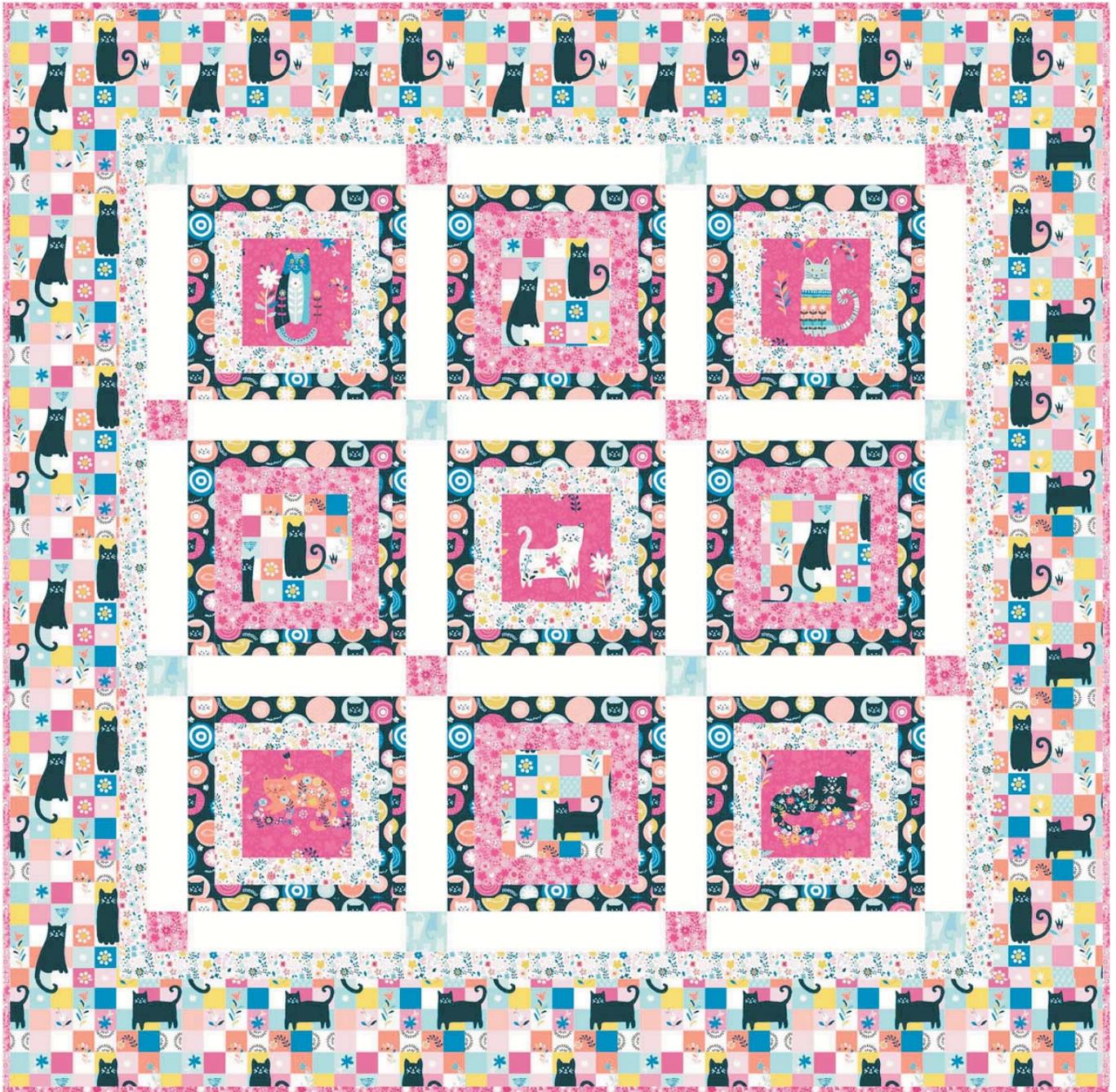


Exclusively  
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# Framed Cats

40" x 40" Quilt



"Curious Cats"  
Exclusively Quilters  
Style No. 4123

Designed for Exclusively Quilters  
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*Please read all the instructions thoroughly before you begin.*

If you are unsure of any of the methods or techniques described in this pattern, please contact your local quilt shop or visit [www.quilting.about.com](http://www.quilting.about.com) for help.

All seams are 1/4" unless otherwise noted and seam allowances are included in the cut sizes.

## Fabric Requirements

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A		61436-10	Cats on Brite Pink	Blocks	1/2
B		61437-100	Patch Cats	Blocks, Second Border & Pieced Back	1-3/4
C		61438-2	Cat Dots on blue	Blocks	5/8
D		61439-10	Pink Flowers	Blocks, Pieced Back & Binding	1-1/4
E		61439-100	Flowers on White	Blocks & First Border	1/2
F		61440-2	Teal Cats	Cornerstones	1/8
G		61440-4	Yellow Cats	Pieced Back & Cornerstones	1-1/2
H		400-100	White	Sashing	1/2

A note from Exclusively Quilters:

*An extra 1/8 to 1/2 yard is added to all yardages to account for shrinkage, straightening, cutting errors and prints that may require special cutting to get the best results.*

*You should protect your investment in time and fabric by making sample blocks before cutting into your fabric because Exclusively Quilters will take no responsibility for replacing fabrics.*

*Shops who wish to kit this design are responsible for figuring yardage for their kits if they wish to reduce yardages.*

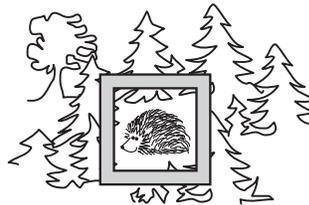
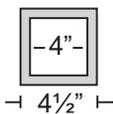
**Cutting instructions:** WoF = Width of Fabric LoF = Length of Fabric

•Remove all selvages before cutting.

•**LABEL AS YOU GO** - Take a few moments to label your pieces as you cut them. It will save time when you begin to sew. I suggest using a scrap of paper and a straight pin. Avoid stickers...they tend to fall off or stick to the wrong pieces.

**"Fussy Cutting"** is a term used to describe the method for placing a scene, motif or other detail in a specific place in a quilt. It is a wonderful design element. There are some great "fussy cutting" rulers on the market to simplify the process. I use a freezer paper template. Draw the finished block size (the size of the block when the quilt is sewn together) onto freezer paper. Add  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to all sides. Cut out the resulting frame. Slide the frame around on your fabric. What you see inside the frame is what will appear in your quilt. When you find the design you want, trace outside the frame with a water-soluble marker. Watch that you don't overlap any squares! Trace all the blocks before you begin to cut. Use a rotary cutter and ruler to cut each block.

A. Cats on Brite Pink  
Fussy-cut 5 -  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares



B. Patch Cats

Cut 2 strips  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x WoF

Cut 1 strip  $34$ " x WoF; from this, cut 2 strips  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x LoF (parallel to the selvage edge)

From remaining fabric, fussy-cut 4 -  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

C. Cat Dots on Blue

Cut 1 strip  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x WoF; from this, cut 18 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

Cut 1 strip  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x WoF; from this, cut 18 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

D. Pink Flowers

Cut 1 strip -  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x WoF;

from this, cut 8 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles and 8 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

Cut 3 strips  $3$ " x WoF for pieced backing

Cut 5 strips -  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x WoF for binding

E. Flowers on White

Cut 1 strip -  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x WoF;

from this, cut 10 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles and 10 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

Cut 4 strips -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WoF for first border

F. Teal Cats

Cut 1 strip -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WoF; from this cut 8 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

G. Yellow Cats

Cut 1 strip -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WoF; from this cut 8 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Cut 1 piece -  $48$ " x WoF for backing

H. White

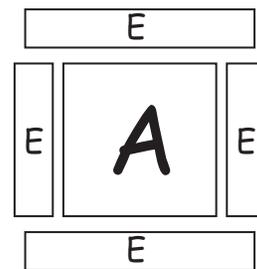
Cut 1 strip -  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x WoF; from this, cut 20 -  $2$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " for sashing

Cut 1 strip -  $2$ " x WoF; from this, cut 4 -  $2$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " for sashing (total 24)

## Making the Blocks:

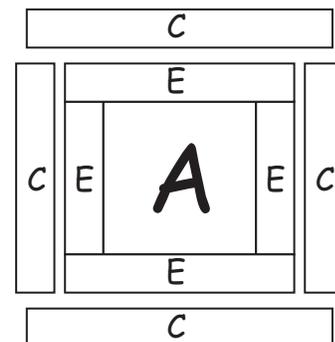
### Block A, Round One

Pin and sew  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Flowers on White (E) rectangles to opposite sides of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Cats on Bright Pink (A) squares. Press seam allowances away from center. Pin and sew  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " Flowers on White (E) rectangles to top and bottom of block units. Press seam allowances away from center. Blocks should measure  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



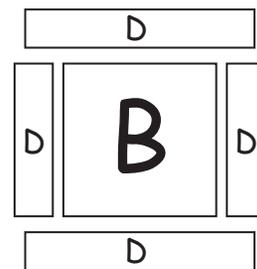
### Block A, Round Two

Pin and sew  $2$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " Cat Dots (C) rectangles to opposite sides of blocks. Press seam allowances away from center. Pin and sew  $2$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " Cat Dots (C) rectangles to top and bottom of block units. Press seam allowances away from center. Blocks should measure  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Make 5 blocks.



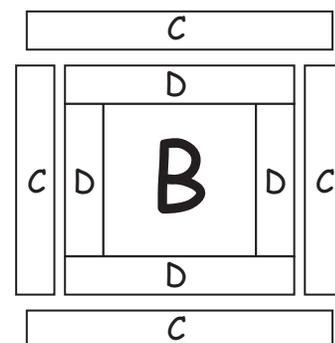
### Block B, Round One

Pin and sew  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Pink Flowers (D) rectangles to opposite sides of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Patch Cats (B) squares. Press seam allowances away from center. Pin and sew  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " Pink Flowers (D) rectangles to top and bottom of block units. Press seam allowances away from center. Blocks should measure  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



### Block B, Round Two

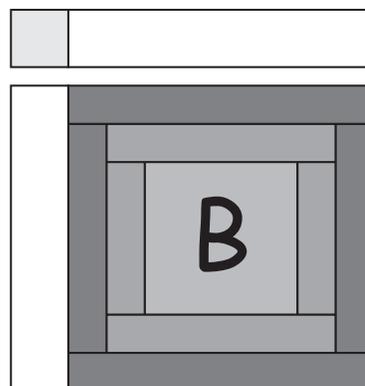
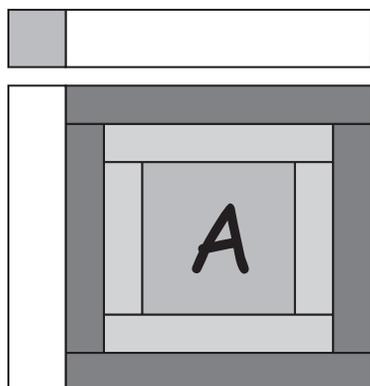
Pin and sew  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " Cat Dots (C) rectangles to opposite sides of blocks. Press seam allowances away from center. Pin and sew  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " Cat Dots (C) rectangles to top and bottom of block units. Press seam allowances away from center. Blocks should measure  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Make 4 blocks.



## Making the Sashing Units:

Pin and sew  $2$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " White (H) sashing strips to left side of blocks, pressing seams toward sashing.

Make seven Blue (F) cornerstone sets and eight Pink (D) cornerstone sets by sewing one cornerstone to one sashing strip and pressing seams toward sashing strips.



### Assembling the Center:

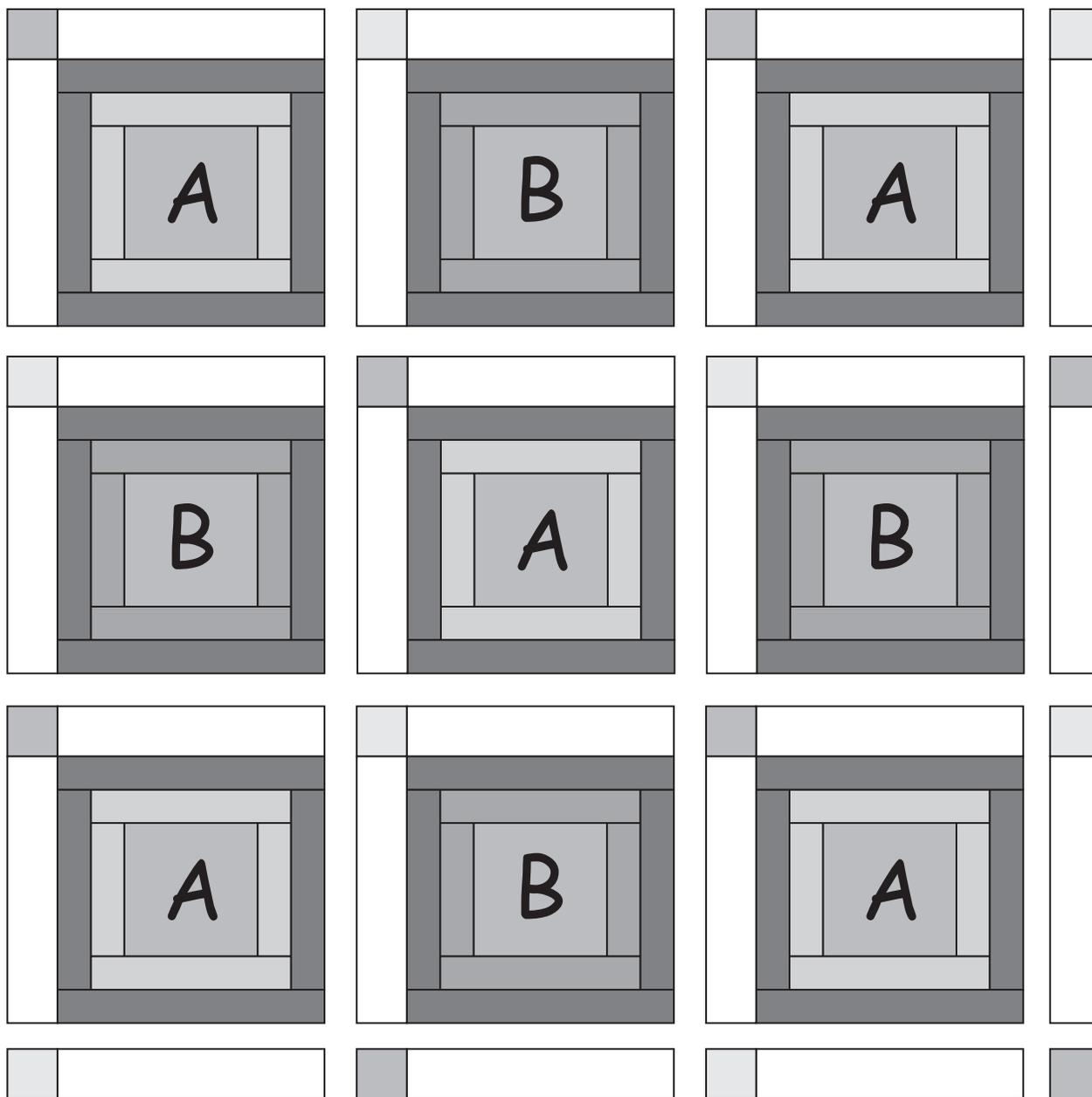
Referring to layout below, pin and sew sashing units to tops of blocks, matching seams and paying particular attention to the color placement. Press seams toward sashing.

Referring again to layout, arrange blocks into rows and add the appropriate color sashing unit at the ends of the rows. Pin and sew rows together, matching seams and pressing all seam allowances toward sashing.

Lay out remaining sashing units with Blue (F) cornerstone at right edge. Pin and sew sashing row together, pressing seams toward sashing.

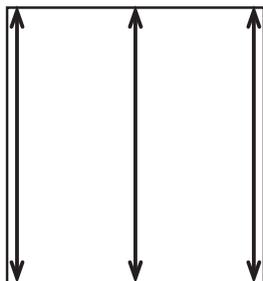
Pin and sew rows together, matching seams.

Quilt should measure  $30\frac{1}{2}'' \times 30\frac{1}{2}''$ .



### Well-behaved Borders . . .

A word about borders: It is very important that you measure properly, trim the borders to size and pin in place before stitching. This will keep the quilt square and flat as you go and avoid stretching, distorting or rippling in the border. When you sew the first border to the quilt, sew with quilt on top and border strip against the bed of the machine so that you can see and control the block seams.



### Get the Borders right!

Measure from top to bottom through center of the quilt and both outside edges. Add these measurements together and divide by 3 to figure the average length for the side borders. In the same manner, measure from side to side through the center, top and bottom to find the average width.

## Adding Borders: (Please refer to layout on page 6)

### First Border (E)

Referring to "Well-behaved Borders" above, measure length of quilt and trim 2 - 1½" wide border strips to size. Pin and stitch to sides of quilt. Press seams toward border.

Measure width of quilt and trim remaining 1½" wide borders strips to size. Pin and stitch to top and bottom of quilt. Press seams toward border. Quilt should measure 32½" x 32½".

### Second Border (B)

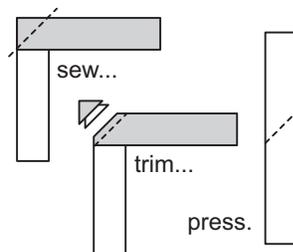
Measure length of quilt and trim lengthwise 4½" side border strips to size. Pin and stitch to sides of quilt, keeping the cats heads right-side-up. Press seams toward first border.

Measure width of quilt and trim 4½" x WoF border strips to size. Pin and stitch to top and bottom of quilt, keeping the cats heads right-side-up. Press seams toward first border.

Quilt should measure 40½" x 40½".

### Making the Binding (D):

Sew binding strips together, end to end on the diagonal as shown. Trim seam allowances and press seams open to reduce bulk. Fold and press entire length of binding in half, wrong sides together.



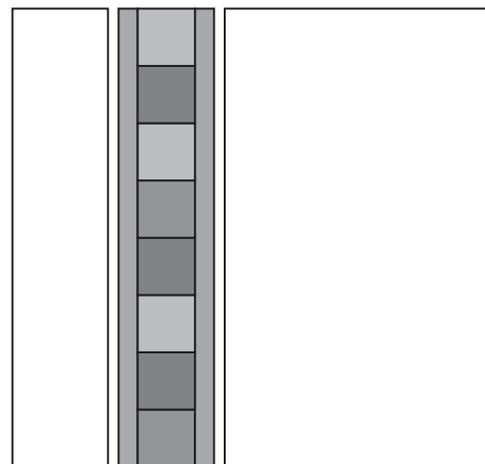
### Making the Backing:

Sew 3" Pink (D) strips together, end to end on the diagonal. Trim seam allowances and press seams open to reduce bulk. Cut 2 - 48" lengths.

Using left-over fabrics, piece together one strip 8" x 48". Press seams open to reduce bulk. Trim width evenly to 7".

Pin and stitch Pink (D) strips to sides of 7" x 48" pieced strip **using a 1/2" seam allowance**. Press seams away from center.

Remove selvages from Yellow Cats (G) backing piece and cut one strip - 11" x 48". Pin and stitch to left side of pieced center strip **using a 1/2" seam allowance**. Press seam open. Pin and stitch remaining backing piece to right side of pieced center strip, **using a 1/2" seam allowance**. Press seam open. Trim and straighten all edges so that backing measures 48" x 48".



### Finishing:

Layer, baste and quilt as desired. Bind quilt, using your favorite method.

