



## WEEK 5



3. Join, press, and trim the remaining two border strips from step 2 to the right and left sides of the quilt top as previously instructed, ensuring the rectangle seams are staggered so they don't align with the seams of the first border.
4. Repeat step 1, using 15 assorted print rectangles for *each* strip, to piece and press a total of two patchwork border strips measuring  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 30\frac{1}{2}''$ , including the seam allowances. Join, press, and trim these strips to the top and bottom quilt top edges as previously instructed, again ensuring the seams are staggered. The completed quilt top should measure 30" square, including the seam allowances.
5. Layer and baste the quilt top, batting, and backing. Quilt the layers. The featured quilt was machine quilted with an edge-to-edge clamshell design for a vintage feel. Join the black binding strips and the reserved black strip from Week 1 to make one length, and use it to bind the quilt.

### CUTTING THE COTTON PRINTS

From assorted print scraps (including reserved scraps from the 6" squares used in Week 2), cut:

- ◆ 112 rectangles,  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ . (You may wish to cut an extra handful of rectangles for added versatility and choices as you stitch the patchwork.)

From the black print, cut:

- ◆ 3 binding strips,  $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 42''$

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using 13 assorted print  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$  rectangles for *each* strip, follow step 2 of "Piecing and Adding the Borders" on page 69 to piece and press two patchwork border strips measuring  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 26\frac{1}{2}''$ , including the seam allowances. Center, pin, and join these strips to the right and left sides of the quilt top. Press the seam allowances toward the border strips. Trim away the excess strip length on each side of the quilt top.
2. Repeat step 1, using 14 assorted print rectangles for *each* strip, to piece and press a total of four patchwork border strips measuring  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 28\frac{1}{2}''$ , including the seam allowances. Join, press, and trim two of these border strips to the top and bottom edges of the quilt top as instructed in step 1.



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