# A Birthday Quilt Tradition

Imagine how loved the birthday person will feel sleeping under their birthday quilt year after year on their special day. Young children can grow up using their birthday quilt and then pass the quilt onto their children to continue the tradition.

Birthday quilts are great for seniors and loved ones who have moved away. Everyone, no matter what age, should feel special on their day!

Feel free to embellish the quilt with names, dates - even pictures!

**Finished Size of Pieced Squares: 5" x 5"**

**Finished Quilt Size: 75" x 95"**

- Quilt instructions are given for quilts in two different colorways.
- A separate materials list is given for each of the two quilts.
- Yardages are based on 40" fabric width.

## Materials: Blue Quilt

1 yd. Party Panel (3JHO1) for quilt center

1⅞ yds. Blue Cakes and Banners (1JHO1) for panel border and squares

2⅜ yds. Blue Border Stripe (2JHO1) for border

1¼ yds. Blue Large Spots (4JHO1) for squares and binding

½ yd. White Small Dots (5JHO2) for squares

¼ yd. Purple/Turquoise Wavy Lines (6JHO1) for squares

½ yd. Lime Wavy Lines (6JHO2) for squares

½ yd. Red Ribbon Stripes (7JHO2) for squares

½ yd. Orange Stars (8JHO1) for squares

7⅜ yds. for backing (horizontal seams) –OR– if you don't mind narrower-than-customary backing, you can get by with 6 yds. for backing (vertical seam)

## Materials: Red Quilt

1 yd. Party Panel (3JHO1) for quilt center

1⅞ yds. Red Cakes and Banners (1JHO2) for panel border and squares

2⅜ yds. Red Border Stripe (2JHO2) for border

1¼ yds. Red Large Spots (4JHO2) for squares and binding

½ yd. Purple Small Dots (5JHO1) for squares

¼ yd. Purple/Turquoise Wavy Lines (6JHO1) for squares

½ yd. Lime Wavy Lines (6JHO2) for squares

½ yd. Blue Ribbon Stripes (7JHO1) for squares

½ yd. Yellow Stars (8JHO2) for squares

7⅜ yds. for backing (horizontal seams) –OR– if you don't mind narrower-than-customary backing, you can get by with 6 yds. for backing (vertical seam)
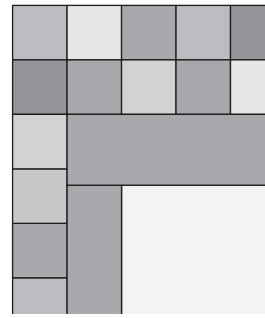
## Cutting

One set of cutting instructions is given, and includes information for both variations of the quilt. Fabrics are cut in order given in Materials lists. Cut strips across width of fabric, unless otherwise instructed.

*From Party Panel, selectively cut:*

- 1 rectangle, *approximately\** 35½" x 42½", for quilt center (Selectively cut rectangle to get portion of design—plus seam allowance—as shown in cover photograph. *\*Note:* If you don't prewash your fabric, the measurement of your cut rectangle will be close to 35½" x 42½"; if you prewash your fabric, the measurement of your cut rectangle will be a little smaller than 35½" x 42½". Any differences in measurements will be made up for by the coping strips cut in the next step.)

*Note:* Before cutting next step, measure the length—from top edge to bottom edge—of your just cut Party Panel quilt center. Write that measurement down.

*From Cakes and Banners, cut:*

- 2 lengthwise strips, 8" x the measurement written down, for Party Panel side coping strips
- 2 lengthwise strips, 9½" x 45½" for Party Panel top and bottom coping strips
- 2 strips, 5½" x 40"; crosscut 14 squares, 5½" x 5½"

*From Border Stripe, selectively cut:*

- 4 strips, *approximately* 10" – 10½" wide x length of fabric, for outer border (Selectively cut strips to get portion of design—plus seam allowance—as shown in photograph. Strips are cut long, and will be trimmed to size later.)

*From Large Spots, cut:*

- 2 strips, 5½" x 40"; crosscut 11 squares, 5½" x 5½"
- 9 strips, 2½" x 40", for double-fold binding

*From Small Dots, cut:*

- 2 strips, 5½" x 40"; crosscut 8 squares, 5½" x 5½"

*From Purple/Turquoise Wavy Lines, cut:*
- 1 strip, 5½" x 40"; crosscut 7 squares, 5½" x 5½"

*From Lime Wavy Lines, cut:*
- 2 strips, 5½" x 40"; crosscut 8 squares, 5½" x 5½"

*From Ribbon Stripes, cut:*
- 2 strips, 5½" x 40"; crosscut 10 squares, 5½" x 5½"

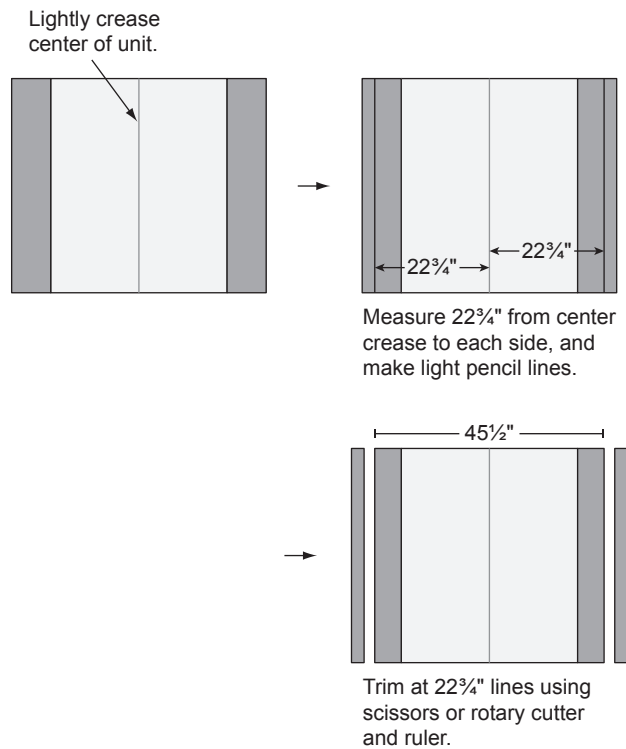*From Stars, cut:*
- 2 strips, 5½" x 40"; crosscut 8 squares, 5½" x 5½"

## Quilt Top Assembly

*All seams ¼". Press seams in direction of arrows unless otherwise instructed. Assembly directions are the same for both quilts. Refer to photographs for fabric placement.*

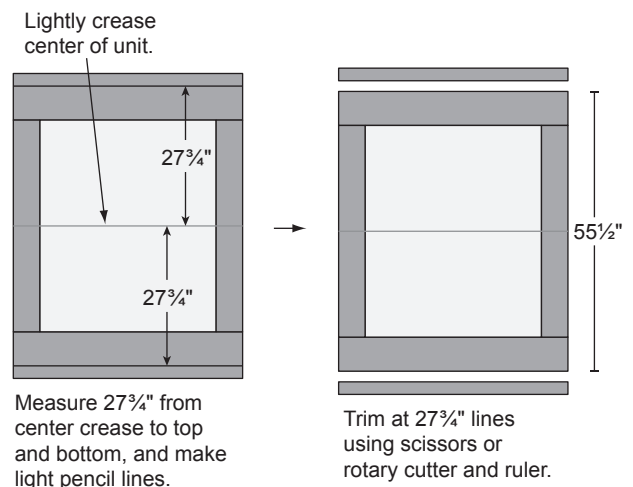1. Sew 2 Cakes and Banners 8"-wide side coping strips to sides of a Party Panel.
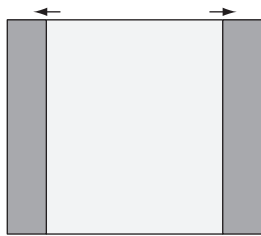
2. Carefully trim the unit made in Step 1 so it measures 45½" sideways from edge to edge. (One way to do this is to fold the unit in half widthwise and lightly crease the center as shown in the illustration at upper right. Start at the center crease and measure 22¾" toward each side and mark lightly with a pencil [on each side, measure and mark points near top, bottom, and center of coping strip, then join points in a straight line, using a long ruler and pencil]. This will give you the necessary 45½" width. Trim at marked lines using scissors or rotary cutter and ruler.)

Lightly crease center of unit.

Measure 22¾" from center crease to each side, and make light pencil lines.

45½"

Trim at 22¾" lines using scissors or rotary cutter and ruler.

3. Sew 2 Cakes and Banners 9½" x 45½" coping strips to top and bottom of trimmed unit made in Step 2.
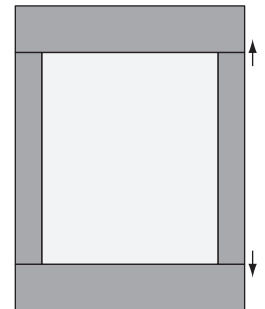
4. Carefully trim the unit made in Step 3 so it measures 55½" from top edge to bottom edge. (Use same method as outlined in Step 2, but fold unit in half lengthwise rather than widthwise, and measure 27¾" from the crease.) Your quilt center is now complete.

Lightly crease center of unit.

27¾"

27¾"

Measure 27¾" from center crease to top and bottom, and make light pencil lines.

55½"

Trim at 27¾" lines using scissors or rotary cutter and ruler.

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5. Refer to photographs for fabric placement ideas*, and sew 11 assorted-print 5½" squares in a row as shown. Repeat to make a total of 6 rows (1 for each side of the quilt, 2 for the top, and 2 for the bottom). See next step for pressing arrows on rows.

*Full photos of quilts can be seen on our website: www.inthebeginningfabrics.com

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6. Sew 2 of the rows made in Step 5 to sides of quilt center as shown. Press seams toward quilt center.
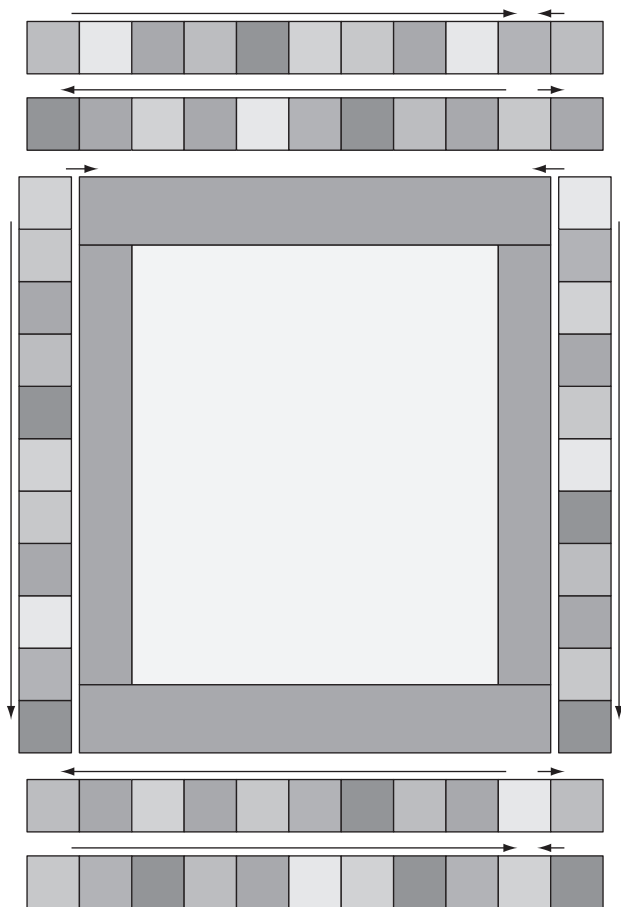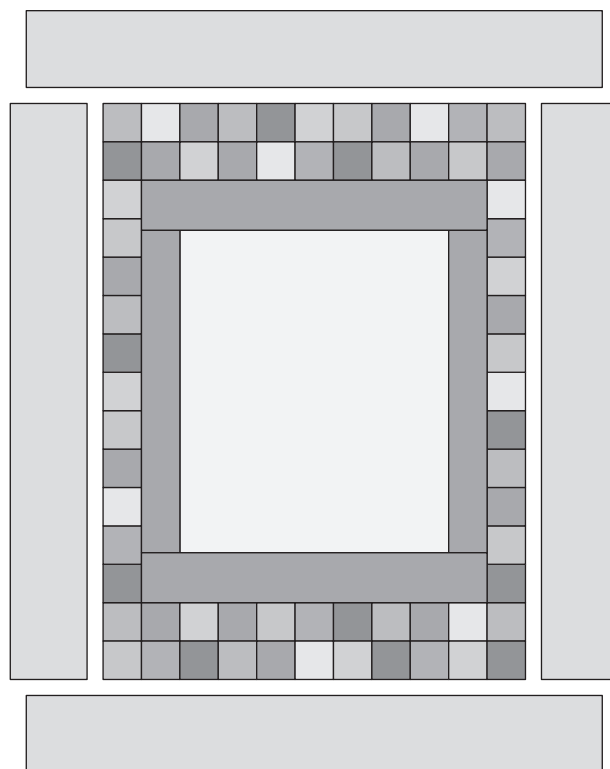
7. Sew 2 of the units made in Step 5 together and sew to the top of the quilt center; sew 2 units together and sew to the bottom of the quilt center as shown in the Quilt Assembly Diagram below. Press seams toward quilt center.

## Border

1. Measure length of quilt top through center. Trim 2 Border Stripe border strips to this measurement, and sew to sides of quilt as shown in the Quilt Assembly Diagram. Press seams toward borders.

2. Measure width of quilt top, including borders just added, through center. Trim remaining 2 Border Stripe border strips to this measurement, and sew to top and bottom of quilt. Press seams toward borders.

## Finishing

Layer quilt top, batting, and backing. Quilt as desired. Bind. Don't forget to sign and date your finished quilt.

Quilt Assembly Diagram