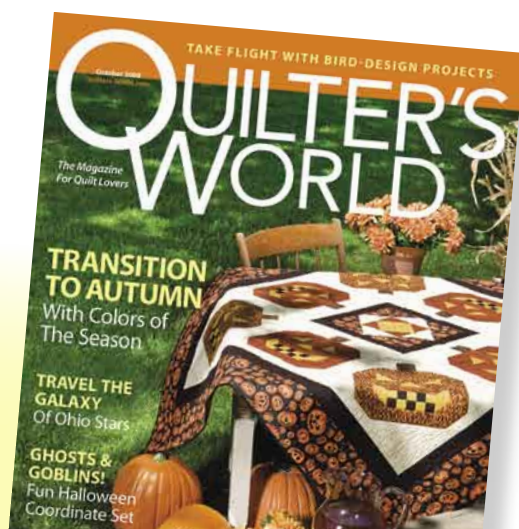


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# Circus Tricks

✦ BY SUE HARVEY

*Hugs & Kisses* blocks form the center of this lively baby quilt.



## PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

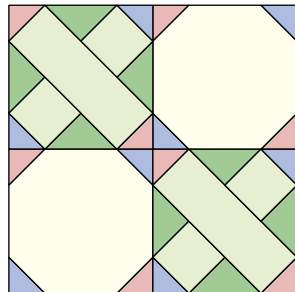
Quilt Size: 33" x 45"

Block Size: 12" x 12"

Number of Blocks: 6

## FABRIC & BATTING

- 1/2 yard multicolored dot
- 1/2 yard each pink and blue solids\*
- 3/4 yard green solid
- 1 yard circus print
- Backing 37" x 49"
- Batting 37" x 49"



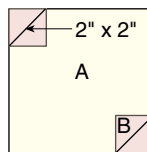
**Hugs & Kisses**  
12" x 12" Block

## SUPPLIES & TOOLS

- All-purpose thread to match fabrics
- Off-white machine-quilting thread
- Basic sewing tools and supplies, rotary cutter, mat and ruler

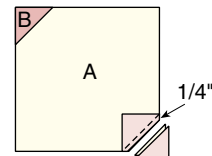
## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut two strips 6 1/2" by fabric width circus print; cut each strip into 6 1/2" square segments for A. You will need 12 A squares.
2. Cut two strips each pink and blue solids 2" by fabric width; cut each strip into 2" square segments for B. You will need 24 B squares of each color.
3. Cut one strip each pink and blue solids and circus print 2 3/8" by fabric width; subcut each strip into 2 3/8" square segments. Cut each square on one diagonal to make F triangles. You will need 16 circus print and 32 each pink solid and blue solid F triangles.
4. Cut two strips 2 5/8" by fabric width multicolored dot; cut each strip into 2 5/8" square segments for C. You will need 24 C squares.
5. Cut one strip 6 7/8" by fabric width multicolored dot; cut into 2 5/8" segments for E. You will need 12 E rectangles.
6. Cut two strips 4 1/4" by fabric width green solid; subcut each strip into 4 1/4" square segments. Cut each square on both diagonals to make D triangles. You will need 48 D triangles.
7. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each B square.
8. Place a pink B square right sides together on opposite corners of A as shown in Figure 1. Stitch on the marked lines; trim seam allowance to 1/4" and press B triangles open as shown in Figure 2. Repeat with blue B squares on the remaining corners of A to make an O unit as shown in Figure 3. Repeat for 12 O units.
9. Sew D to opposite sides of C; add a blue F triangle as shown in Figure 4. Repeat for two C-D-F units.
10. Sew a C-D-F unit to opposite long sides of E; add a pink F triangle to each remaining corner to make an X unit as shown in Figure 5. Repeat for 12 X units.



**Figure 1**

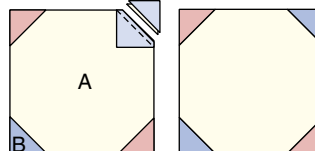
Place a pink B square on opposite corners of A.



**Figure 2**

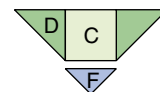
Stitch on diagonal; trim seam allowance and press B open.

### O Unit



**Figure 3**

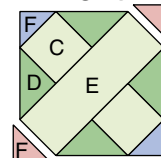
Repeat with blue B triangles on remaining corners of A to make an O unit.



**Figure 4**

Sew D to opposite sides of C; add a blue F triangle.

### X Unit



**Figure 5**

Sew a C-D-F unit to opposite sides of E; add pink F triangles to make an X unit.

11. Sew an X unit to an O unit; repeat. Join the two X-O units to complete one Hugs and Kisses block; repeat for six blocks.

12. Join two blocks to make a block row referring to the Placement Diagram for positioning of blocks; repeat for three block rows.

13. Join the block rows to complete the pieced center.

14. Cut two strips each 2" x 24 1/2" and 2" x 36 1/2" green solid. Sew the longer strips to opposite long sides of the pieced center.

15. Cut four squares multicolored dot 2" x 2". Sew a square to each end of the remaining green solid strips. Sew a strip to remaining sides of the pieced center.

16. Cut two strips each 3 1/2" x 27 1/2" and 3 1/2" x 39 1/2" circus print. Sew the longer strips to opposite long sides of the pieced center.

17. Sew a circus print F to a pink solid F along the diagonal edge to make a pink F unit as shown in Figure 6; repeat for two pink F units and two blue F units. Join the F units to make a corner square as shown in Figure 7.

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**Figure 6**

Make F units as shown.



**Figure 7**

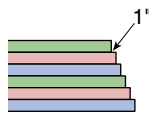
Join F units to make a corner square.

18. Repeat step 17 to make four corner squares. Sew a corner square to each end of the remaining circus print strips. Sew a strip to remaining sides of the pieced center to complete the pieced top.

19. Sandwich batting between completed top and prepared backing piece; pin or baste to hold.

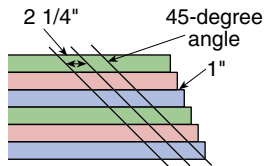
20. Hand- or machine-quilt as desired. **Note:** *The sample shown was machine-quilted in an all-over meandering pattern.* Remove pins or basting; trim edges with top.

21. Cut two strips each pink, blue and green solids 3" by fabric width. Join strips along length to make a strip set staggering each strip 1" as shown in Figure 8.



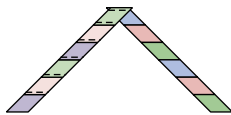
**Figure 8**  
Join strips to make a strip set.

22. Trim one end of strip set at a 45-degree angle as shown in Figure 9. Cut into 2 1/4" strips, again referring to Figure 9.



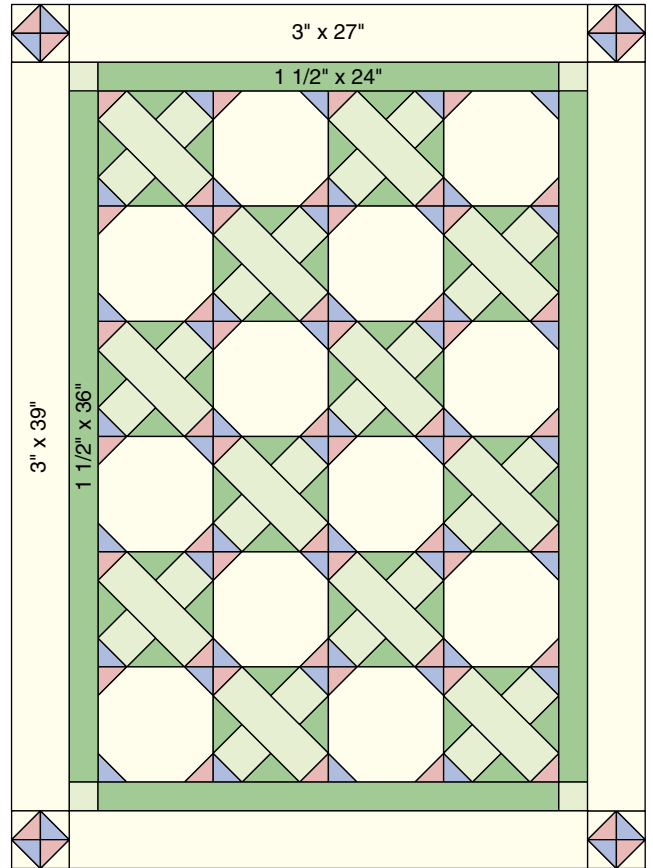
**Figure 9**  
Trim 1 end of strip set at a 45-degree angle; cut into 2 1/4" strips.

23. Join strips on short ends to make 5 yards bias binding as shown in Figure 10.



**Figure 10**  
Join strips on short ends.

24. Fold binding strip in half along length with wrong sides together; press. Bind edges of quilt to finish. ❖



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Placement Diagram  
33" x 45"

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