

# Whirligiggle

*Triangle-squares make an amusing quilt*



*Designed by Scott Murkin. Sewn by Eileen Fowler. Fabric: Animal Alphabet Games from Quilting Treasures.*



*Whirligiggle uses a larger version of the block from Swirlabout, a pattern which appeared in the May/June '10 issue (No. 133) of Quiltmaker. Limited quantities of this and other back issues are available at [shopquiltmaker.com](http://shopquiltmaker.com); 877-269-8024. Use just 3 fabrics—a dark, a medium and a light value for the large center block and add a fun coordinating fabric for the border.*

## materials

**Twin:** 49" x 49"  
Finished Blocks: 36"

### Yellow Print

$\frac{5}{8}$  yard for block and border #2

### Black Print

$\frac{7}{8}$  yard for block

### Purple Tone-on-Tone

1 yard for block and border #1

### Multiprint

$1\frac{5}{8}$  yards border #3

**Backing**  $3\frac{1}{4}$  yards

**Batting** 53" x 53"

## cutting

### Yellow Print

5 strips  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 40" for border #2

12 squares (A)  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{7}{8}$ "

1 square (B)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

### Black Print

40 squares (A)  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{7}{8}$ "

### Purple Tone-on-Tone

5 strips 2" x 40" for border #1

28 squares (A)  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{7}{8}$ "

### Multiprint

for border #3

2 strips  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 44" for sides

2 strips  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 52" for top/bottom

5 strips  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x 44" for binding

## 1 About This Quilt

This quilt is made almost entirely out of triangle-squares. Carefully arranging the color values of the triangle-squares gives the quilt its unique appearance.

## 2 Making the Quilt Center

Refer to the "Triangle-Squares" technique and pair the yellow and black A's to make 24 unit 1's. Pair black and purple A's to make 56 unit 2's.

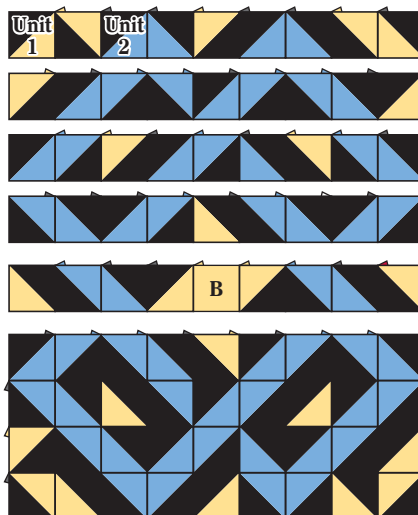


**Unit 1**  
Make 24



**Unit 2**  
Make 56

Join the unit 1's, unit 2's and B as shown to make the large center blockP.



## 3 Adding the Borders

Sew the border #1 strips together end to end. Cut 2 lengths of 39" for the sides and 2 lengths of 42" for the top and bottom. Sew the border #1 side strips to the quilt and trim any extra length. Add the border #1 top and bottom strips in the same way.

Sew the border #2 strips together end to end. Cut 2 lengths of 42" for the sides and 2 lengths of 44" for the top and bottom. Add border #2 to the quilt in the same way as border #1. Repeat to add border #3.

## technique

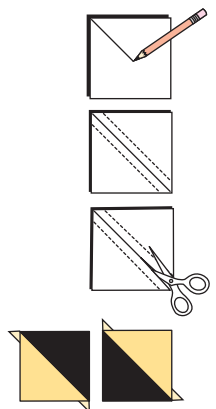
*Triangle-Squares.* With right sides together and the lighter fabric on top, pair one square of each color that makes the unit. On the lighter patch, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner.

Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " out from both sides of the line.

Cut apart on the marked line.

With the darker fabric up, open out the top patch and press the block.

A pair of squares will yield 2 units.

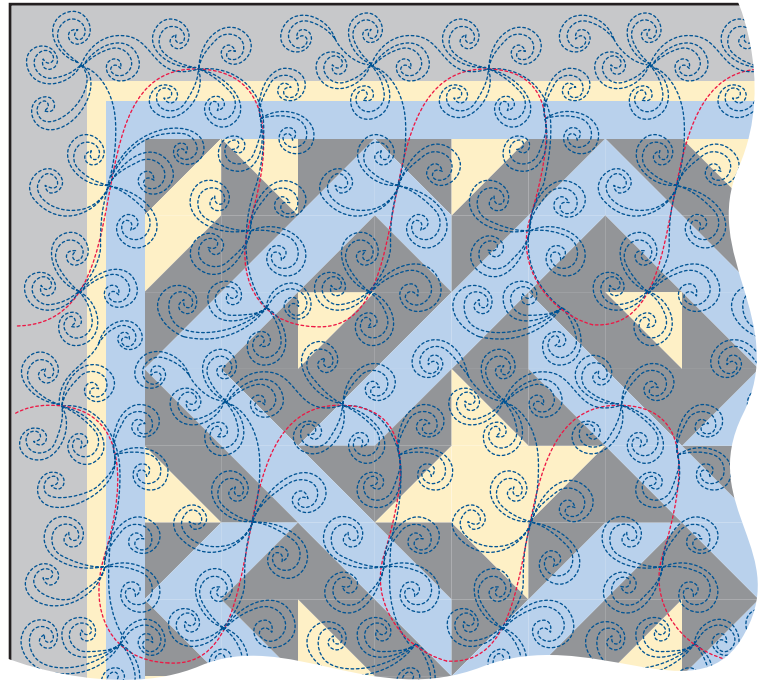


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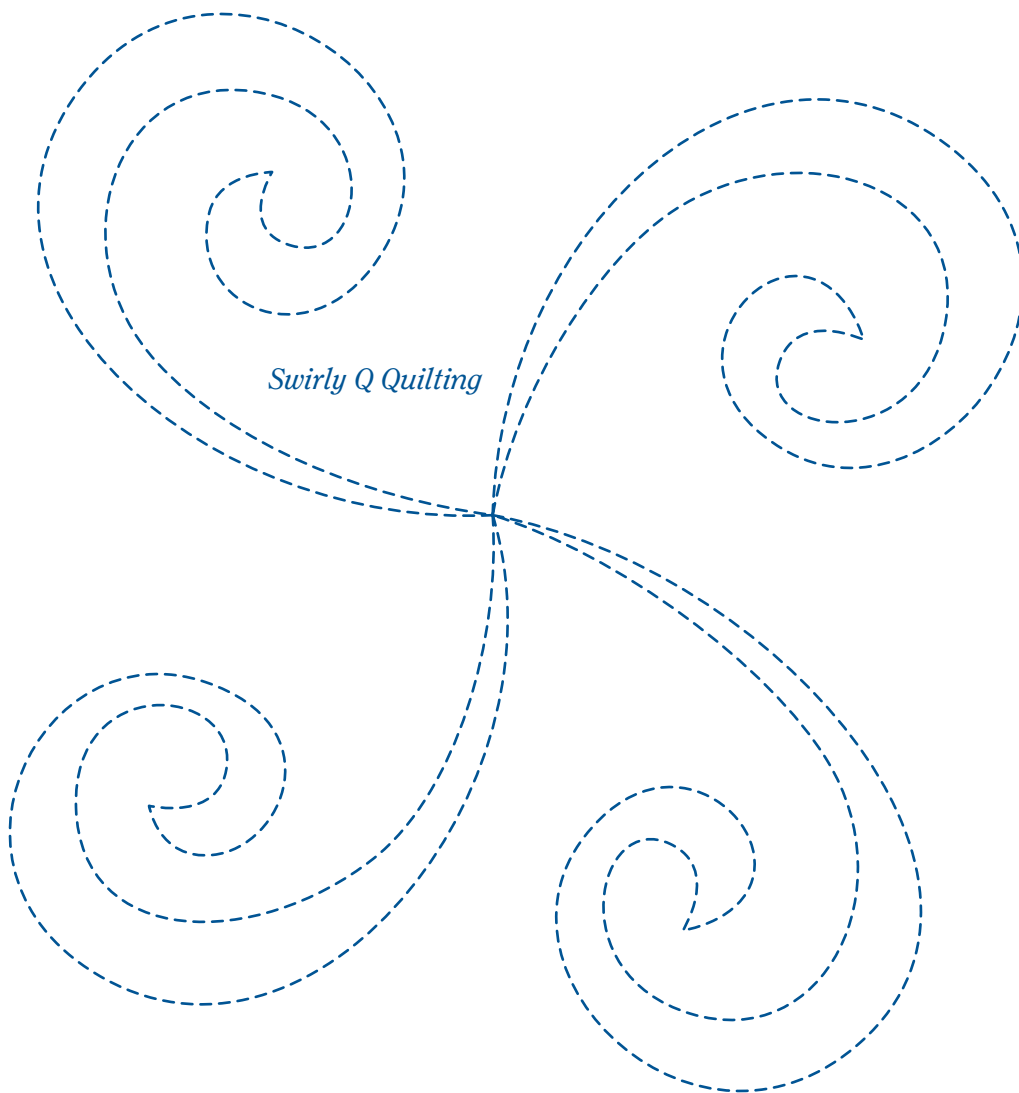
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#### 4 Quilting and Finishing

Mark large wavy lines across the quilt as shown in red. Layer and baste together the backing, batting and quilt top. Quilt along the marked line, adding the *Swirly Q Quilting* as shown. Bind the quilt. ■



Quilting Placement



*Swirly Q Quilting*