

The Cat Party

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Finished quilt size: 59" x 69"

Fabric from "The Cat Party" collection (Style #3410) by Barbara Lavalle for Red Rooster Fabrics.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

Pattern #18408 – MUL1	2 1/8 yards
18410 – AQU1, YEL1	1/8 yard of each
18410 – RED1, ORA1, GRE1	1/3 yard of each
18410 – DKBLU1	7/8 yard
	(includes binding)
18411 – ORA1, YEL1, TUR1	1/4 yard of each
18411 – RED1	3/4 yard
18412 – BLA1	2/3 yard
18413 – LTBE11, YEL1, AQU1, ROY1	1/8 yard of each
18414 – BE11, DKBLU1	1/8 yard of each
Backing.....	4 1/4 yards
Batting.....	65" x 75"

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Cut fabrics in order given.

A. Pattern #18408 – MUL1 (border stripe):

1. Cut four identical 8 3/8" x length of fabric strips for outer border.

B. Pattern #18410 – AQU1 and YEL1 (dots):

1. From each color, cut one 3 1/2" x 42" strip. Crosscut six 3 1/2" squares from each strip for Pinwheels.

C. Pattern #18410 – RED1, ORA1, and GRE1 (dots):

1. From each color, cut one 3 1/2" x 42" strip. Crosscut eight 3 1/2" red squares, eight 3 1/2" orange squares, and six 3 1/2" green squares for Pinwheels.
2. From each color, cut two 3 1/8" x 42" strips. Crosscut five 3 1/8" x 9 1/4" rectangles from each color. Label Y.

D. Pattern #18410 – DKBLU1 (dots):

1. Cut one 3 1/2" x 42" strip. Crosscut six 3 1/2" squares for Pinwheels.
2. Cut two 3 1/8" x 42" strips. Crosscut five 3 1/8" x 9 1/4" rectangles. Label Y.
3. Cut seven 2 1/2" x 42" strips for binding.

E. Pattern #18411 – ORA1, YEL1, and TUR1 (texture):

1. From each color, cut one 7 1/8" x 42" strip. Crosscut each strip into twenty 1 7/8" x 7 1/8" rectangles.

F. Pattern #18411 – RED1 (texture):

1. Cut one 7 1/8" x 42" strip. Crosscut twenty 1 7/8" x 7 1/8" rectangles.
2. Cut six 1 7/8" x 42" strips for inner border.

G. Pattern #18412 – BLA1 (yarn print):

1. Cut two 9 1/4" x 42" strips. Crosscut twenty 3 1/8" x 9 1/4" rectangles. Label X.

H. Pattern #18413 – LTBE11, YEL1, AQU1, and ROY1 (small fish):

1. From each color, cut one 3 1/2" x 42" strip. Crosscut eight 3 1/2" light beige squares, eight 3 1/2" yellow squares, six 3 1/2" aqua squares, and six 3 1/2" royal squares for Pinwheels.

I. Pattern #18414 – BE11 and DKBLU1 (tossed cats):

1. From each color, cut one 3 1/2" x 42" strip. Crosscut six 3 1/2" beige squares and six 3 1/2" blue squares for Pinwheels.

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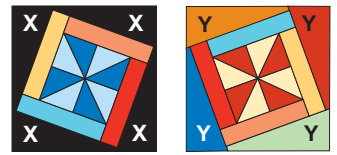
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PIECING INSTRUCTIONS:

A. The Framed Pinwheel Unit:

1. Separate the 3 1/2" squares for the Pinwheels into two separate piles: dotted fabrics in one pile and the remaining prints in a second pile.
2. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each dotted square.
3. Pair two dotted squares of the same color with two matching printed fabrics from the other pile, positioning the squares right sides together.
4. Sew 1/4" away from each side of the diagonal line on each pair of squares.
5. Cut the pairs apart on the sewn line and press toward the dotted fabric. Trim the "dog ears".
6. Arrange the resulting units as shown in Figure 1, and sew together to complete a Pinwheel. Press so that seams are opposing. Repeat to make 20 Pinwheels. Make each Pinwheel using one dotted fabric and one print fabric in the color combinations of your choice. The Pinwheels will measure 5 3/4" square.
7. Arrange the 1 7/8" x 7 1/8" strips into four color piles. Beginning with a red strip, sew the strip, right sides together, to one side of a pinwheel, corners matching. Stop sewing two-thirds of the way down the seam (Figure 2). Press the sewn portion toward the red strip. Sew the remaining colored strips to the unit in the order shown. Press toward the strips. After the last strip (blue) is sewn and pressed, complete the seam for the red strip. Press. Add the strips to each of the remaining Pinwheels in the same manner. The framed Pinwheel units will measure 8 1/2" square. Make 20.



Block A
Make ten.
Finished block size: 10" square

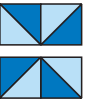


Figure 1
Make ten
Pinwheels.

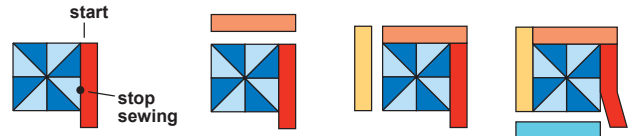


Figure 2

B. Tilting the blocks:

Ten framed Pinwheel units will become Block A and ten will become Block B. Make an A pile and a B pile of ten units each. [Tip: Be sure to have a variety of framed Pinwheel units in each pile.]

1. Block A:

- a. From the right side of the fabric, cut each black X rectangle in half once diagonally in the direction shown in Figure 3.
- b. Mark the 1/4" intersections on the wrong side of the corners of each framed Pinwheel unit in the A pile.
- c. Mark the 1/4" intersections on the wrong side of the points of each X half-rectangle.
- d. Sew an X half-rectangle to each side of the ten framed Pinwheel units from pile A, matching 1/4" intersections (Figure 4). Press toward X. Make ten of Block A.



Figure 3

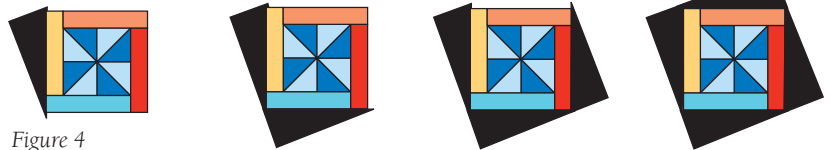


Figure 4

2. Block B:

- a. From the right side of the fabric, cut each Y rectangle (all four colors) in half once diagonally in the direction shown (Figure 5). Notice that this cut is in the opposite direction of the cut for X.
- b. Mark the intersections as you did for Block A and sew a different colored Y half-rectangle to each side of the ten framed Pinwheel units from pile B, matching intersections. Press toward Y. Make ten of Block B. [Note: Sew the colors to each Pinwheel in the same order.]



Figure 5

ASSEMBLY:

A. The Blocks: (Refer to quilt photo.)

1. Arrange the blocks on a design wall into five rows of four blocks each, alternating A and B blocks, rotating the blocks as desired.
2. Sew the blocks into rows. Press so that seams will be opposing from row to row.
3. Sew rows together. Press.

B. The Inner and Outer Borders:

1. Sew the inner border strips together end-to-end. Press seams open. Cut the joined strips into four equal lengths, approximately 60" long.
2. Sew each inner border strip to the striped edge of the outer border strips, matching centers. Press toward the inner border.
3. Mark a 1/4" intersection on the wrong side of each corner of the quilt.
4. Sew the inner border side of the border units to each side of the quilt, matching centers. Start and stop sewing at the 1/4" intersections on each corner of the quilt. Miter the corners. Trim the excess. Press.

FINISHING:

1. Prepare backing with a vertical seam to measure 65" x 75". Press seam open.
2. Layer quilt top, batting, and backing.
3. Quilt as desired.
4. Trim batting and backing even with quilt top.
5. Join binding strips with diagonal seams. Press seams open. Attach binding to quilt using your favorite method.
6. Make a label and sew to the back of the quilt.