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QUILT TOP ASSEMBLY – PART 3

Once you've completed your February blocks and put them into your quilt top layout, you can finish the top and move on to the inner border.



Assembly – Row 2

We'll start by sewing together the 2 x 12 ½" blocks above one another at the beginning of Row 2 – Rolling Pinwheel and the Right Hand of Friendship. Press towards the bottom block. Attach this group to the beginning (left) of Row 2 and press towards the left. Sew Row 1 to Row 2. Press towards Row 1.

* As I've mentioned previously, I like to press bulky seams open, but it is not always advantageous to do so. Sometimes the seams just want to go where they want to go! *You will notice that I changed the orientation of the Right Hand of Friendship block – when I laid it out, I preferred the way the colours looked in the quilt top.



Assembly – Row 3

On the right end of Row 3 you have a section of 6 hourglass fillers to sew together. Once you've done that, press seams open and attach this strip to the right side of the Square and Star block. Press towards the block.



Attach this section to the right end of Row 3 and press towards the right to the Square and Star block. Attach Row 3 to your top and press towards Row 3. At this point your **top should measure 60 ½" square.**

That's it...the quilt top is complete. You can now determine the fate of your quilt – border/s, ribbon border or just quilt and bind – all up to you!

Both versions of the quilt that we sent you pictures of have a 3" finished inner border as the next step.

Cut background WOF strips, 3 ½" wide. Six strips plus the piece you had left over from cutting the sashing strips should be enough to do this inner border. You may need a 7th strip if you piece your border strips on the diagonal. My strips looked fine pieced end to end and that's the route I took. You need 2 border pieces for the top and bottom 60 ½" long. You need 2 border pieces for the sides 66 ½" long. I typically attach my borders with the back of the quilt top facing up and the border piece on the bottom. This way I can avoid seams inadvertently being flipped. Press towards the borders. Once again, if you have any fullness – ease by using spray starch, pins and a hot iron. Don't scrub, just press.

The finished quilt top at this point should measure 66 ½" square. It is very important that this measurement is accurate if you are doing the ribbon border. The ribbon border is paper pieced and therefore is a set measurement. Don't despair if your measurements are off. Let's go back to the quilt top – 60 ½" square. If you sew a scant or generous seam allowance, this measurement may be off. Adjust the width of your borders to reflect this. For example, if your quilt top finished at 60", you need to make up the ½", so you would cut your border strips 3 ¾" wide – ¼" extra on each side. If your quilt top measured 61 ½" you need to reduce the size of your borders to 3" wide – ½" on each side reduces the quilt size by 1" total.

My top – ready for the ribbon border!



Working on the instructions for the borders now – see you soon!