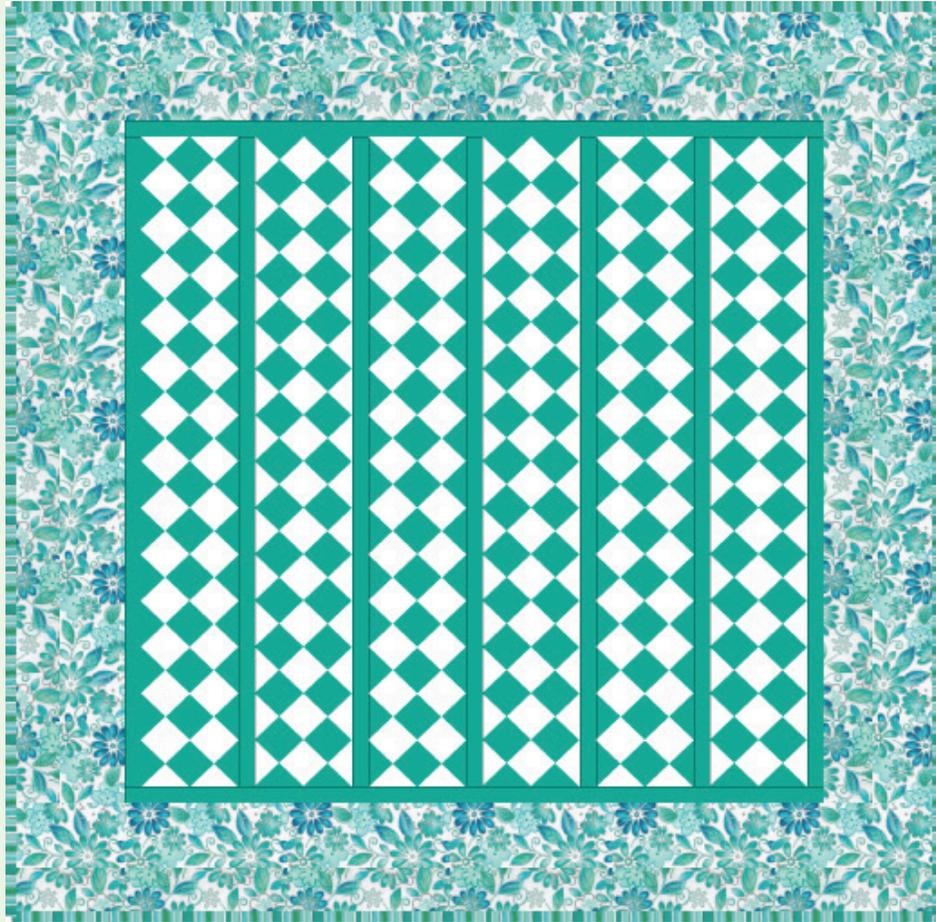


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# Seminole Steps Quilt

Using the **Inspiration Fabrications** strip set by **Blank Quilting**



This quilt uses the timeless technique of Seminole piecing, first introduced to us by the Seminole Indians of Florida. These 2-1/2" strips are perfect for this pattern as they are simply strip-pieced in rows of five and then cut apart and reassembled in staggered (offset) rows. The vertical sashes are part of the set, as are the inner borders. All you need to add are the border and binding.

.....(The following pattern works well with any set of forty 2½" strips.)

## PATTERN DETAILS

**Vertical Row Size:** 5-1/2" x 40-1/2"

**Quilt Size:** 57" x 61"

### Materials for Lap Quilt & Runner

- One pack of 40 strips (2½") from the Inspiration Collection
- 1-1/2 yard Inspiration #5220 White Floral for border
- 1/2 yd Inspiration #5219 Teal Stripe for binding
- 3 yds backing



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#### Fabric Requirements

One pack of Inspiration Fabrications 2-1/2" strips (40 strips)  
1-1/2 yard 5220 White (floral print) for borders  
1/2 yd 5219 Teal (stripe) for binding  
3 yds backing fabric

NOTE: This quilt center, including the vertical sashings, uses every single one of the 40 strips. This pattern will work well with any set of forty 2-1/2" strips with good contrast, excellent for other Fabrications Collections!

#### Preparation:

1. Begin by pulling out the strips you will use for the vertical sashings. My quilt uses six striped fabrics and one that has a geometric pattern. Set these aside. Next select three "solid" reading strips (mine uses the dark teal) that will be for your top and bottom sashings. Set these aside.

2. Next, separate the remaining strips into piles of the lights and the mediums/darks. There are two strips of each print, both light and dark. There are six vertical rows, each requiring 5 strips either: Light-Dark-Light-Dark-Light or Dark-Light-Dark-Light-Dark. Take your time to select 6 sets of 5 strips where you can arrange them into either of the two groupings.

#### Sewing Your Strip Sets:

1. Sew your first strip set into a group, using 1/4" seams AND offsetting each strip as shown in Diagram 1. This strip set begins and ends with a dark/medium blue strip. Press seams toward the darker fabrics. Cut this 5-strip set into 2-1/2" wedges. Each strip-set will yield 16 wedges.

2. Sew a strip set with the opposite layout of colors, beginning and ending with the light strips. Again, press seams toward the darker fabric. See Diagram 2. Cut this 5-strip set into 2-1/2" wedges. Make six of these strip sets in your color preferences.

3. Working with one group of wedges at a time, sew them together as shown in Diagrams 3 and 4, stepping down the placement of the patches, matching the seams for a good alignment. Sew a total of 15 wedges together into a row. Press seams in one direction.

4. In order to get the length you need, you will have to remove a few of the 2-1/2" squares from the ends and reposition them. Notice how I've added 3 squares to each end in Diagram 5. You can also cut these from the remainder of your strip set. This is so that your top and bottom row ends will be straight when you trim them.

5. Now it's time to trim! First, make sure you have the length you want. I determined to not have my rows any longer than 40" so that I wouldn't have to piece my vertical sashings. You may decide you want your rows a little shorter. Once you decide where to trim, make sure you allow for a 1/4" seam ABOVE the points of the on-point squares. Do NOT trim right at the squares, but 1/4" beyond, both at top and bottom. See Diagram 5.

6. Use a long 24" ruler to trim the sides. Again, take care that you only trim the triangle edges of your rows 1/4" outside the points of the squares. Do not trim right at the points.

7. Sew and trim all 6 rows. Press well. You may want to use starch or fabric sizing to manage the bias edges of these rows.

### **Quilt Top Assembly**

8. Notice that the side triangles on each row are either light or dark. Arrange your vertical rows as you wish, taking care to balance the lights and darks. Lay out your rows and sew the seven 2-1/2" strips you set aside as your sashings to the rows, beginning and ending with a 2-1/2" strip. See Diagram 6.

9. Measure your quilt from side to side to get the width to sew and trim using the 3 teal strips you set aside in Step # 1 above. Add the top and bottom 2-1/2" strips. Press all seams toward the sashings. Quilt center now measures approximately 46-1/2" x 48-1/2".

10. From your border fabric, cut four 7" strips along the LENGTH of your fabric. Cut for the side borders first and then for the top and bottom borders.

11. Layer and quilt as desired.

12. From the stripe fabric cut enough 2-1/4" strips for binding to equal a length of 245" (6-7 strips). Piece together and use to bind quilt.

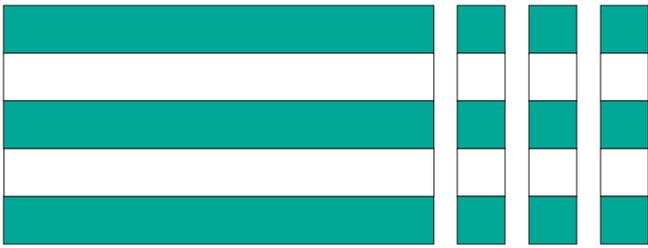


Diagram 1

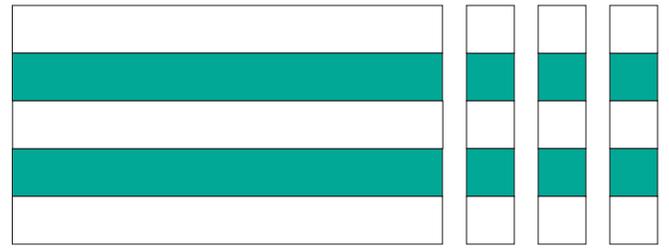


Diagram 2

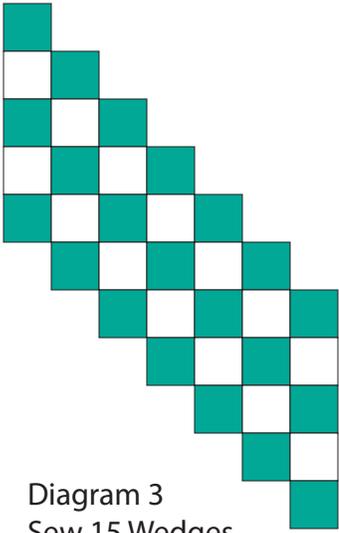


Diagram 3  
Sew 15 Wedges

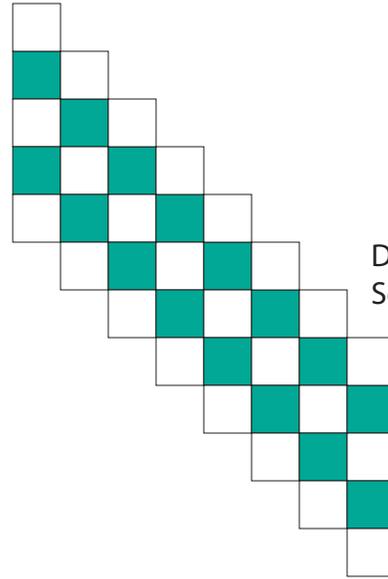


Diagram 4  
Sew 15 Wedges

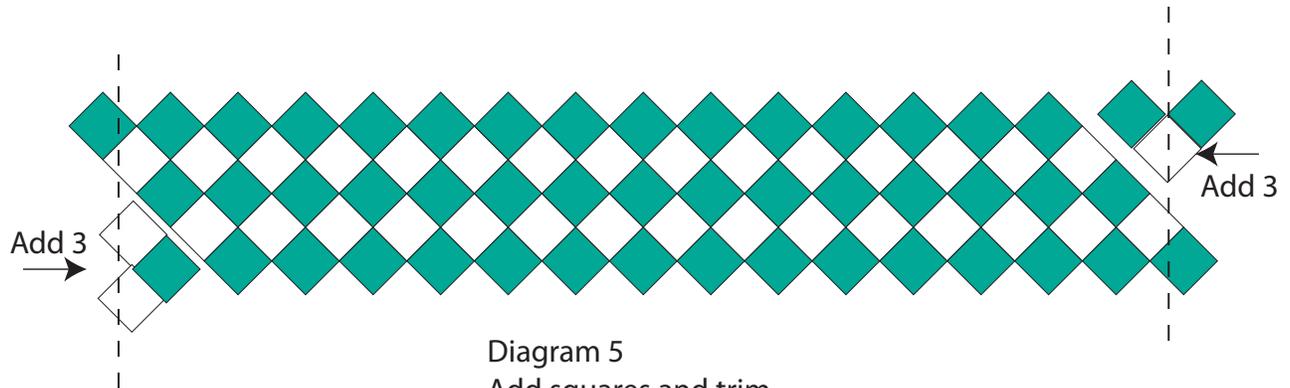
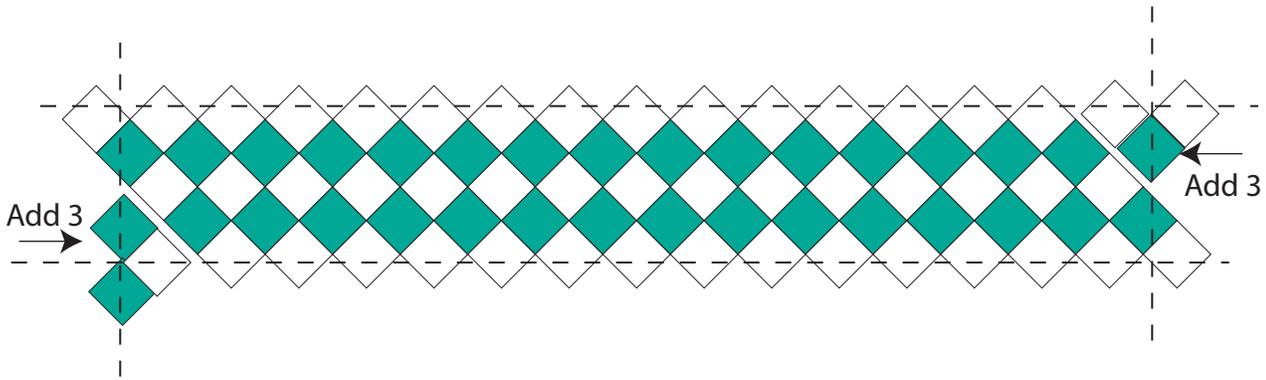


Diagram 5  
Add squares and trim

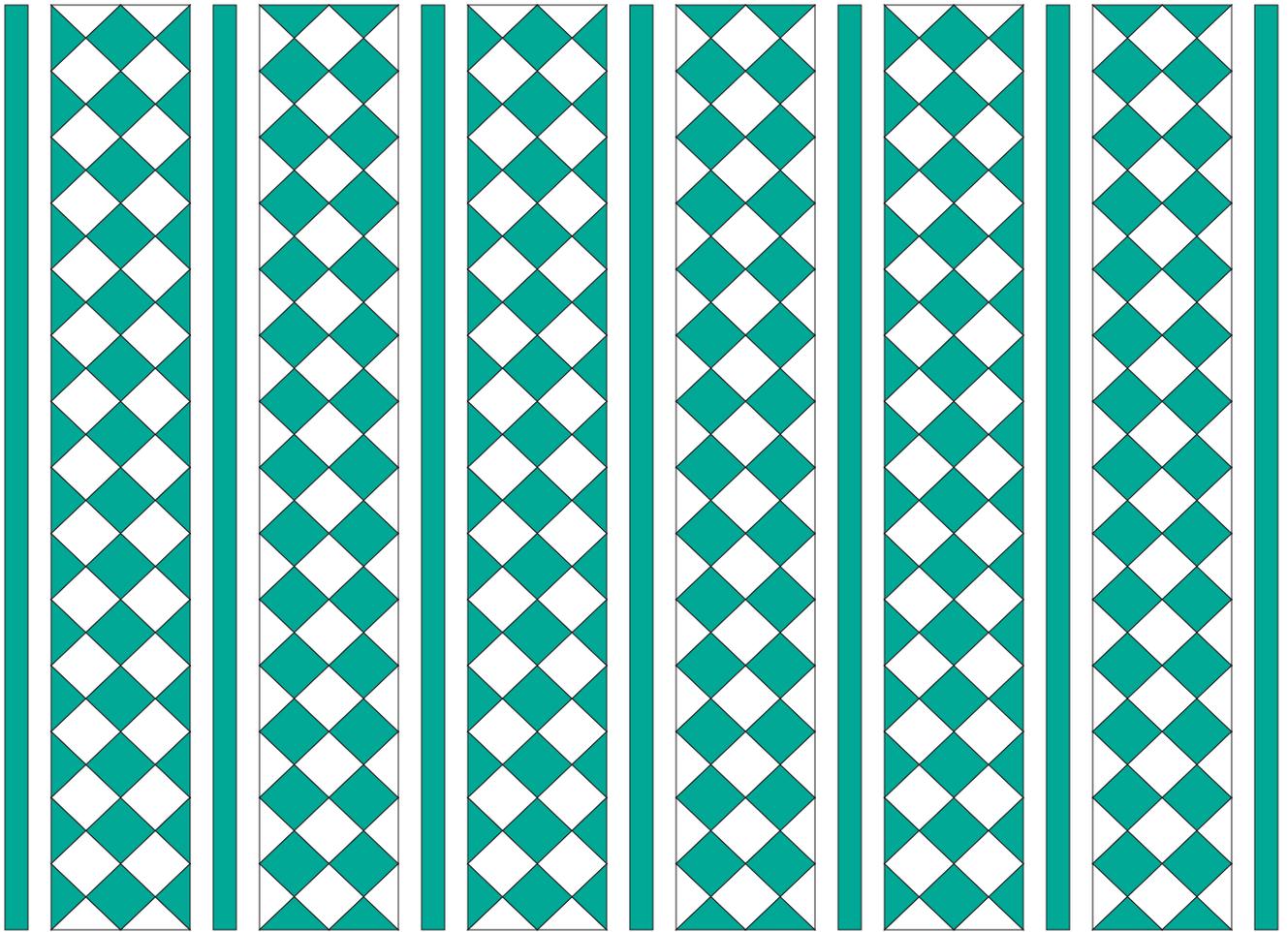


Diagram 6 - Vertical Rows Assembly