

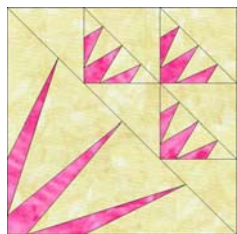
'Baby's Breath'

33" x 33"

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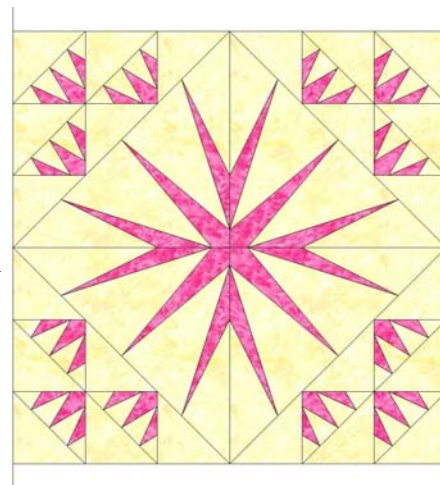
I was challenged by Jeff, my husband to design & make a 'pastel' quilt, this is what I came up with. Although pastels are not what I generally grab for when making my quilts, I found it rather pleasing to the eye when it was finished. Of course, you could choose any number of color combinations, but this is what it looks like in pastel.



There is only one basic block for this quilt, repeated 4 times to make the center

Each finished block looks like this.

This is how it looks when you sew the four blocks together!



So let's get started.

For the long spikes in the center (shown in pink) cut 12 strips, $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x 9". Yes, some are a bit smaller, but if you cut them all this same size, you will be assured that everything fits.

For the backgrounds, shown in ivory, cut 8 each in the following sizes.

8- 5" x 9"

8- 4" x 8"

Moving on the outer cluster of spikey units, you will need the following:

12- 5" squares of ivory, cut on the diagonal for half square triangles.

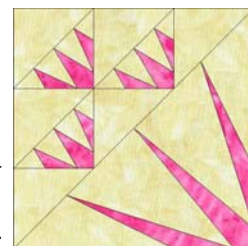
48- 2" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " ivory units

36- 2" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pink units

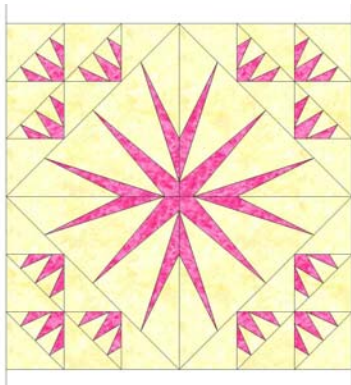
Once you have your units all cut, start by paper piecing the Center Block innerunits (A & B), press and set aside. Do not remove the paper yet.

Paper piece the remaining Center Block units (C, D & E) and press. Assemble the block so it looks like this.

Now you can remove all the paper on the back. At this point, I would pull out the Mary Ellen's Best Press, and starch the heck out of the block, do any squaring up that's needed, and set aside.

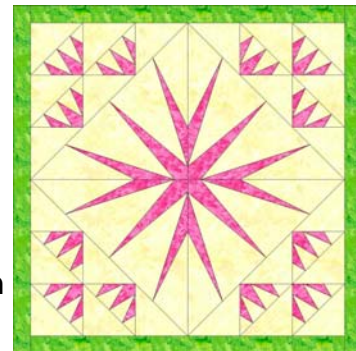


Repeat this process 3 more times to make all 4 center blocks. Once they're finished, sew them together like this:



Once your center is completed, starch it again, press well, and set aside. You will be putting an inner border on, so if you wanted to do this at this point that would be fine. Cut 4– 2" strips. Sew one on each side, trim to square, press, then set aside.

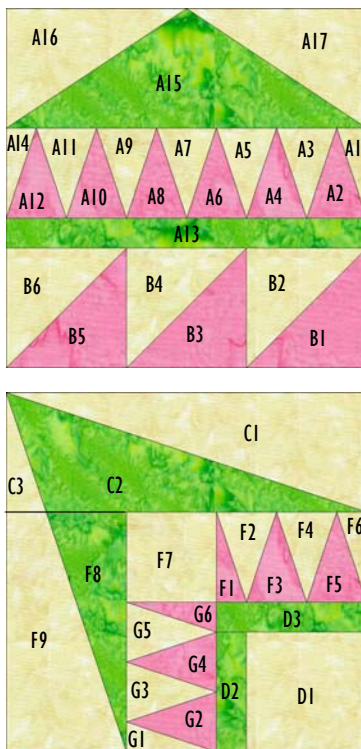
Now it will look like this....



The border units are pretty straight forward. I will warn you, it took me longer to make the border than the inner blocks, but it was worth it in the end, I think.

Cutting the border pieces:


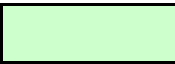

The border has 4 different parts: the pink half square triangles, the green thin strip, the pink spikes and the outer green wide triangles. However, it's all paper pieced, so it's not pesky piecing.



Unit	Color(s)	Size to cut	Total # Pieces
A16 & A17	Ivory	4½" x 3½"	40
A15	Green	8½" x 3½"	16
A1– A14	Pink & Ivory	3½" x 2½"	96 ea color
A13	Green	1½" x 7"	16
G1-G6	Pink & Ivory	3½" x 3½"	48
C1 & C2	Green & Ivory	8½" x 3½"	4 ea
C3	Ivory	3½" x 2"	4
F8 & F9	Ivory & Green	5" x 3½"	4 ea
F7	Ivory	3" x 3"	4
F1-F6 B1-B6	Pink & Ivory	2½" x 3½"	24 ea
D2 & D3	Green	1½" x 4"	8
D1	Ivory	3" x 3"	4

Once you're done paper piecing all the Border and Border Corner units, sew them on to your quilt. Starch, press, and quilt as desired!



Fabric Requirements		
Pink		5/8 yd
Green		5/8 yd
Ivory		1 1/2 yds

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