



CALENDAR QUILT INSTRUCTIONS

When we stitch we are like
mushrooms and moles -
Our best work is done while
we are "hidden away"!



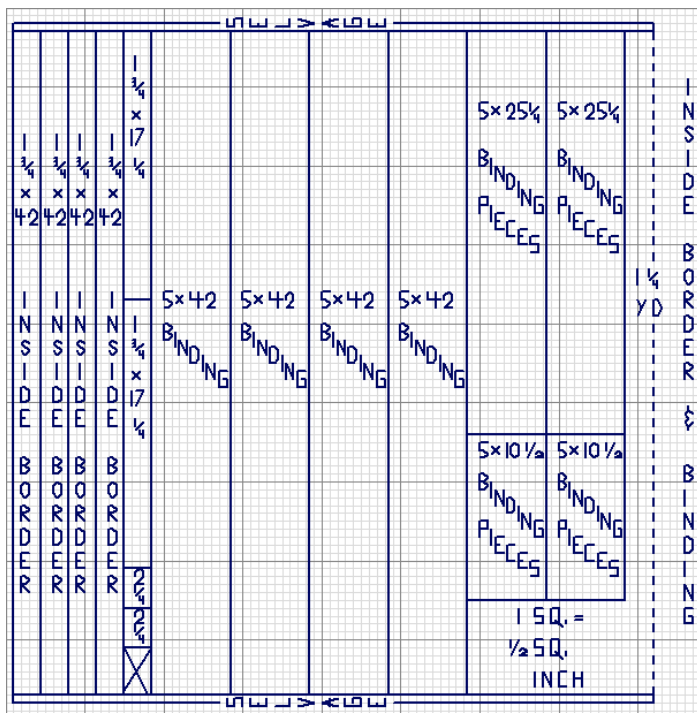
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Cutting charts for making calendar quilt.



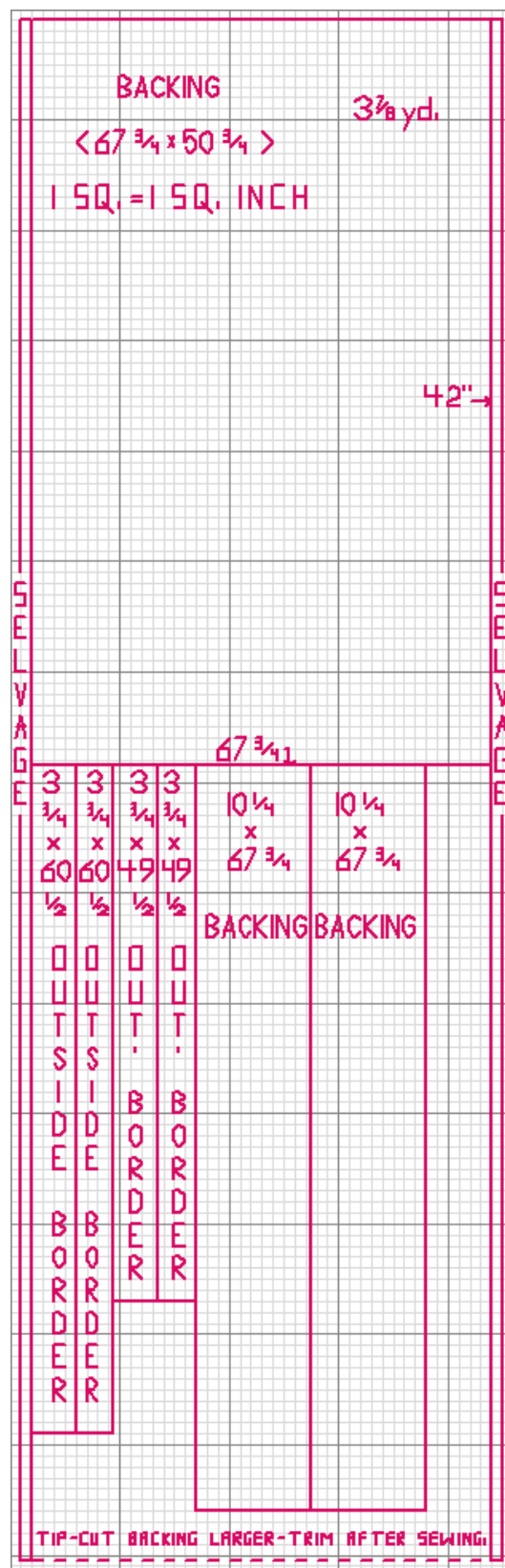
To make 42 5/8" lengths, attach 42" x 2 1/2" strips to 1 3/8" x 2 1/2" strips using 3/8" seams.

BATTING - As this can be purchased in many different sizes, the required dimensions are listed in the "Instructions for Making Calendar Quilt".



To make the strips that need to be longer than 42" -
 Attach 17 1/2" x 1 3/4" strips to 42" x 1 3/4" strips using 3/8" seams to make 58 1/2" x 1 3/4" strips.
 Attach 2 1/4" x 1 3/4" strips to 42" x 1 3/4" strips using 3/8" seams to make 43 1/2" x 1 3/4" strips.
 Attach 25 1/4" x 5" pieces to 42" x 5" binding strips using 3/8" seams to make 66 1/2" strips.
 Attach 10 1/2" x 5" pieces to 42" x 5" binding strips using 3/8" seams to make 51 3/4" strips.

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To make the backing wide enough - Attach a 10 1/4" x 67 3/4" strip to each side of the 42" x 67 3/4" strip using 3/8" seams to make the 50 3/4" width, creating one large piece the size of the quilt front.

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This is pretty straight forward and easy to make. NO mitered corners are used. (Every effort has been made to give accurate sizes. Differences in individual work may cause the need for additional materials.)

Please Note: Approximate lengths are just that - approximate. Please measure as you go and use your own measurements to prevent shortages as you stitch. It is wise to use straight pins before stitching to prevent stretching and to be sure pieces fit properly.

Approximate size of finished quilt - 50 3/4" x 67 3/4".

Materials needed:

Cross-stitch fabric: 12 pieces of evenweave in colors as suggested on month patterns, or in colors of your choosing - at least 12" x 13" each

Floss: As recommended on each month pattern (DMC suggested)

Sashing: Quilting fabric of choice (yellow used) - 7/8 yard

Inside Border and Binding: Quilting fabric of choice (dark blue used) - 1 1/8 yard

Outside Border and Backing: Quilting fabric of choice (medium blue used) - 3 7/8 yards

Batting: Enough to cover 50 3/4" x 67 3/4" quilt and 2" each side (54 3/4" x 71 3/4")

Cut each piece of evenweave 12" X 13". Stitch each calendar design onto center of fabric. (TIP: Cut fabric larger than 12" x 13" to complete the cross-stitching. You can always trim off excess later.)

To prepare for quilting: Make sure each cross-stitched design is in the middle of the fabric. Cut fabric evenly (follow a thread) maintaining design in center, to make each cross-stitched piece 12" wide x 13" high.

Sashing:

Cut 16 sashing strips from quilting material that will coordinate with all the colors of cross-stitch fabric that have been used - 2 1/2" x 13". (See cutting chart.)

Sewing with a 3/8" seam (make sure all seams are the same width, and use a small stitch), sew a strip of 2 1/2" x 13" sashing on the left edge of each cross-stitched piece. (See figure 1.)

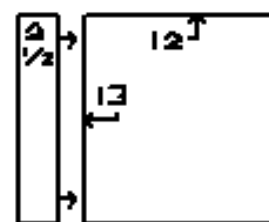


Figure 1

Sew together into sets the right side of the cross-stitched piece with the raw edge of the sashing that is already attached to the next cross-stitched piece - January, February, March is the first set; April, May, June is the second set; July, August, September is the third set; and October, November, December is the fourth set. Add one sashing strip to the right edge of each set. (See figure 2.)

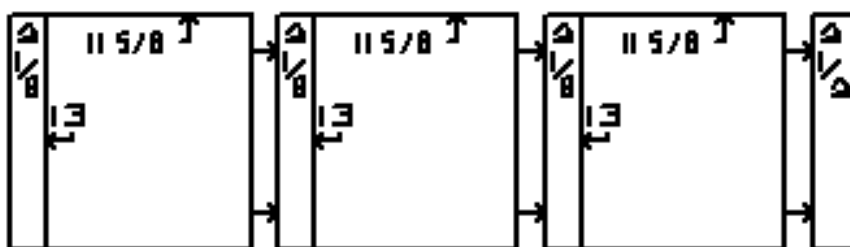


Figure 2

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Cut 5 sashing strips of the same quilting fabric - $2\frac{1}{2}''$ x the width of each of the sets (approximately $42\frac{5}{8}''$ - but measure YOUR fabric pieces to see what YOU got). Attach a $42''$ and a $1\frac{3}{8}''$ strip together using a $\frac{3}{8}''$ seam to make the $42\frac{5}{8}''$ length. (If your fabric is $\frac{5}{8}''$ wider than $42''$, cut these 5 strips to $42\frac{5}{8}''$, and the piecing step will not be necessary.) The width of all the sets should be the same for the quilt to be straight, so now is the time to correct this.

Sew one of the sashing strips on the top edge of the first set. Repeat for the remaining 3 sets. Sew sets 1 and 2 together the same way the 'sets' were made. Sew sets 3 and 4 together. Sew the 2 sets of two strips together to make one large piece. Sew the remaining piece of sashing to the bottom of the large piece. The large piece being formed will be called the 'quilt top'. (See figures 3 and 4.)

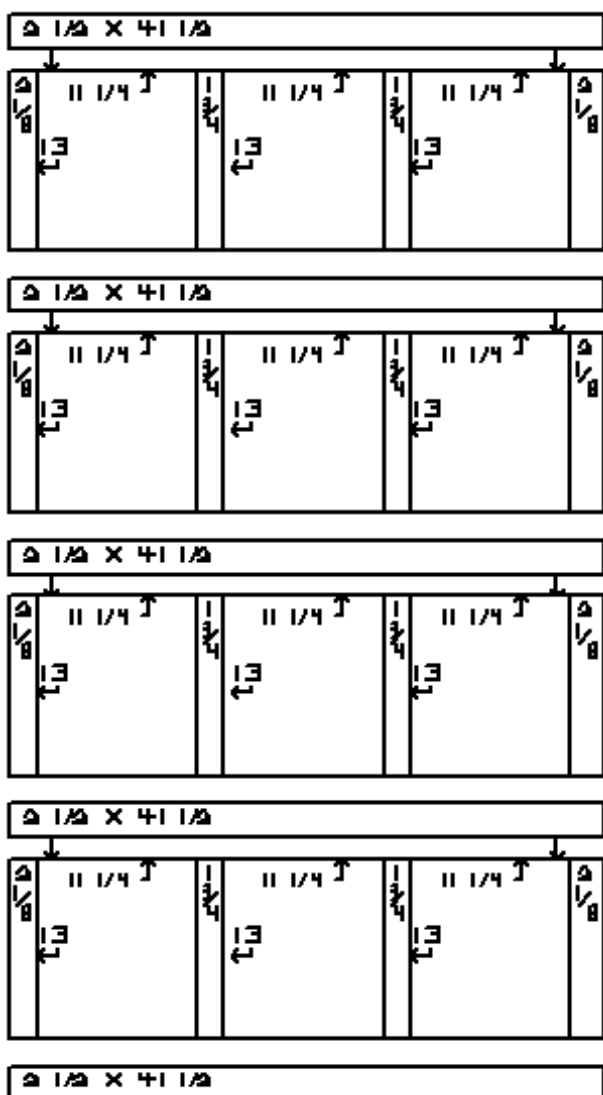


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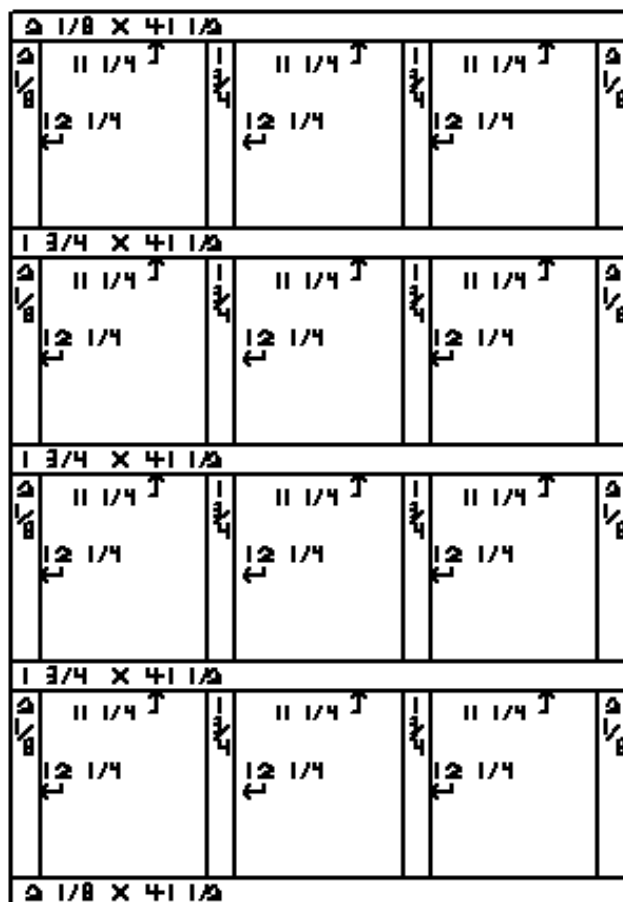


Figure 4 (after)

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Inside Border:

Cut two pieces for inside border from same fabric as binding - $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x length of quilt top as it is stitched together so far (approximately $58\frac{1}{2}$ " - attach 42 " and $17\frac{1}{4}$ " strips together using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam to make the $58\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths). Sew one piece of inside border on each side of quilt top (large piece) - both sides should be the same length. Correct if they are different. (See figure 5.)

Cut two more pieces of the same fabric - $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x width of quilt top with the sides of the border attached (approximately $43\frac{1}{2}$ " - attach 42 " and $2\frac{1}{4}$ " strips together using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam to make the $43\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths). Sew one piece of inside border onto top and one piece onto bottom of quilt top with border fabric attached to the sides - top, middle and bottom should be the same length. (See figure 6.)

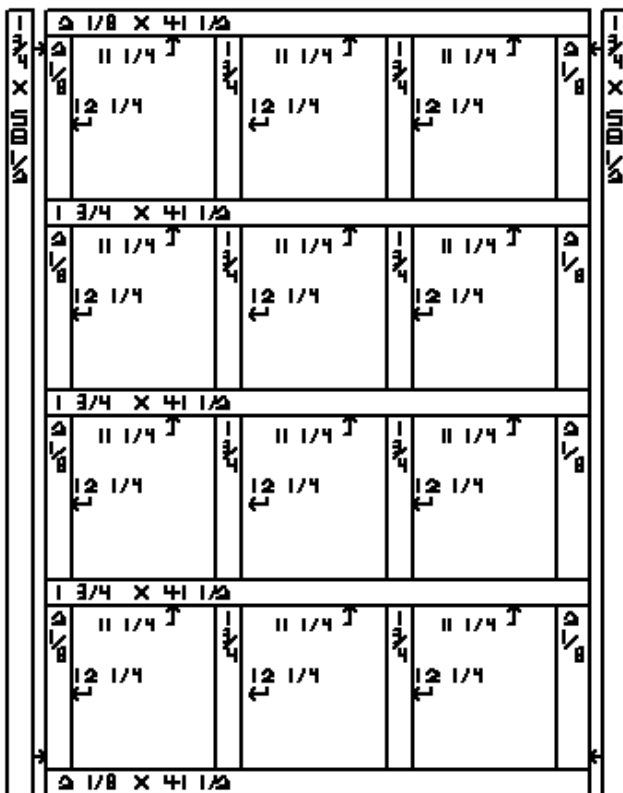


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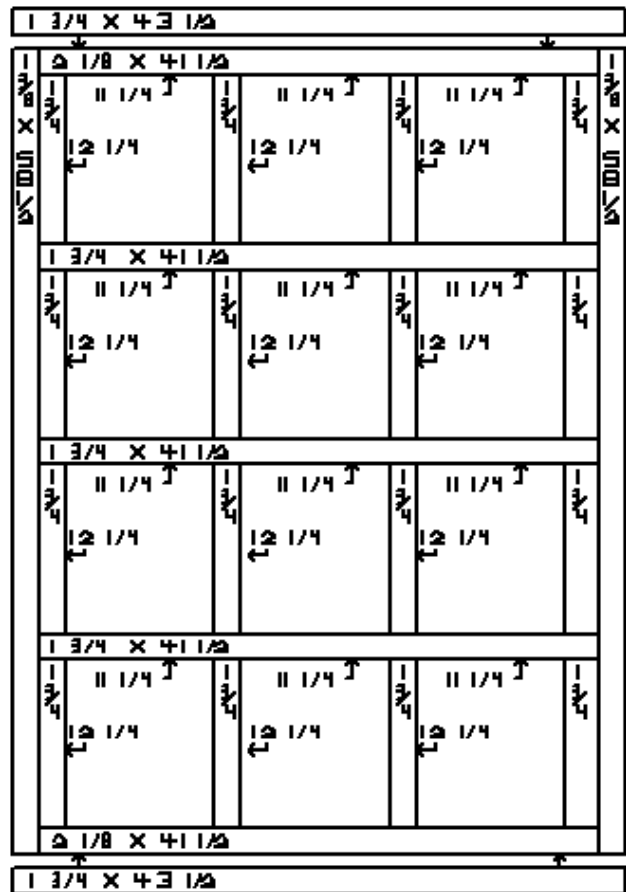


Figure 6

Outside Border:

Cut two pieces of outside border from a contrasting piece of quilt fabric - $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x length of quilt top as it is stitched together (approximately $60\frac{1}{2}$ "). Sew one piece of border on each edge of quilt top. (See figure 7.)

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Cut two pieces of border from the same fabric - $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x width of quilt top with the sides of the border attached (approximately $49\frac{1}{2}$ "). Sew one piece of border onto top and one piece onto bottom of quilt top with border fabric attached to the sides. (See figure 8.)

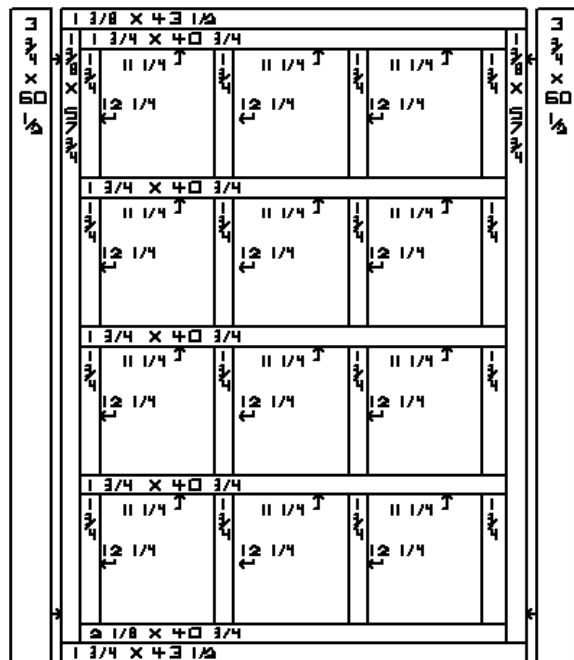


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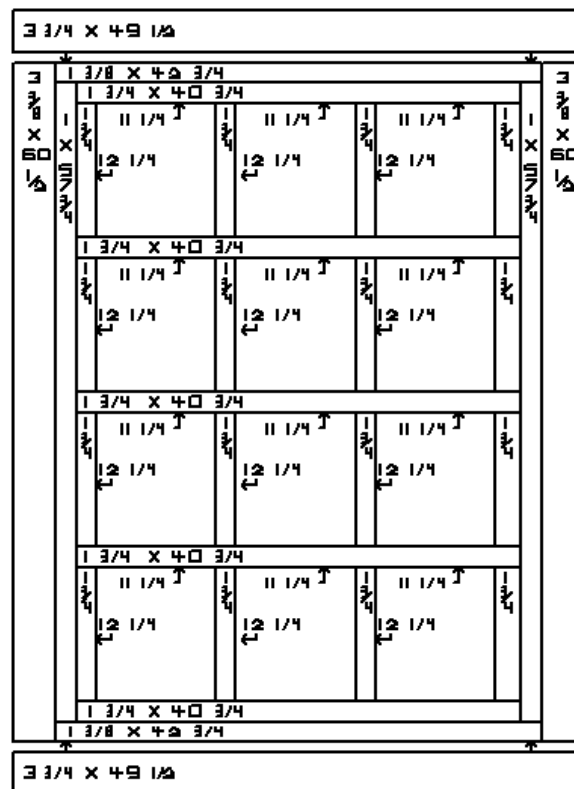


Figure 8

The top, the middle, and the bottom of the quilt should be the same width. The two sides and the middle of the quilt should be the same length. Even measurements mean the quilt will be straight and even.

Backing and Batting:

Cut out backing the size of the measured top (approximately $67\frac{3}{4}$ " X $50\frac{3}{4}$ " - attach a $10\frac{1}{4}$ " x $67\frac{3}{4}$ " strip to each side of the 42 " x and $67\frac{3}{4}$ " strip using $\frac{3}{8}$ " seams to make the $50\frac{3}{4}$ " width). (TIP: Cut out the backing slightly larger than the listed size, and trim after it is sewn fast to the batting and quilt top.) Lay out backing (right side down) nice and straight. Add a layer of batting 2" larger all around than the quilt top (to be folded into binding to fill it up, making the binding wear longer). Two pieces of batting may need to hand stitched together to be big enough - NO overlap needed. Place the stitched quilt top on top (right side up). Smooth all the layers together.

Start pinning with safety pins (with a shaft similar in diameter to a straight pin) from the center of the quilt outward to secure the layers of the quilt. Each cross stitched piece should have at least 5 pins through it - center and four between middle and corners. Sashing should be pinned at least at the corners of the blocks and midway between the corners. Inside border should be pinned between where

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the sashing is pinned. Outside border should be pinned alternately to the pins on the inside border. Additional pins may be used for security, and around the edge before the binding is added.

Binding:

Cut 2 strips from binding fabric - 5" x length of quilt (approximately 66 1/2" - attach 42" and 25 1/4" strips together using a 3/8" seam to make the 66 1/2" lengths). Fold each strip in half the length of the fabric - wrong sides together. Press. Lay the binding fabric (keep folded - makes a stronger binding) on the front of the quilt, raw edges even with the edge of the fabric. Pin. Stitch 3/8" from edge. Bring folded edge around to the back of the quilt, folding the batting to fit inside the binding. Hand-stitch the folded edge of the binding to the back of the quilt near the stitching line. Repeat for the other side of the quilt. (See figure 9.)

Cut 2 strips from binding fabric - 5" x width of quilt (approximately 50 3/4" plus 1" - for folding 1/2" inside at each end - attach 42" and 10 1/2" strips together using a 3/8" seam to make the 51 3/4" lengths). Fold 1/2" of fabric on each end to wrong side of fabric. Fold each strip in half, wrong sides together. Press. Attach to the quilt top the same as the sides were attached. Hand-stitch the folded edge of the binding strip to the back of the quilt. Hand-stitch the folds on each end of the binding strips to close the ends of the binding.

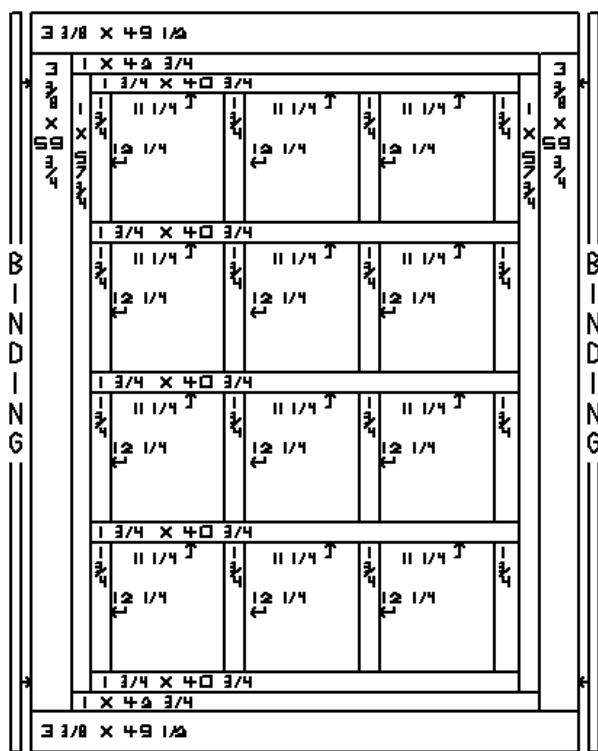


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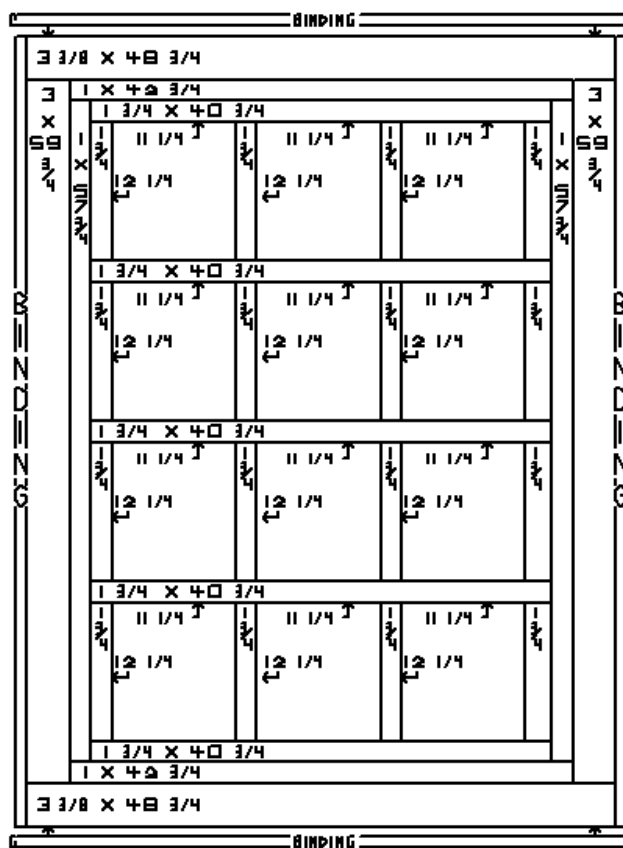


Figure 10

ENJOY YOUR COMPLETED QUILT!