

# Rhapsody in Blue

FREE PATTERN FOR YOU



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# Materials

- 2-1/8 yards blue-and-white print (blocks)
- 1-1/8 yards mottled navy blue (blocks, binding)
- 1/2 yard each mottled royal blue, mottled blue, and mottled light blue (blocks)
- 7/8 yard each navy blue floral, blue geometric, blue floral, and light blue polka dot (setting squares)
- 5-1/2 yards backing fabric
- 79×97" batting

**Finished quilt:** 72-1/2×90-1/2"

**Finished blocks:** 9" square

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics. Measurements include 1/4" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

## Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

**From blue-and-white print, cut:**

- 20-3-1/2×42" strips

**From mottled navy blue, cut:**

- 4-3-1/2×42" strips
- 9-2-1/2×42" binding strips

**From each of mottled royal blue, mottled blue, and mottled light blue, cut:**

- 4-3-1/2×42" strips

**From each of navy blue floral, blue geometric, blue floral, and light blue polka dot, cut:**

- 10-9-1/2" setting squares

## Assemble Nine-Patch Blocks

1. Sew together two blue-and-white print 3-1/2×42" strips and one mottled navy blue 3-1/2×42" strip to make Strip Set A (Diagram 1). Press seams toward mottled navy blue strip. Repeat to make a second Strip Set A. Cut strip sets into 20-3-1/2"-wide A segments total.
2. Join two mottled navy blue 3-1/2×42" strips and one blue-and-white print 3-1/2×42" strip to make Strip Set B (Diagram 2). Press seam toward mottled navy blue strips. Cut strip set into 10-3-1/2"-wide B segments total.
3. Referring to Diagram 3, join two A segments and one B segment to make a navy blue Nine-Patch block. Press seams in one direction. The navy blue Nine-Patch block should be 9-1/2" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make 10 navy blue Nine-Patch blocks total.
4. Repeat steps 1–3 using mottled royal blue 3-1/2×42" strips instead of mottled navy blue strips to make 10 royal blue Nine-Patch blocks total.
5. Repeat steps 1–3 using mottled blue 3-1/2×42" strips instead of mottled navy blue strips to make 10 blue Nine-Patch blocks total.
6. Repeat steps 1–3 using mottled light blue 3-1/2×42" strips instead of mottled navy blue strips to make 10 light blue Nine-Patch blocks total.

## Assemble Quilt Top

1. Referring to Quilt Assembly Diagram for placement, lay out Nine-Patch blocks and navy blue floral, blue geometric, blue floral, and light blue polka dot 9-1/2" setting squares in 10 rows.
2. Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams toward setting squares.
3. Join rows to complete quilt top. Press seams in one direction.

# Finish Quilt

1. Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste.
2. Quilt as desired. Machine-quilter Kim Peterson stitched an all-over meandering design across the quilt top.
3. Bind with mottled navy blue binding strips.



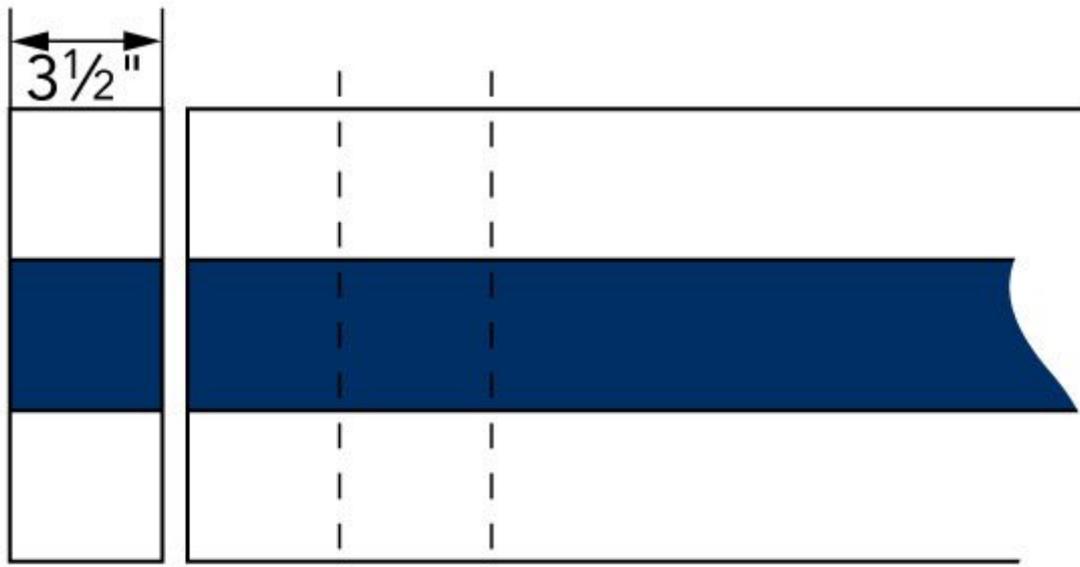


DIAGRAM 1

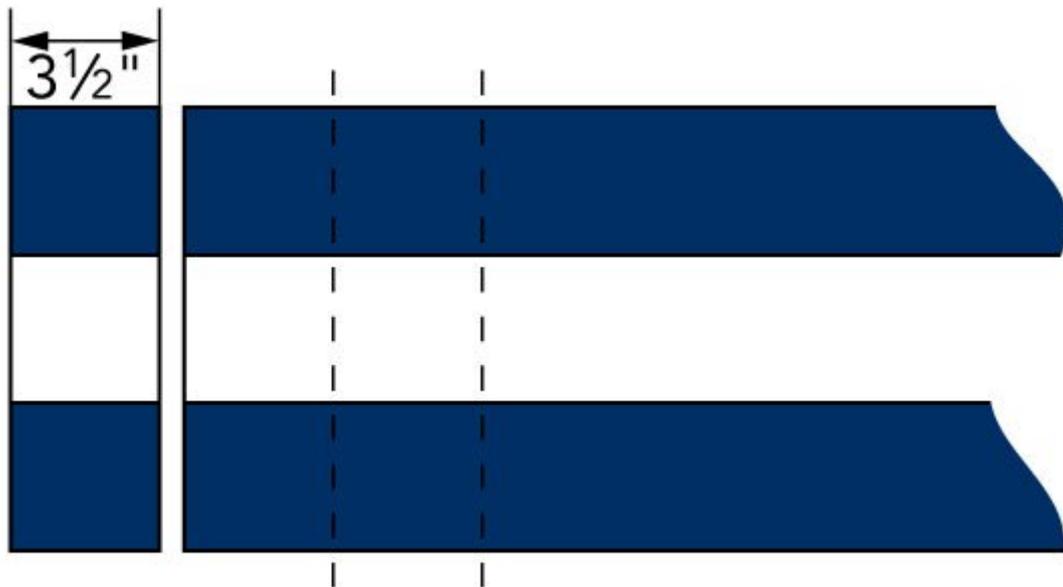


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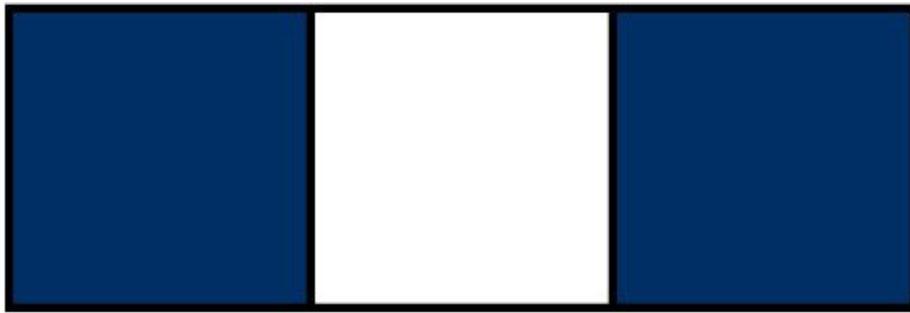
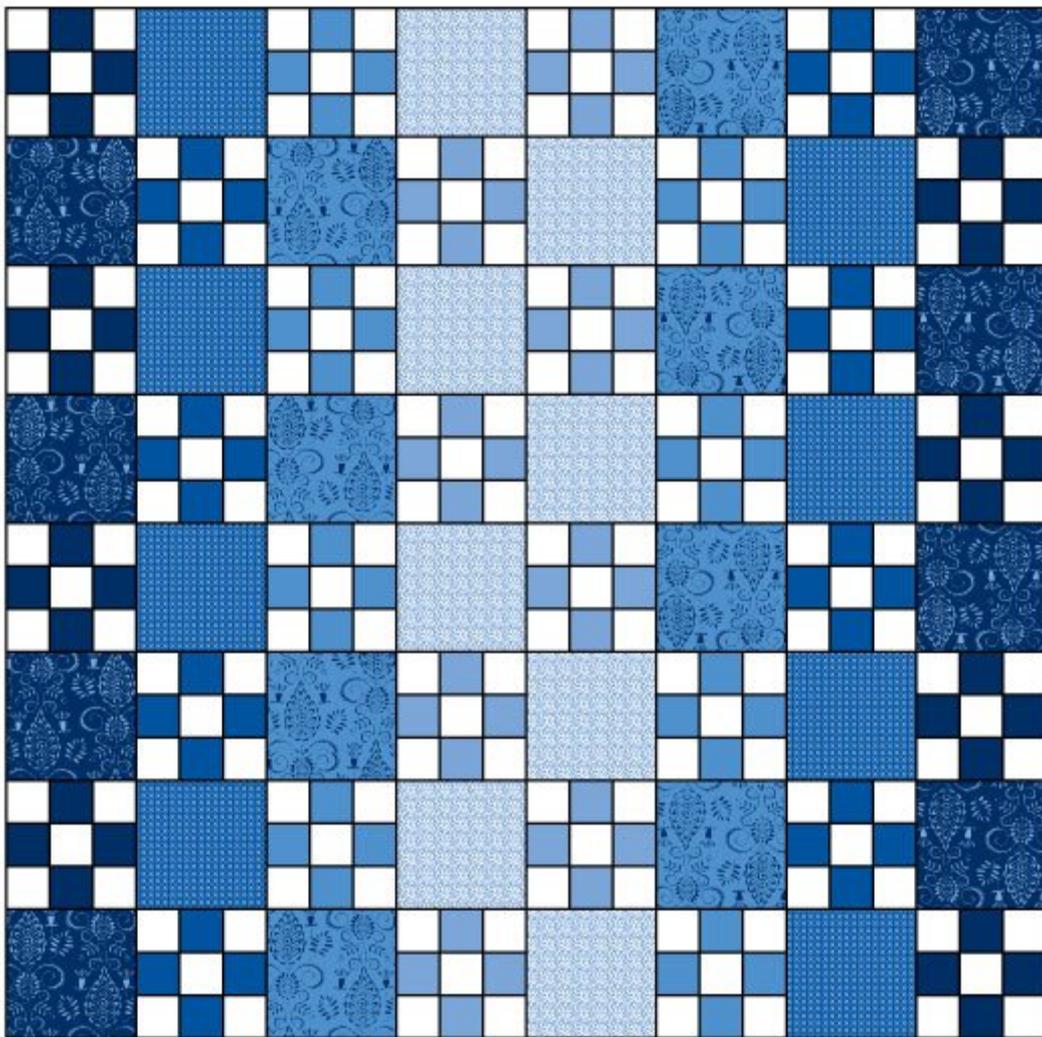
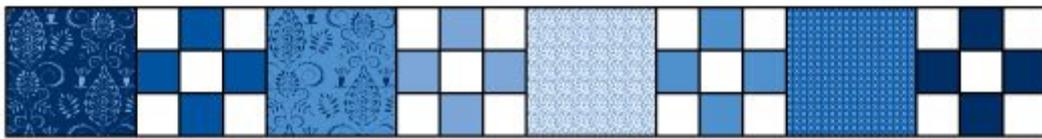
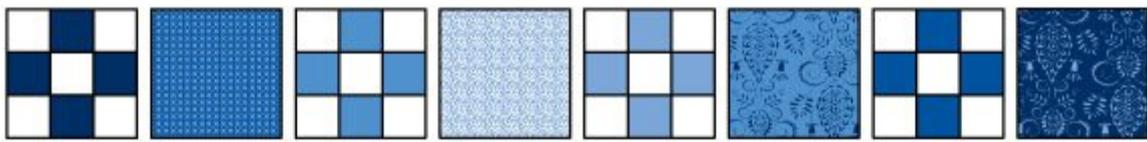


DIAGRAM 3



QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM