

Broken Zig Zag Quilt

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This throw-size quilt was directly inspired by a pattern I came across online at [The Pattern Library](#) (a source of several great free patterns). I loved the combination of warm and cool colors and the sharp lines. If you can make a half square triangle, you can make this quilt!

The finished quilt measures approximately 60" x 72".

Supplies

Quilt Top	3/4 yard each of 6 different colors
Binding	1/2 yard
Backing	3 3/4 yards
Batting	64" x 76"

The quilt top is made of 120 blocks (10 blocks wide by 12 blocks tall) that measure 6" square when finished. Sixty blocks are solid squares and the other 60 are half square triangle units.

Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all steps.

Color Options

This quilt uses 6 fabrics in equal amounts. The colors used in the sample image on the front page are listed in the table below. Use the third column to fill in your own choices of solid or print fabrics to help you keep things straight. You can also use the coloring diagram in Figure 2 (next page) to try out different options before making a final decision.

Color Key	Sample Colors	My Colors
Color 1	Beige	
Color 2	Light Blue	
Color 3	Medium Blue	
Color 4	Dark Blue	
Color 5	Medium Orange	
Color 6	Light Orange	

Cutting Instructions

1. Begin by cutting the selvedge edges off each of your 6 fabrics to result in single pieces measuring 40" wide and 3/4 yard (27") long.
2. Subcut each large piece as shown in Figure 1. From each of your 6 fabrics, you will cut 10 6-1/2" squares and 10 6-7/8" squares. The larger squares will be used to make half square triangle blocks. The smaller squares will be used as is.

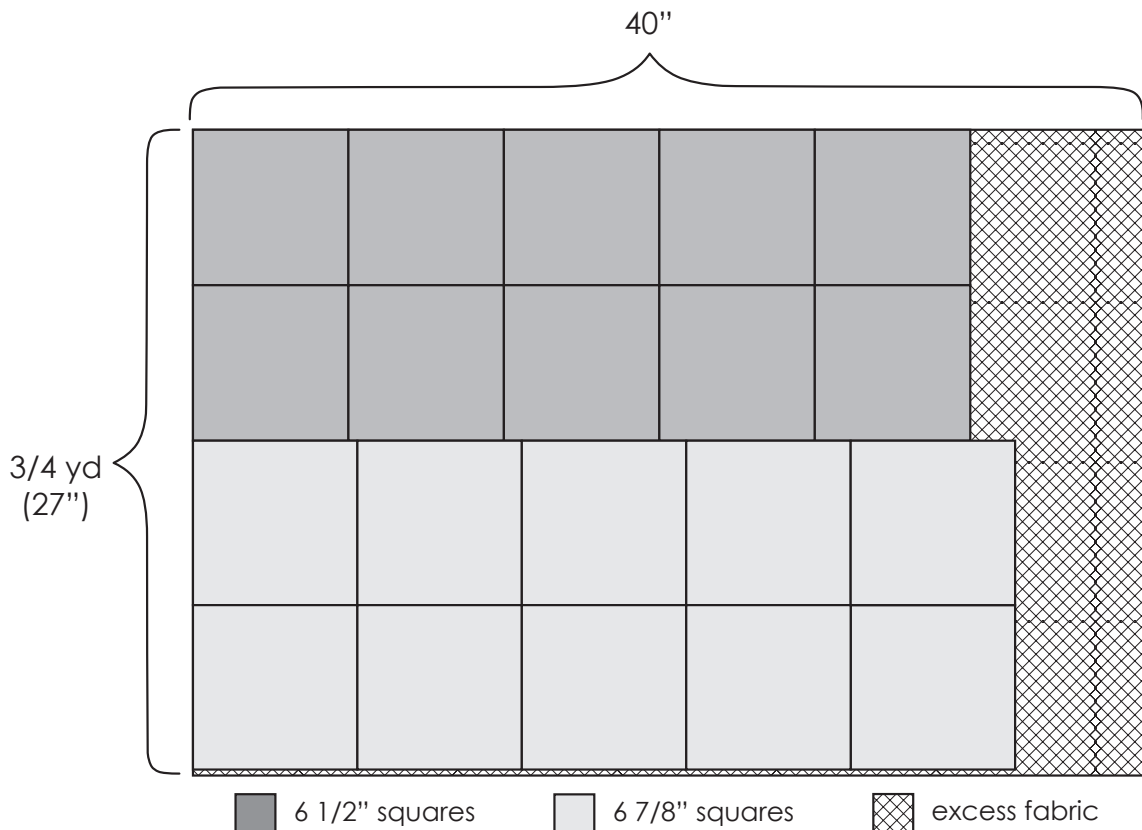


Figure 1 - Suggested Cutting Layout

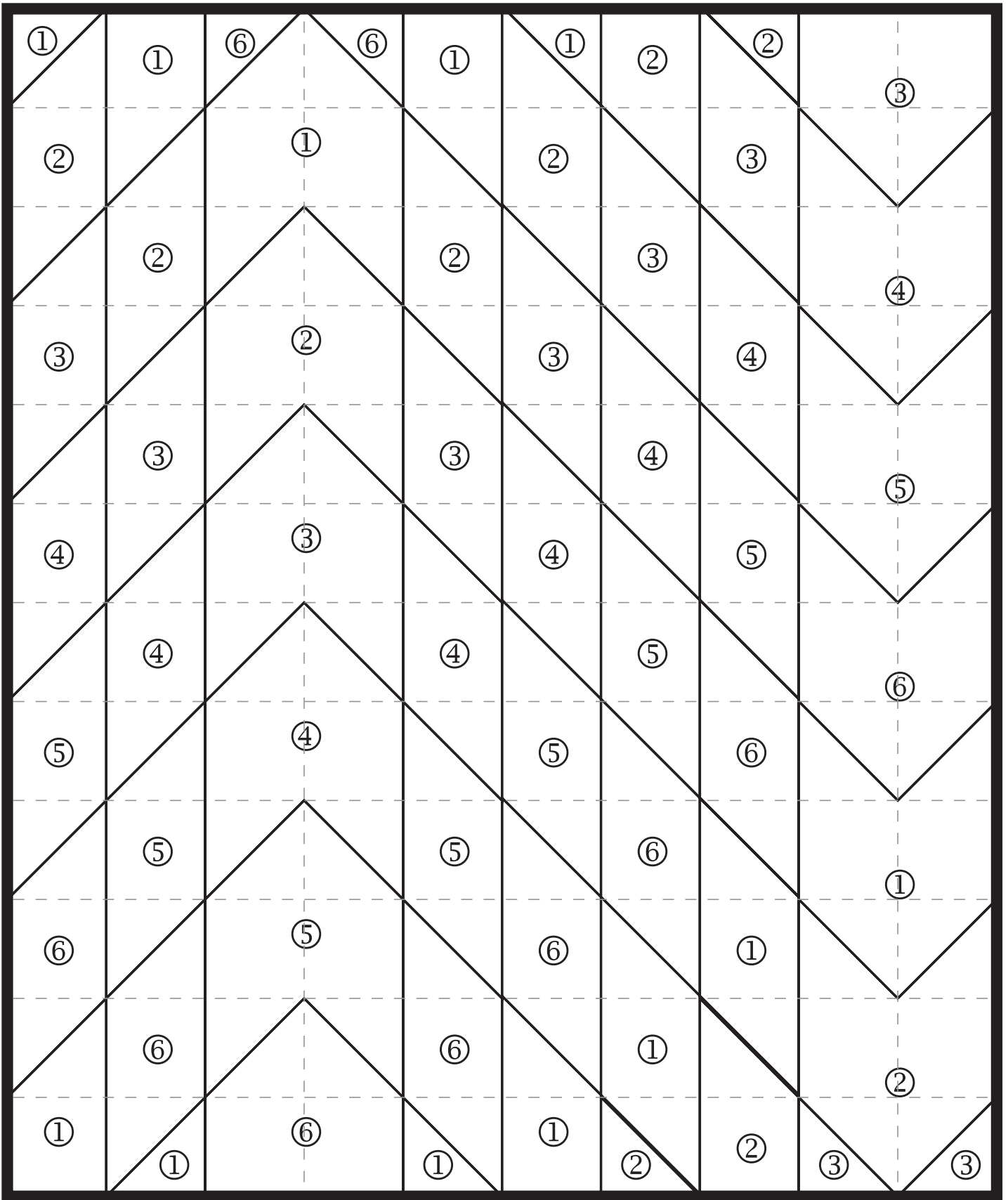
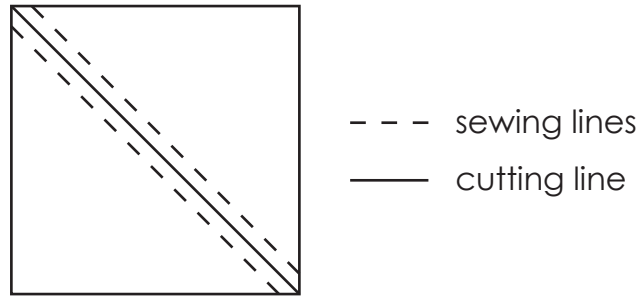


Figure 2 - Coloring Diagram

Making the Quilt Top

You will first make half square triangles two at a time using the 6-7/8" squares. You should have 10 6-7/8" squares of each color/pattern for a total of 60 squares. Divide each set of 10 squares in half and pair each set of 5 with 5 squares of the neighboring color. For example, pair 5 squares of Color 1 with Color 2 and the other 5 squares of Color 1 with Color 6.

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the WRONG side of a 6 7/8" square. This is the cutting line. (You only need to do this on one side of each pair of squares.) Mark another line 1/4" on either side of the center line. These are your sewing lines.



2. With squares right sides together, sew along the two lines marked on either side of the center line.
3. Cut along the center line, open the pieces, and press seams. Trim blocks to 6 1/2" square. You now have two half square triangles.
4. Repeat until you have finished making half square triangles per the list below:

Color Combo	Number of Square Pairs	Total Half Square Triangles
Color 1 + Color 2	5	10
Color 2 + Color 3		
Color 3 + Color 4		
Color 4 + Color 5		
Color 5 + Color 6		
Color 6 + Color 1		

5. Using the 60 half square triangles you just made and the 60 6-1/2" squares you cut earlier, piece the quilt top using Figure 3 (next page) as a guide. Sew blocks together in rows first, then sew rows together to finish the quilt top.

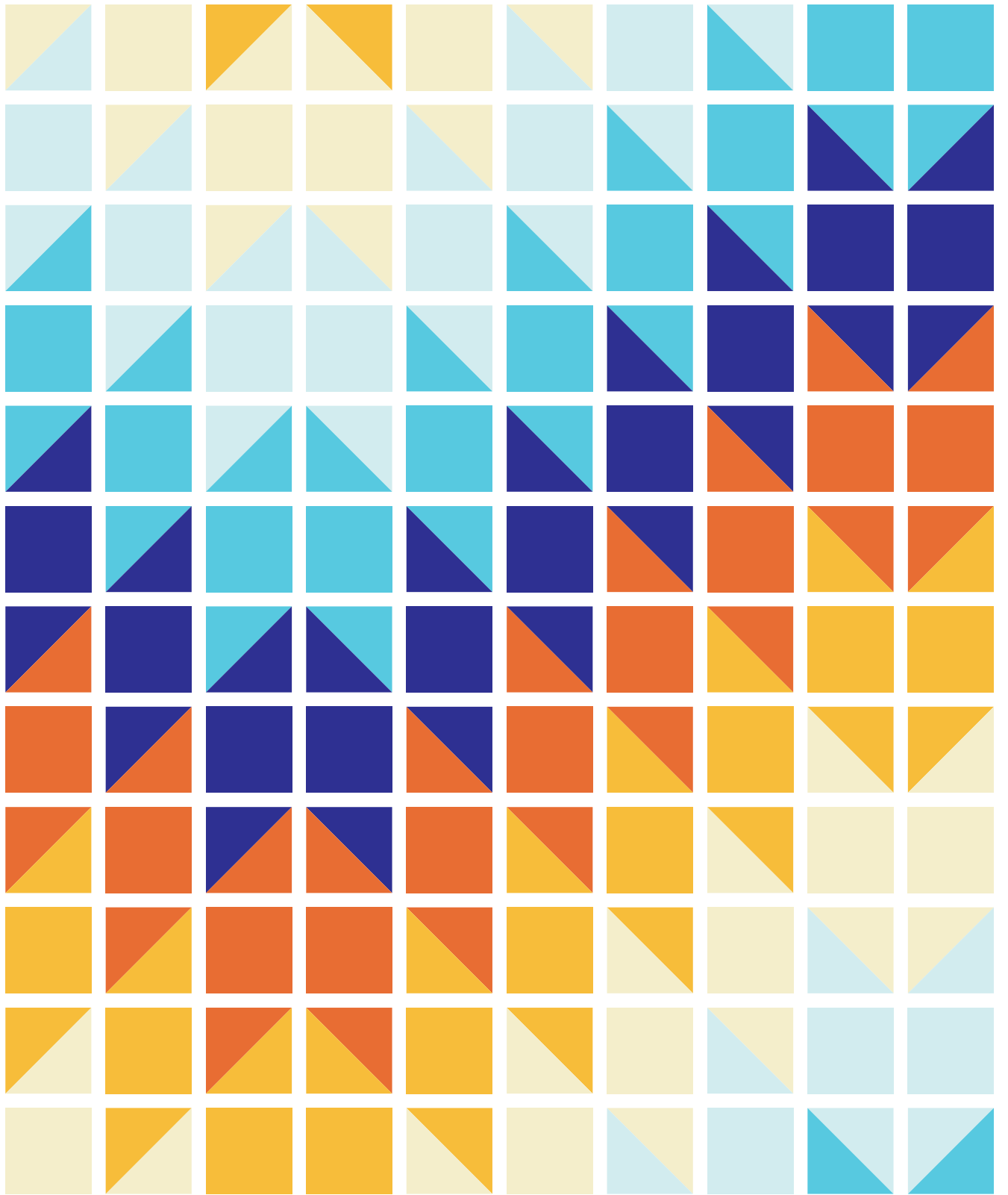


Figure 3 - Layout Diagram

Finishing the Quilt

Backing

1. Cut backing yardage in half to result in two pieces measuring 67.5" x width of fabric. Trim off the selvages.
2. Piece together along the long (67.5") sides. This will result in a backing measuring 67.5" x approximately 80".

Quilting

1. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing.
2. Baste and quilt as desired.

Binding

1. From binding fabric, cut seven 2.5" strips along the width of fabric.
2. Join the strips together end to end with a diagonal seam.
3. Press the binding in half lengthwise with wrong sides together.
4. Align the raw edge of the binding with the edge of the quilt. Sew the binding to the front of the quilt, joining the ends with another diagonal seam.
5. Machine or hand stitch the binding to the back of the quilt to finish.