

finished size: 36" x 45"

baby
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a sweet quilt for a sweet baby

designed and made by **ANNE MACKINNON**

I designed this quilt because sometimes a fabric is so beautiful that I hate to cut it into little pieces. By presenting a large fabric patch in the center of the quilt, I can showcase that and maintain the integrity of its design and colorway. I then frame the center with a border of different coordinated fabrics that pull out the dominant colors in the central block. Six fabrics are required: one for the center, cornerstones, and backing; four for the border patches—one of which is also used for the binding; and one fabric that is used in all the borders.

Anne







Shop

Fabric yardage assumes 40" usable width of fabric (WOF) unless otherwise noted.

- Novelty print
¾ yd. for center and cornerstones
- White solid
1⅛ yds. for borders
- Orange, purple, and teal prints
1 fat eighth* *each* for pieced border
- Gold print
⅜ yd. for pieced border and binding
- Backing
1½ yds.
- Batting
40" x 49"

*fat eighth = 9" x 20"

Cut

Patches are lettered in order of use. Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Border strips will be pieced and cut to exact length needed. You may want to make them longer to allow for piecing variations.

- Novelty print
1 rectangle 12½" x 21½" (A)
4 squares 7½" (F)
- White solid
4 strips 3½" x WOF for border 3
2 rectangles 2½" x 30½" (E)
2 rectangles 2½" x 21½" (B)
4 rectangles 2½" x 7½" (G)
12 rectangles 2" x 7½" (D)
- Orange, purple, and teal prints *cut from each*:
4 rectangles 3½" x 7½" (C)
- Gold print
5 strips 2½" x WOF for binding
4 rectangles 3½" x 7½" (C)

NOTE: Fabrics in the quilt shown are from the designer's personal collection.



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Plan

We're all drawn to fun, colorful novelty prints—especially those designed for kids. And it's so easy to pick four coordinating fabrics to go with them. Add a neutral solid for borders, and you are ready to stitch up this quick quilt in time for the next baby shower.

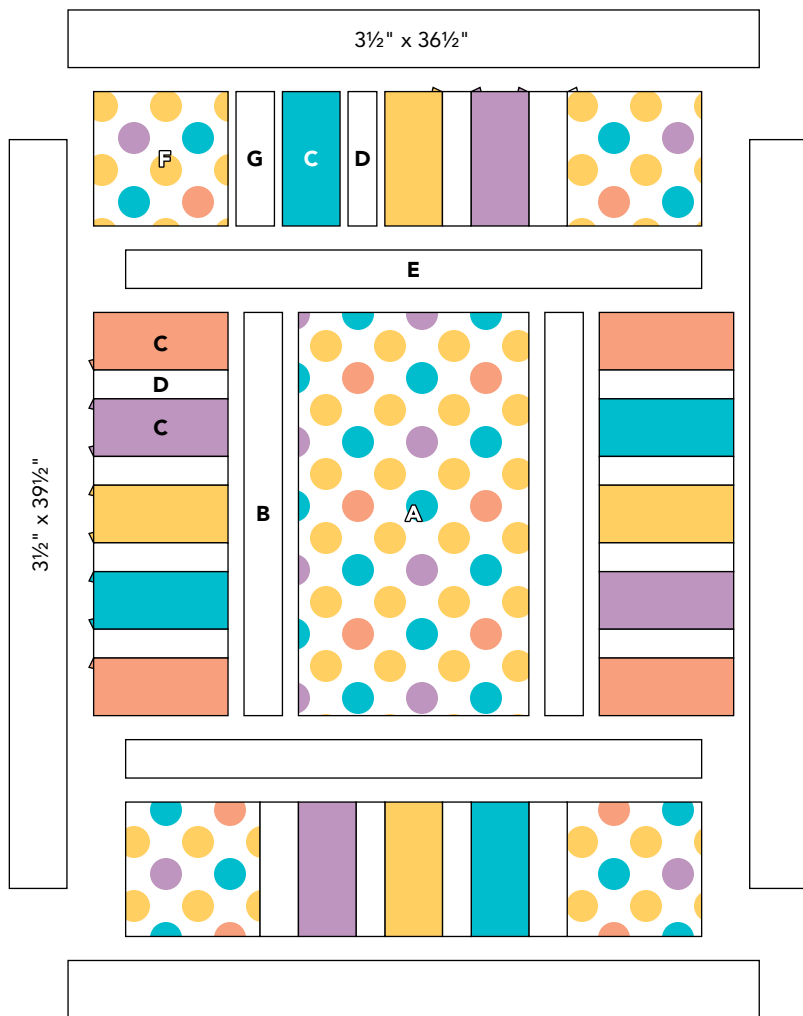
Use an accurate ¼" seam allowance throughout to ensure all elements of the quilt fit together well.

Sew

NOTE: Refer to **Assembly Diagram** for following steps.

1. Join 2 orange print C's, 1 purple print C, 1 gold print C, 1 teal print C, and 4 white solid D's as shown to make a pieced side border. Make 2.
2. In a similar manner, join 2 novelty print F's, 2 white G's, 1 teal C, 1 gold C, 1 purple C, and 2 white D's as shown to make pieced top border. Repeat to make pieced bottom border.
3. Matching centers and ends, sew a white B to each side of the novelty print A as shown. Repeat to add pieced side borders.
4. In the same way, sew a white E to the top and bottom of the quilt. Repeat to add the pieced top and bottom borders.

5. Cut white border 3 strips to sizes shown in the **Assembly Diagram**. Matching centers and ends, sew white border 3 side strips to the quilt. Repeat to add white border 3 top and bottom strips.
6. Layer, baste, and quilt. Anne machine quilted straight lines, using seam lines as guides, to create a grid across the quilt surface. Bind the quilt.



Assembly Diagram



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Color Option

Anne has made this quilt for special babies in her life many times, and here are a few examples. Above is a sweet gender-neutral version in soft grays, and to the right is a bright, colorful version featuring a pink, aqua, and green elephant print. This pattern is all about a signature fabric—select your main print, then choose as few as two and up to four (or more!) fabrics that coordinate with your main print. Quick and easy indeed!

