



Helen's Garden Parterre Quilt

Finished Quilt Size: 59" x 84"

Read all instructions prior to starting.

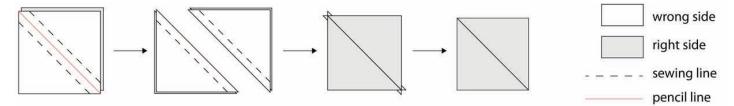
All seams are 1/4"

Materials:

- ¼ yard (or fat quarter) each of all 37 fabrics in the Helen's Garden collection. Cut (8) five-inch squares of each fabric, for a total of 280 squares. (You will have a few left over at the end that can be used on the quilt back).
- Backing fabric: 1¾ yards each of two fabrics of your choice from the collection.
- Binding: ¾ yards of Gem in Passion, cut into 3½" wide strips across width of fabric.
- 60" x 86" quilt batting.
- A 41/2" square cutting template.
- A rotary cutter and cutting mat.

Making Half Square Triangles:

Sort your squares into three piles, based on color value: light, medium, & dark. Pair squares together, taking one from each of two different piles (This process will result in sewn squares made up of two half-square-triangles, one with a darker value than the other. This is essential for creating the pattern later on). With right sides together, place the lighter square on the darker and draw a diagonal line (with a pencil) from one corner to another. Use this line as a guide to sew a ¼" seam down one side of the line. Turn your square around and repeat down the other side of the line. Cut directly along the pencil line, resulting in two new squares when opened. Press the seams open. Place the 4½" cutting template ontop of the sewn square, lining up the **seam line** (not the fabric edges) with the centre guides and corners of the template (The accuracy of this step is important for perfectly matched corners when piecing the quilt). Trim all the way around with your rotary cutter.



Piecing Quilt Top:

Using Diagram 1 as a reference for darker and lighter color value as well as triangle direction, lay out all your sewn squares, fourteen squares across and 20 squares long. Working row by row, sew the squares together (making sure to maintain the correct order and orientation) with a ¼" seam allowance. Press seams open. Sew all the rows together, pinning to keep seams aligned. Press seams open. Lay out quilt top on a flat surface and square up edges with a straight rule, trimming where necessary.



Quilt Back:

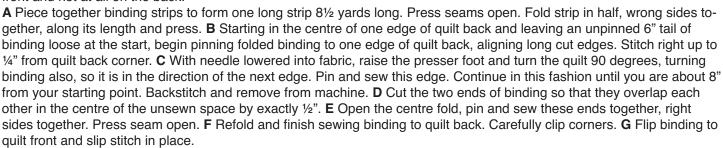
Make a row of 16 of the remaining squares (can be a mixture of plain squares and Half Square Triangles. Just be sure to cut them all to the same 4½" size). Sew squares together. Press seams open. Cut selvedge off of both edges of backing fabrics. With right sides together, pin and sew row of pieced squares to the long edge of one backing fabric. Pin other long edge of row of squares to long edge of other backing fabric, right sides together & sew. Press seams open.

Assembling Quilt:

Place quilt back right side down on floor. Smooth out all wrinkles & tape to floor with masking tape. Lay quilt batting on top, smoothing out any wrinkles. Lay quilt top, right side up, atop the batting. Smooth out wrinkles. Trim the batting to exactly 1¼" larger than the quilt top on all sides. Pin all layers together at approximately 4" intervals. Remove tape and trim the quilt back to ¼" larger than the batting on all sides. Quilt as desired.

Attaching Binding:

Note: This style of binding shows a nice wide binding band on the quilt front and not at all on the back.



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