/2" x 72 1/2" (2 ea. 6 1/2" x 52 1/2" and 2 ea. $61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ 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 $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Background Square. (Snowball by creasing or marking one diagonal on the square, placing RST together to rectangle as shown and stitching.) Make 70 (72).


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2. Using a matched pair of step 1 units and the matching black (swap) $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares, make a BowTie block. To make the block, stitch together a step 1 unit and a matching black (swap) $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ 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 $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips.
5. Add outer border of $61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips.
6. Quilt as desired.
7. Bind with $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ binding strips.


Make 70 (72)


Make 35 (36)


