

# Backyard Friends

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Finished size: 59" x 74"



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## Fabric Needed:

Stripe Sashing: 1½ yards of #14228 DKBLU1  
Outer Border: ¾ yard of #14227 GOL1  
Cornerstones in Sashing: ⅓ yard of #14226 TAN1

Fat quarters of:

#14227 RED1

#14228 GOL1 & TAN1

#14231 GOL1

#14232 GRE1

Fat eighths of:

the remaining patterns and colors in the  
*Backyard Friends* fabric collection.

## Making the Blocks:

### For the Churn Dash blocks (makes six blocks)

NOTE: We chose twelve fabrics, using two contrasting fabrics for each block. From these fabrics, cut the following:

- Center square A: cut six 3" x 3" squares
- Background B: cut twenty-four 3" x 3" squares
- For the half squares C: cut twelve 3½" x 3½" squares of your chosen background and twelve 3½" x 3½" squares of your chosen center square fabric. Layer each background square with a center fabric square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line across each set and stitch ¼" from each side of the line. Cut apart on the line to yield 24 half squares. Press the seam toward the dark fabric and square each one up to measure 3" x 3".



Piece together six churn dash blocks as shown in the diagram above. Square these up to measure 8" x 8".

### For the Ladder blocks (makes six blocks)

NOTE: We chose eighteen fabrics, using three fabrics for each block. From these fabrics, cut the following:

- For D: cut three 2" x 6" strips of six different fabrics for a total of eighteen strips
- For E: cut two 2" x 6" strips of six different fabrics for a total of twelve strips
- For F: cut two 2" x 8" strips of six different fabrics for a total of twelve strips
- Stitch together six sets of 6" strips (D-E-D-E-D). Cut these sets into 2" segments.



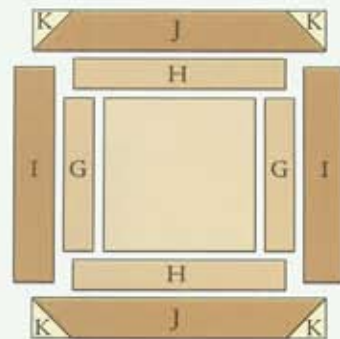
Cut into 2" segments

Piece together six ladder blocks as shown in the diagram above. Square these up to measure 8" x 8".

## Adding the Block Borders:

NOTE: From each selected border fabric, cut two of each piece for that border. We chose twelve fabrics for the first borders (pieces G & H) and twelve for the second (pieces I & J). We chose one consistent fabric for the cornerstones. From these fabrics, cut the following:

- For the first border strip G, cut a total of twenty-four 2" x 8" strips
- For the first border strip H, cut a total of twenty-four 2" x 11" strips
- For the second border strip I, cut a total of twenty-four 2½" x 11" strips
- For the second border strip J, cut a total of twenty-four 2½" x 15" strips
- For the cornerstones K, cut forty-eight 2½" x 2½" squares. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each square.



Add the cornerstones to the second border as follows: Place a K square on one end of border strip J, right sides together, and stitch along the line. Press the seam, then trim off the excess. Repeat this on the other end, making sure the direction of the seam is opposite of the other end.

Add the first border, then the second, to each block, as shown in the diagram above. Square these twelve blocks up to measure 15" x 15".

## Adding the Sashing and Outer Border:

NOTE: For the sashing, we used a stripe fabric and cut it so that the vertical sashing was the strip of flowers and the horizontal sashing was the linear stripe. By cutting this fabric 3" wide, we were able to cut the strips with no waste, centering both the flowers and the lines for the horizontal and vertical borders! For the cornerstones, we used the same fabric as above in the second border fabric, forming secondary churn dashes between the blocks. Cut these fabrics as follows:

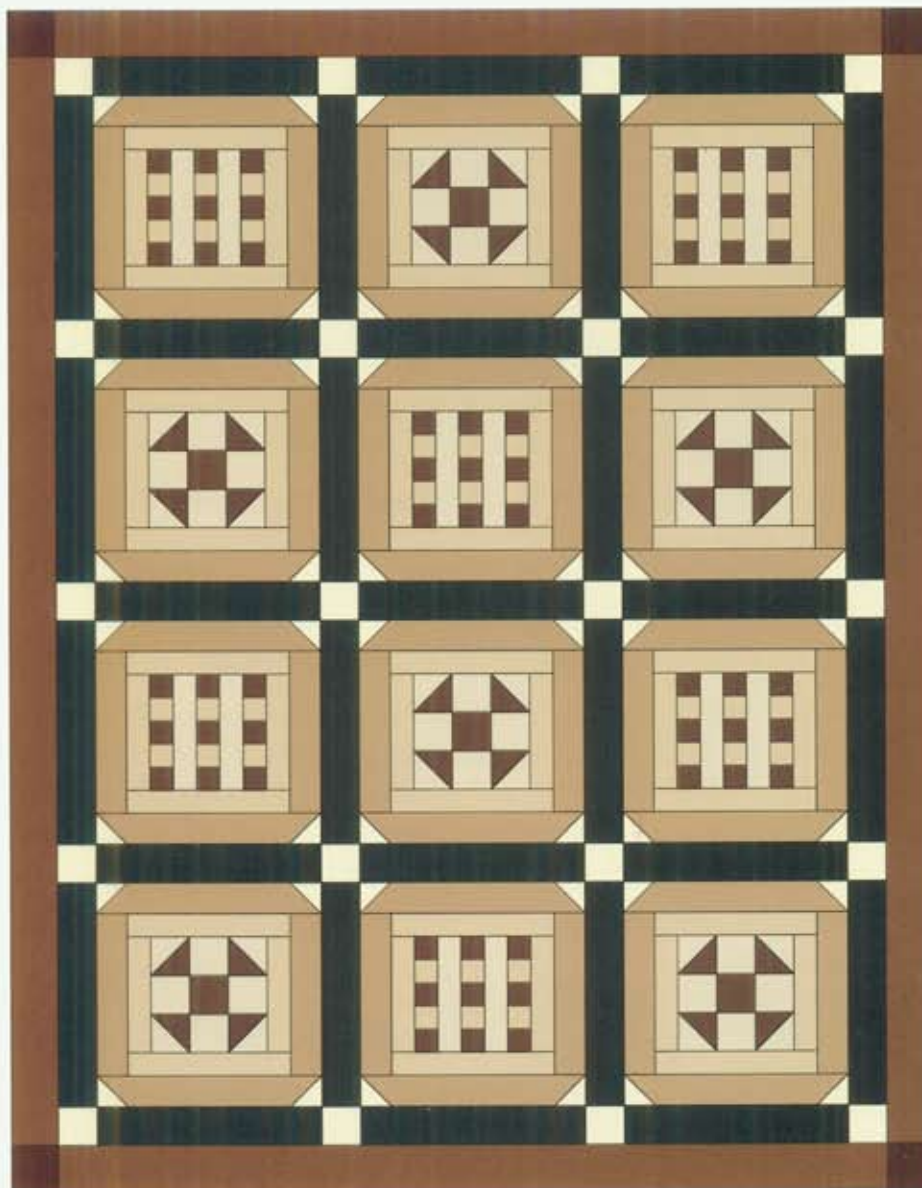
- From the stripe fabric, cut sixteen strips 3" x 15" with the flower in the center, and fifteen strips 3" x 15" with the line in the center.
- From the cornerstone fabric, cut twenty 3" x 3" squares.
- From the outer border fabric, cut and piece together two strips 3½" x 71" for the sides and two strips 3½" x 56" for the top and bottom.
- From the red cornerstone fabric, cut four squares 3½" x 3½".

Lay out the blocks with the sashing between, as shown in the diagram. Stitch the blocks and sashing together. Add the red cornerstones to the top and bottom borders. Stitch the side borders to the pieced quilt, then add the top and bottom borders.

Layer with batting and backing, then quilt and bind!



## Piecing it Together and Finishing:



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