



# Birthday Cake Quilt

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Quilt is approximately 48" x 48"  
Blocks are 4" x 8" finished

Designed to resemble slices of cake, each of these quilt blocks is bisected by a strip of delicious chocolate or vanilla "frosting."

The quilt comes together quickly and is the perfect size for a baby gift or small table cloth.

Don't hesitate to substitute other colors for the aqua, brown, vanilla and chocolate described in this pattern!

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## Supplies

- 5 Aqua Print Fat Quarters (18" x 21")
- 5 Brown Print Fat Quarters (18" x 21")
- 1 Chocolate Solid Fat Quarter
- 1 Vanilla Solid Fat Quarter
- 52" x 52" Batting
- 3 Yards Backing Fabric
- 3/8 yard Fabric for Binding

*Fabric requirements are based on fabric that is at least 42" wide. Directions assume that all seams will be sewn with a 1/4" seam allowance and then pressed open.*



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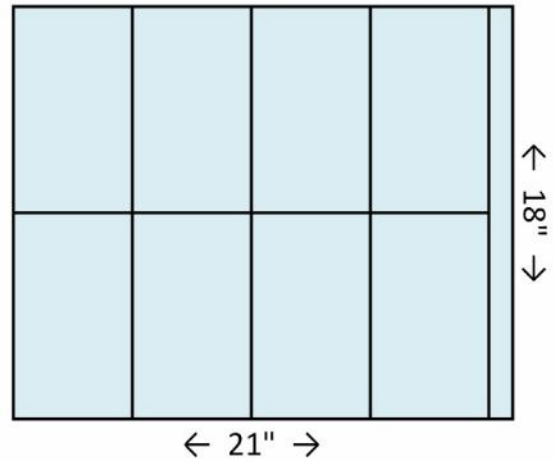
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## Cutting the Fat Quarters

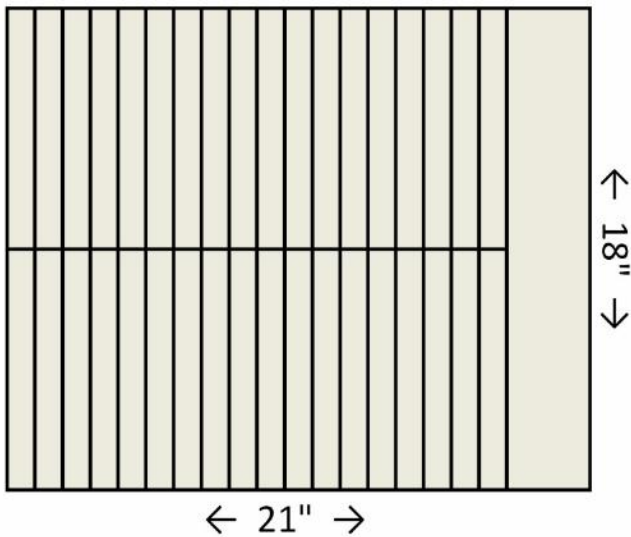
From each of the 5 aqua fat quarters, cut 2 strips 9" x 21". Subcut these into 36 aqua rectangles 5" x 9".

Repeat with the brown fat quarters, cutting them into 36 brown rectangles measuring 5" x 9".

*Cutting Print Fat Quarters*

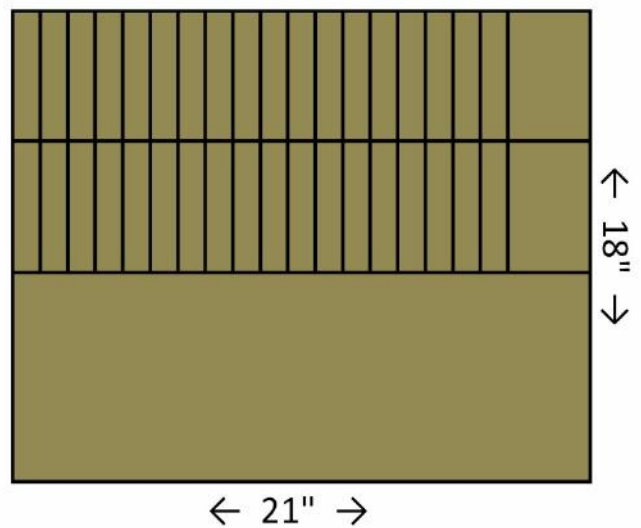


*Cutting Vanilla Solid Fat Quarter*



From Vanilla Solid Fat Quarter, cut 2 strips 9" x 21". Subcut these into 36 strips, 1" x 9".

*Cutting Chocolate Solid Fat Quarter*



From Chocolate Solid Fat Quarter, cut 2 strips 5" x 21". Subcut these into 36 strips, 1" x 5".

## Making the Blocks

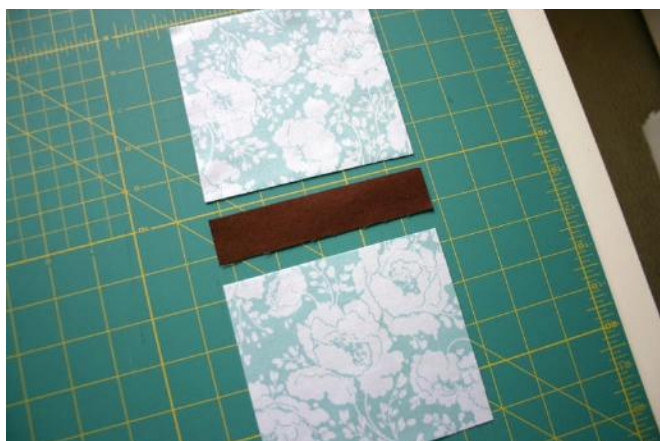


Cut one brown rectangle in half vertically (into 2 pieces, each 2.5" wide). Sew the pieces back together, placing one vanilla strip between the two pieces, as shown above.



Trim the finished block to 4.5" x 8.5".

Repeat with the remaining 35 brown rectangles and vanilla strips, making a total of 36 blocks.



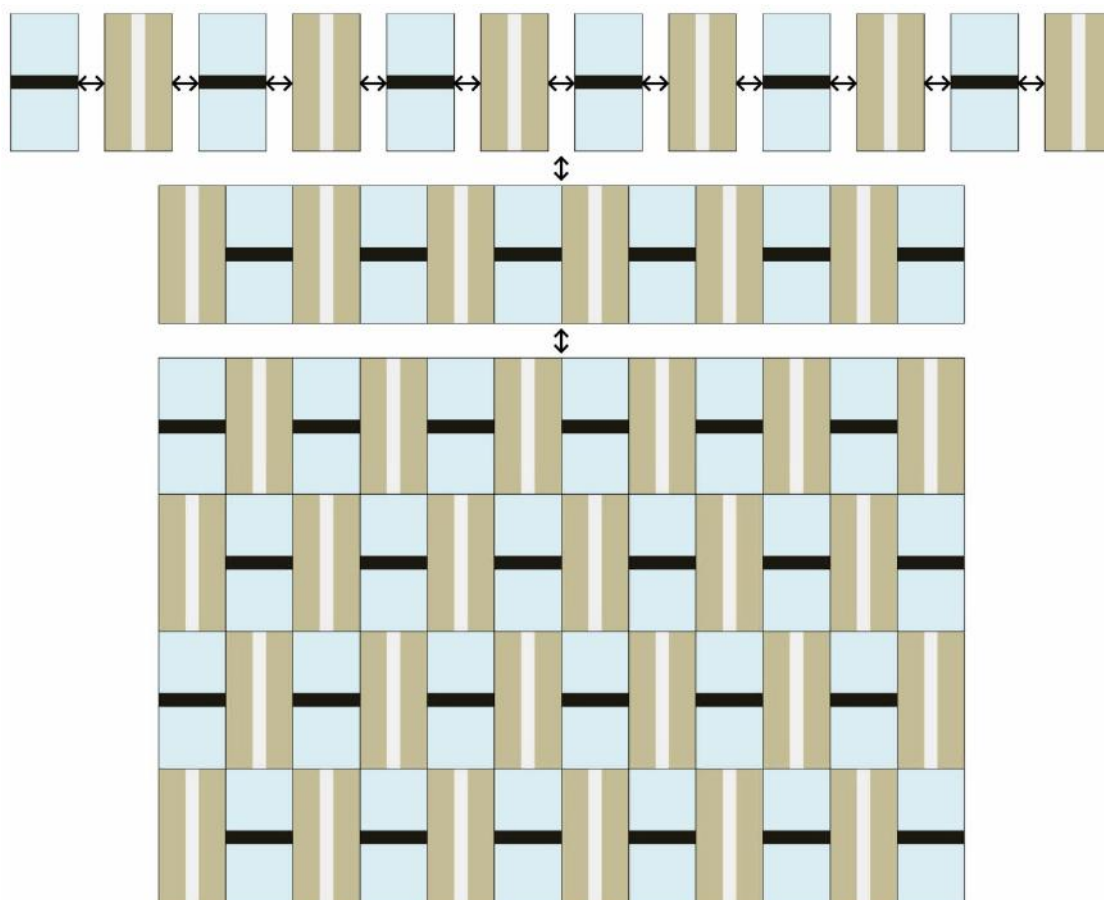
Cut one aqua rectangle in half horizontally (into 2 pieces, each 4.5" tall). Sew the pieces back together, placing one chocolate strip between the two pieces, as shown above.



Trim the finished block to 4.5" x 8.5".

Repeat with the remaining 35 aqua rectangles and chocolate strips, making a total of 36 blocks.

## Make the Quilt Top



Arrange the 72 blocks into 6 rows of 12, alternating aqua and brown blocks in a checkerboard pattern. Sew each row of blocks together, then sew the 6 rows together to complete the quilt top.

## Finish the Quilt

Cut the 3 yards of backing fabric into 2 halves, each measuring 54" long. Trim away selvages from one piece and trim the other to about 14" wide. Sew the 2 pieces together, matching long sides and inserting a pieced strip between the pieces, if desired.

Sandwich and quilt as desired. Cut binding fabric into 5 strips measuring 2.5" x width of fabric. Use these to make and sew double-fold binding.

*Photo tutorials for making a quilt sandwich, free-motion quilting, and making and sewing binding are available on my blog.*