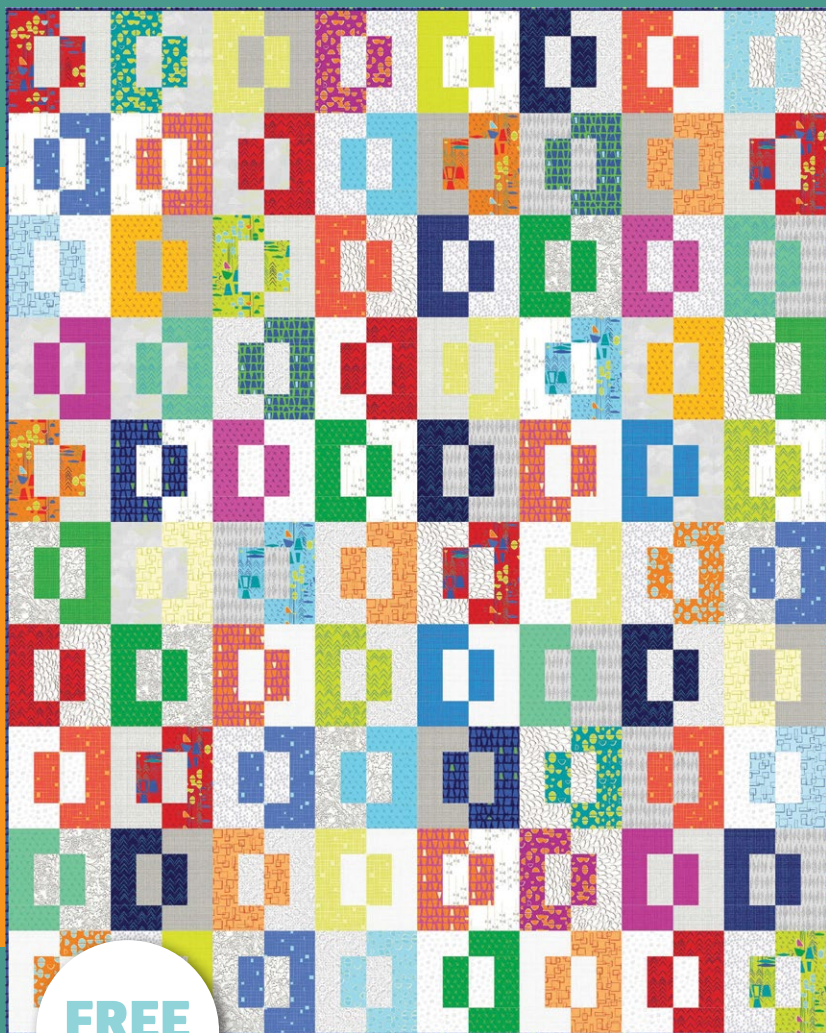


Modern PUZZLE



FREE

pattern

FINISHED SIZE: 64" X 80"

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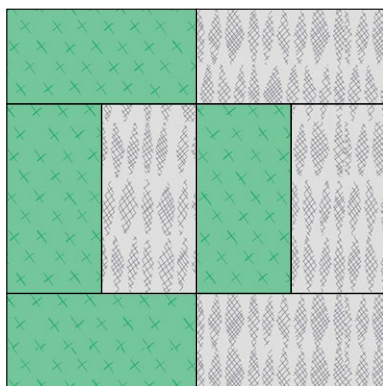
WHY FREE?

I wanted to create this free pattern as a way to give back to the quilting community who has supported me so much. Shop owners are welcome to use this pattern for kits, instructors are welcome to teach classes from it, and quilt makers are welcome to make a quilt for any purpose they wish. All I ask in return is design credit and attribution to Christa Quilts.

THE DESIGN

Modern Puzzle is made from one simple block repeated over and over. The scrappy look is achieved by making two blocks from each precut strip for a total of 80 blocks.

Fabric shown is Modern Marks by Christa Watson and neutrals from Benartex.



8" Finished Modern Puzzle Block

SUB-CUTTING THE 2 ½" PRECUT STRIPS

From each of 40 precut print strips, cut:

8 rectangles, 2 ½" x 4 ½", for a total of 320 units for blocks.

From each of 40 precut neutral strips, cut:

8 rectangles, 2 ½" x 4 ½", for a total of 320 units for backgrounds.

BLOCK ASSEMBLY

Note: press all seams toward the darker fabric, or lower your stitch length before sewing and press seams open to reduce bulk.

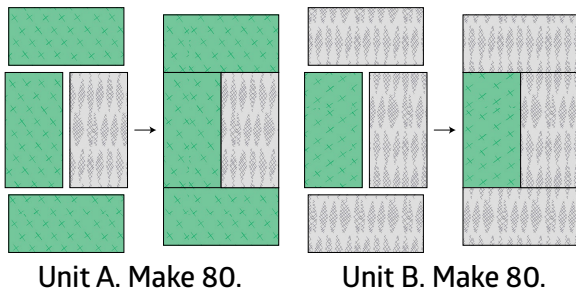
Step 1

Select four same-print rectangles for blocks and four of the same neutral rectangles for backgrounds.

Step 2

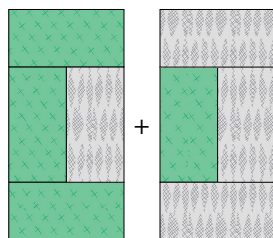
Join three print rectangles and one neutral rectangle to create unit A.

Join three neutral rectangles and one print rectangle to create unit B.



Step 3

Join unit A and B together to create a block. Repeat for a total of 80 blocks.



Make 80.

QUILT TOP ASSEMBLY

Step 1

Lay out all 80 blocks into a pleasing arrangement on a design wall or other large surface, alternating the direction of the blocks to create the scrappy puzzle look. Refer to the Quilt Top Assembly diagram on page 3.

Step 2

Join blocks together into ten rows of eight blocks each. Press seams open to reduce bulk, or to one side, alternating rows.

Step 3

Join rows together to complete the quilt top. Press seams open or to the side.

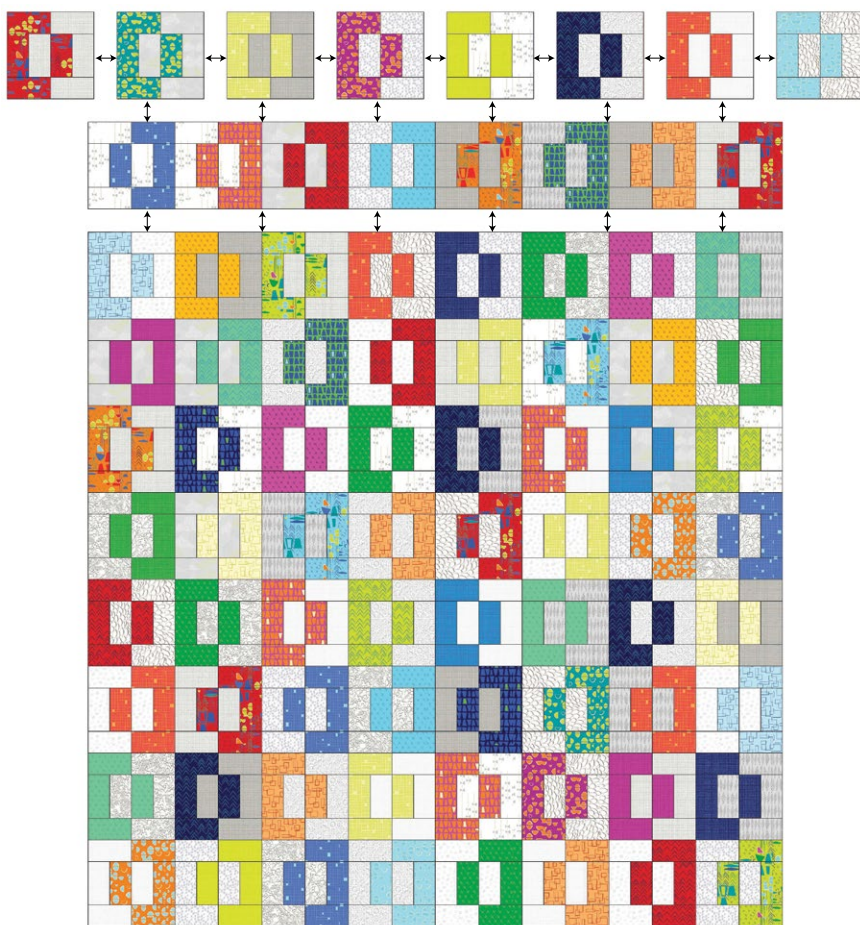
Step 4

Stitch 1/8" in from the edge of the quilt (around the perimeter) to secure the quilt top for basting and quilting.

FINISHING THE QUILT

Use your favorite method to prepare the backing and baste the layers together. Visit ChristaQuilts.com for free tutorials on piecing a quilt backing, plus basting, binding and machine quilting tips.

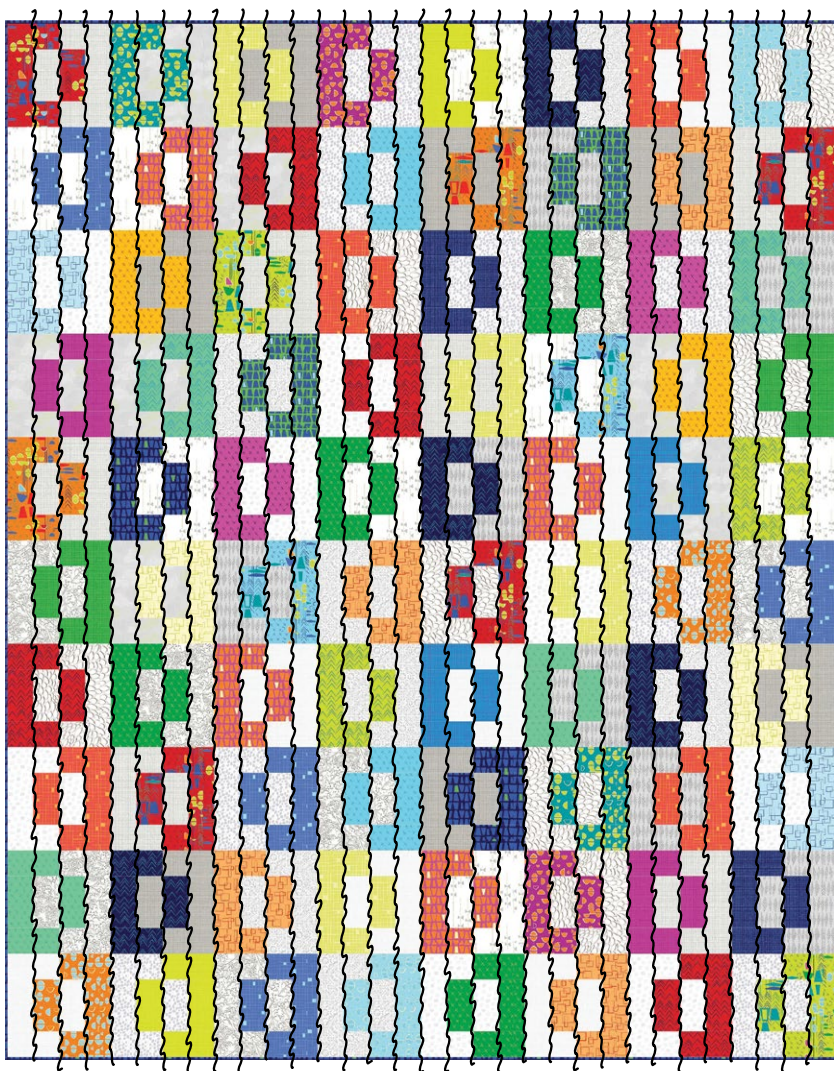
QUILT TOP ASSEMBLY



Sew blocks into ten rows of eight blocks each.

MACHINE QUILTING SUGGESTIONS

Follow the quilting plan below to quilt wavy lines approximately 2" apart across the quilt. Use the seamlines as a guideline for spacing.



If desired, randomly add additional wavy lines and overlap some of the lines to add texture to the quilt.



Machine quilting detail

See my machine quilting books for additional ideas on how to quilt your quilt using a walking foot, free-motion techniques, or both!



BIND AS DESIRED

Trim the excess batting and backing fabric from all four sides of the quilt.

Cut 8 strips, 2 ¼" x 42" from binding fabric.

Join strips together to create a continuous length of fabric. Press the binding wrong sides together and sew by machine to the front side of your quilt, mitering the corners as you go. Attach it to the back of the quilt by hand or machine.

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*Choose solids or prints, go scrappy or coordinated
to whip up an easy quilt made from precut strips!
Use Bernatex fabrics as shown or substitute your favorites as desired.*



Modern Puzzle Detail

MATERIALS LIST

Finished Quilt	64" x 80"
Blocks	1 Pinwheel of Modern Marks by Christa Watson (SKU PWMRKPK)
Background	1 White/Gray Pinwheel (SKU PWGRYPK)
Binding	 5/8 yard of Quirky Triangles in navy/blue (SKU 4665-58)
Backing	 5 yards of Boxes in light blue (SKU 4663-05)

1 Pinwheel = 40 precut strips, 2 1/2" x 42"

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Quilt shown using
Modern Marks and
neutrals from Benartex.
Thread is from Aurifil.