free pattern

French Romance

- BY HEIDI PRIDEMORE
- FINISHED SIZE: 75" X 87"
- PATTERN AVAILABLE IN SEPT/OCT 2022 AT WWW.BENARTEX.COM

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FRENCH ROMANCE BY JAN SHORE

SAMPLE	KEY/SKU	QTY	CUT *CUT PIECES VIA WOF*
	A Sophie 13331-31 *Yellow*	5/8 yd	(1) 3-7/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (4) 3-7/8" squares. (2) 1-1/2" x 28-1/2" WOF strips. (2) 1-1/2" x 30-1/2" WOF strips. (3) 1-1/2" x WOF strips.* (2) 1-1/2" x 36-1/2" WOF strips.
	B Octavia 13330-55 *Blue*	1/4 yd	(1) 3-7/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (4) 3-7/8" squares.
	C Suzette 13332-03 *Light Yellow*	3/4 yd	(1) 3-7/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (4) 3-7/8" squares. (3) 3-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (32) 3-1/2" squares. (2) 2-1/2" x 24-1/2" WOF strips. (2) 2-1/2" x 28-1/2" WOF strips.
	D Odette 13329-56 *Dark Blue*	1-1/4 yds	(11) 3-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (124) 3-1/2" squares.
	E Sophie 13331-21 *Pink*	1 yd	(3) 3-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (16) 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" strips. (6) 3-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (72) 3-1/2" squares.
	F French Romance 13327-09 *White*	7/8 yd	(4) 6-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (19) 6-1/2" squares.
	G Simone Stripe 13333-52 *Blue/White*	1 yd	(2) 2-1/2" x 42-1/2" WOF strips, piece as needed. (2) 2-1/2" x 34-1/2" WOF strips. (8) 2-1/2" x WOF strips, BINDING.
	H French Romance 13327-51 *Sky*	1/2 yd	(2) 6-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (9) 6-1/2" squares.
	I Suzette 13332-05 *Light Sky*	2-3/4 yds	(4) 3-7/8" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (36) 3-7/8" squares. (12) 6-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (72) 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" strips.
	J Sophie 13331-51 *Sky*	5/8 yd	(4) 3-7/8" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (36) 3-7/8" squares.
	K Simone Stripe 13333-32 *Yellow/Red*	2/3 yd	(8) 2" x WOF strips.*
	L French Romance Stripe 13328-51 *Sky*	2-5/8 yds	(2) 6-1/2" x 91" LOF strips. (2) 6-1/2" x 79" LOF strips.

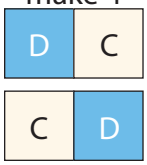
* SEW STRIPS VIA SHORT ENDS THEN GO TO BORDER ASSEMBLY
WOF/LOF=WIDTH/LENGTH OF FABRIC

BLOCK ASSEMBLY *PROJECT USES PRECISE 1/4" SEAMS. TEST YOUR SEAM ALLOWANCE BY CUTTING (2) 2-1/2" X 5" RECTANGLES. STITCH THEM TOGETHER ALONG THE 5" LENGTH. AT THE MIDPOINT, MEASURE ACROSS THE UNIT. IT SHOULD BE EXACTLY 4-1/2" WIDE. IF NOT, ADJUST YOUR SEAM ALLOWANCE AND REPEAT.*

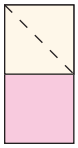
Note: The arrows in the diagrams represent the fabric print direction. Pay attention to the fabric and unit orientations when assembling the various components.

1. Sew (1) **D** 3-1/2" square to the left side of (1) **C** 3-1/2" square to make the top row. Sew (1) **C** 3-1/2" square to the left side of (1) **D** 3-1/2" square to make the bottom row. Sew together the (2) rows lengthwise to make (1) 6-1/2" **Unit 1** square. Repeat to make (4) **Unit 1** squares total.

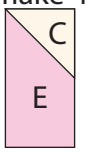
Unit 1
make 4



2. Place (1) **C** 3-1/2" square on the top half of (1) **E** 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" strip, right sides together and aligning the tops of the fabrics. Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper left corner to the lower right corner. Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance to make (1) **Unit 2** strip. Repeat to make (4) **Unit 2** strips total.

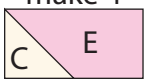


Unit 2
make 4

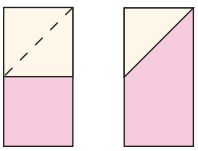


3. Place (1) **C** 3-1/2" square on the left side of (1) **E** 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" strip, right sides together. Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper left corner to the lower right corner. Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance to make (1) **Unit 3** strip. Repeat to make (4) **Unit 3** strips total.

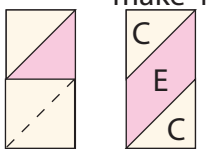
Unit 3
make 4



4. Place (1) **C** 3-1/2" square on the top half of (1) **E** 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" strip, right sides together. Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper right corner to the lower left corner. Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.



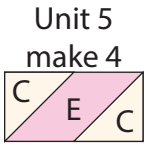
5. Place another **C** 3-1/2" square on the bottom half of the **E** 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" strip, right sides together and aligning the bottoms of the fabrics. Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper right corner to the lower left corner. Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance to make (1) **Unit 4** strip.



6. Repeat **Steps 4-5** to make (4) **Unit 4** strips total.

7. Place (1) **C** 3-1/2" square on the left side of (1) **E** 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" strip, right sides together. Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper right corner to the lower left corner. Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.

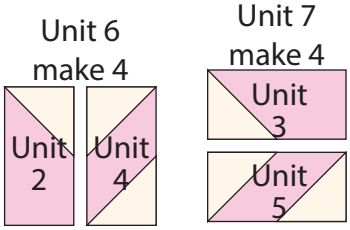
8. Place another **C** 3-1/2" square on the right side of the **E** 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" strip, right sides together. Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper right corner to the lower left corner. Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance to make (1) **Unit 5** strip.



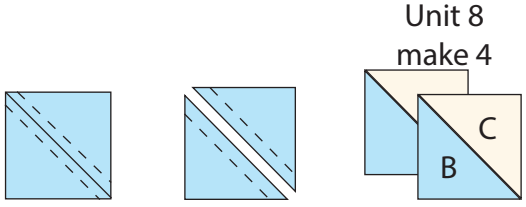
9. Repeat **Steps 7-8** to make (4) **Unit 5** strips total.

10. Sew (1) **Unit 2** strip to the left side of (1) **Unit 4** strip lengthwise to make (1) 6-1/2" **Unit 6** square. Repeat to make (4) **Unit 6** squares total.

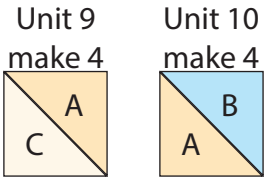
11. Sew (1) **Unit 3** strip to the top of (1) **Unit 5** strip lengthwise to make (1) 6-1/2" **Unit 7** square. Repeat to make (4) **Unit 7** squares total.



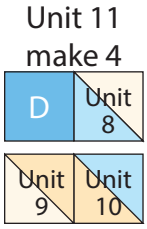
12. Place (1) **B** 3-7/8" square on top of (1) **C** 3-7/8" square, right sides together. Draw a line across the diagonal of the top square. Sew 1/4" away from each side of the drawn diagonal line. Cut the (2) squares apart on the drawn diagonal line to make (2) half-square triangles. Trim the half-square triangles to measure 3-1/2" square to make (2) **Unit 8** squares. Repeat to make (4) **Unit 8** squares total.



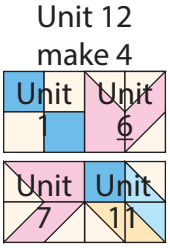
13. Repeat **Step 12** and refer to the diagrams at right for fabric identification and placement to make (4) **Unit 9** squares and (4) **Unit 10** squares.



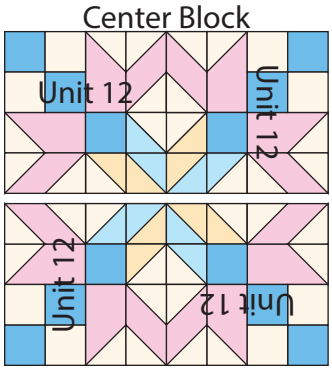
14. Sew (1) **D** 3-1/2" square to the left side of (1) **Unit 8** square to make the top row. Sew (1) **Unit 9** square to the left side of (1) **Unit 10** square to make the bottom row. Sew together the (2) rows lengthwise to make (1) 6-1/2" **Unit 11** square. Repeat to make (4) **Unit 11** squares total.



15. Sew (1) **Unit 1** square to the left side of (1) **Unit 6** square to make the top row. Sew (1) **Unit 7** square to the left side of (1) **Unit 11** square to make the bottom row. Sew together the (2) rows lengthwise to make (1) 12-1/2" **Unit 12** square. Repeat to make (4) **Unit 12** squares total.



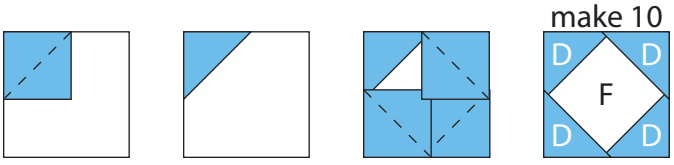
16. Sew together the (4) **Unit 12** squares into a 2 x 2 matrix to make the 24-1/2" x 24-1/2" **Center Block**.



17. Place (1) **D** 3-1/2" square on the top left corner of (1) **F** 6-1/2" square, right sides together. Sew across the diagonal of the smaller square from the upper right corner to the lower left corner. Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle 1/4" away from the sewn seam.

18. Follow the Diagram for the seam direction to add a D 3-1/2" square to each of the remaining corners of the F 6-1/2" square to make (1) Unit 13 square.

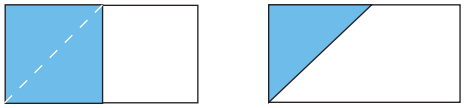
19. Repeat Steps 17-18 to make (10) Unit 13 squares total.



20. Sew together (5) **Unit 13** squares to make the **Inner Top Border**. Repeat to make the **Inner Bottom Border**.

Inner Top/Bottom Border
make 2

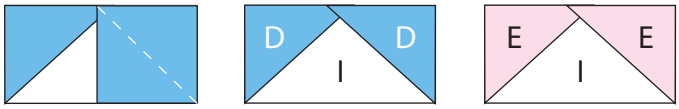
21. Place (1) **D** 3-1/2" square on the left side of (1) **I** 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" strip, right sides together. Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper right corner to the lower left corner. Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.



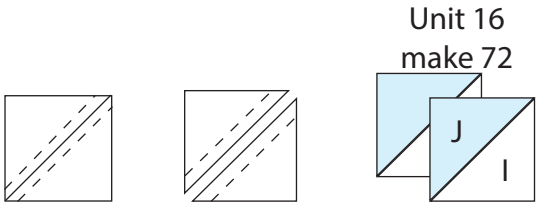
22. Place another **D** 3-1/2" square on the right side of the **I** 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" strip, right sides together. Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper left corner to the lower right corner. Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance to make (1) **Unit 14** strip.

23. Repeat **Steps 21-22** to make (36) **Unit 14** strips total.

24. Repeat **Steps 21-22** and refer to the diagram below for fabric identification, placement and seam direction to make (36) **Unit 15** strips.

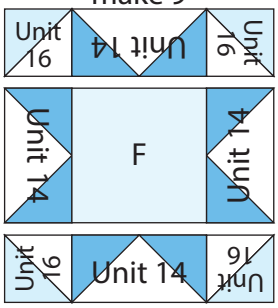


25. Place (1) **I** 3-7/8" square on top of (1) **J** 3-7/8" square, right sides together. Draw a line across the diagonal of the top square. Sew 1/4" away from each side of the drawn diagonal line. Cut the (2) squares apart on the drawn diagonal line to make (2) half-square triangles. Trim the half-square triangles to measure 3-1/2" square to make (2) **Unit 16** squares. Repeat to make (72) **Unit 16** squares total.



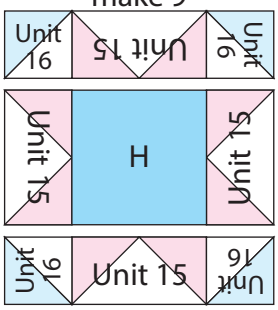
26. Sew (1) **Unit 16** square to each end of (1) **Unit 14** strip to make the top row. Repeat to make the bottom row. Sew (1) **Unit 14** strip to each side of (1) **F** 6-1/2" square to make the middle row. Sew together the (3) rows lengthwise to make (1) 12-1/2" **Block One** square. Repeat to make (9) **Block One** squares total.

Block One
make 9



27. Sew (1) **Unit 16** square to each end of (1) **Unit 15** strip to make the top row. Repeat to make the bottom row. Sew (1) **Unit 15** strip to each side of (1) **H** 6-1/2" square to make the middle row. Sew together the (3) rows lengthwise to make (1) 12-1/2" **Block Two** square. Repeat to make (9) **Block Two** squares total.

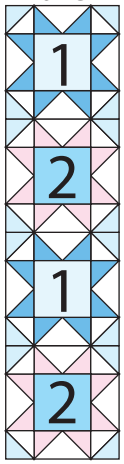
Block Two
make 9



28. Sew together (2) **Block One** squares and (2) **Block Two** squares, alternating them from top to bottom, to make (1) **Outer Side Border**. Repeat to make a second **Outer Side Border**.

29. Sew together (3) **Block Two** squares and (2) **Block One** squares, alternating them from left to right, to make the **Outer Top Border**.

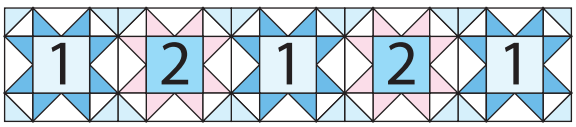
Outer Side Border
make 2



Outer Top Border

30. Sew together (3) **Block One** squares and (2) **Block Two** squares, alternating them from left to right, to make the **Outer Bottom Border**.

Outer Bottom Border



BORDER ASSEMBLY *MEASURE WIDTH AND LENGTH OF THE QUILT TOP TO ENSURE BORDER SIZES, BELOW ARE OUR CUTTING SIZES.*

Quilt Assembly

31. Sew (1) **C** 2-1/2" x (24-1/2") strip to each side of the **Center Block**. Sew (1) **C** 2-1/2" x (28-1/2") strip to the top and to the bottom of the **Center Block**.

32. Sew (1) **A** 1-1/2" x (28-1/2") strip to each side of the **Center Block**. Sew (1) **A** 1-1/2" x (30-1/2") strip to the top and to the bottom of the **Center Block**.

33. Sew the **Inner Top Border** and the **Inner Bottom Border** to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block.

34. Sew (1) **G** 2-1/2" x (42-1/2") strip to each side of the **Center Block**. Sew (1) **G** 2-1/2" x (34-1/2") strip to the top and to the bottom of the **Center Block**.

35. Sew (1) **A** 1-1/2" x (46-1/2") strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew (1) **A** 1-1/2" x (36-1/2") strip to the top and to the bottom of the **Center Block**.

36. Sew (1) **Outer Side Border** to each side of the **Center Block**.

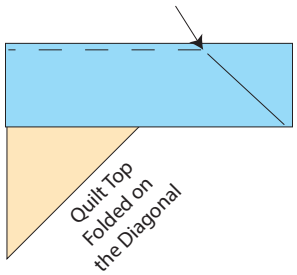
37. Sew the **Outer Top Border** and **Outer Bottom Border** to the top and to the bottom of the **Center Block**.

38. Sew (1) **K** 2" x (72-1/2") strip to each side of the **Center Block**. Sew (1) **K** 2" x (63-1/2") strip to the top and to the bottom of the **Center Block**.

39. Center (1) **L** 6-1/2" x (91") strip on (1) side of the **Center Block** and pin in place. Start sewing the strip a 1/4" from the top edge of the block and stop a 1/4" from the bottom edge. **DO NOT TRIM THE EXCESS.** Repeat with the opposite side.

40. Repeat **Step 37** to sew (1) **L** 6-1/2" x (79") strip to the top and to the bottom of the **Center Block**, making sure to stop and start 1/4" away from each end of the block. To miter each corner, fold the **Center Block** on a diagonal, wrong side together. This should line up the strips from adjacent sides.

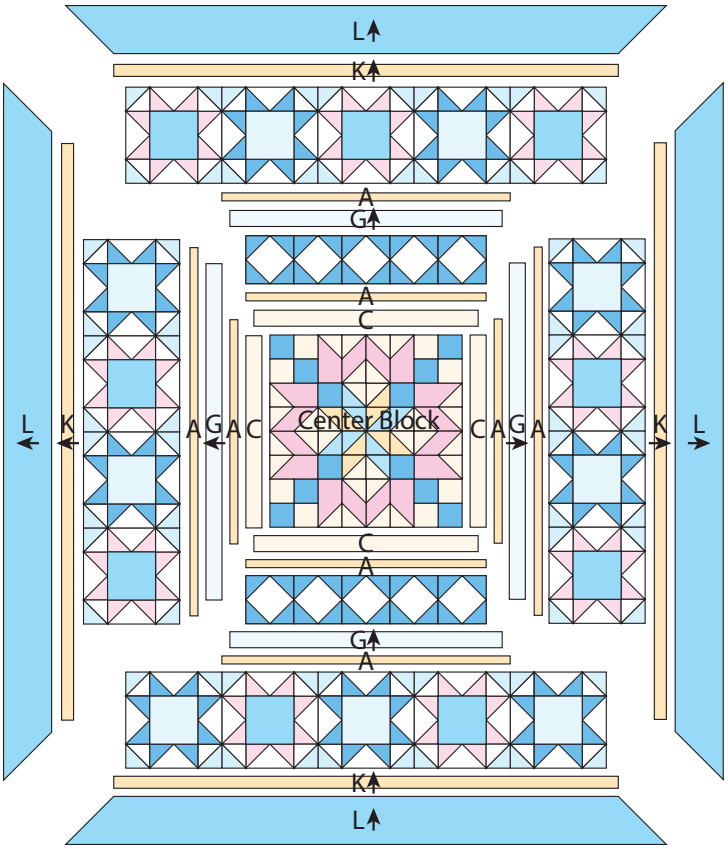
41. Starting at the sewn seam (represented by the arrow in the diagram below), draw a 45-degree line to the edge of the fabric. Sew on the drawn line. Trim the excess fabric leaving a 1/4" seam. Repeat this step with the remaining corners to make the quilt top.



FINISHING Cut batting and backing 3" larger than top on all sides. Layer backing, batting and top together and baste or pin. When quilting is completed, trim excess batting and backing. Bind as usual.

FINISHED SIZE: 75" x 87"

Quilt Diagram



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