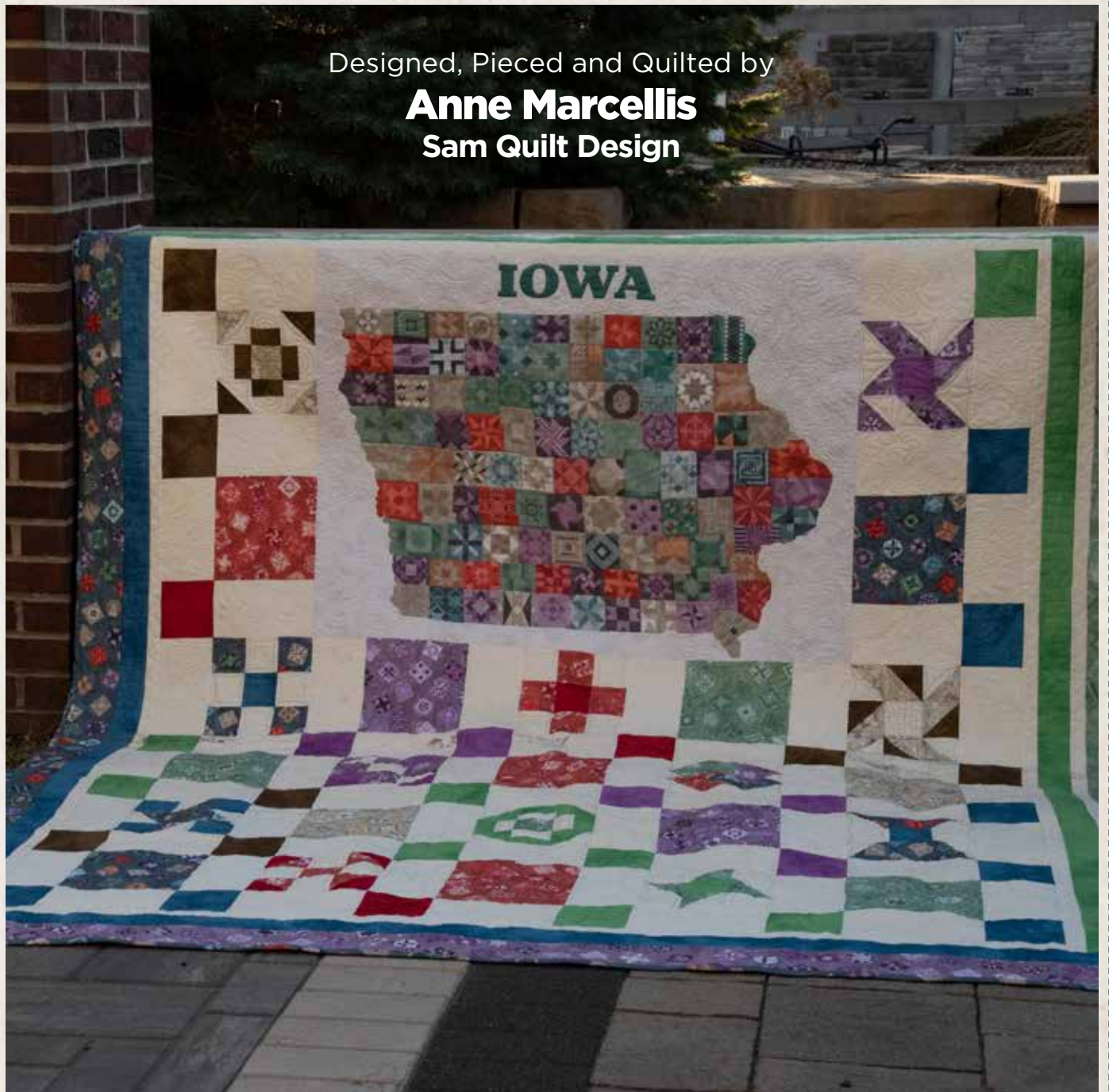# Simply Iowa

74" x 85"

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MATERIALS:

[1] AISH Panel
3/4 yards Blocks Denim
2/3 yard Blocks Grass
1/2 yard Blocks Barn Red
2/3 yard Blocks Eggplant
3/4 yard Blocks Hay
5/8 yard Blender Brindle
1/4 yard Blender Cardinal
3/4 yards Blender Grass
3/4 yard Blender Giotto Blue
1/4 yard Blender Orchid
3 yards Blender Cloud
7 yards Blender Giotto Blue for backing
Batting, twin bed size

RECOMMENDED TOOLS

Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmer B ruler for 3″
    HSTs

READ THROUGH ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING. SEW PIECES RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER AND USE A 1/4" SEAM ALLOWANCE THROUGHOUT UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. WOF - WIDTH OF FABRIC; RST - RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER; HST - HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES; QST - QUARTER SQUARE TRIANGLES

SPRAY STARCH ALL FABRIC ON 1 SIDE, THEN PRESS ON THE OTHER SIDE, BEFORE CUTTING ANY FABRIC. IF YOU HAVEN'T TRIED STARCH, YOU'LL LOVE HOW MUCH EASIER FABRIC IS TO CUT AND SEW.

NOTE: If you are NOT using the Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmer B for your HST, do not cut those strips as directed. Cut as you would to make HST your favorite way, they need to be 3″.

CUTTING:
From Blender Cloud Fabric:
Cut [3] – 3″ × WOF strips
    Subcut [8] – 1-3/4″ × 3″ rectangles
    Subcut [22] – 3″ squares
    Subcut [2] – 2-1/2″ × 3″ rectangles
Cut [1] – 3-3/4″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [4] – 3-3/4″ squares
Cut [8] – 8″ × WOF strips
    Subcut [6] – 5″ × 8″ rectangles
    Subcut [48] – 4-1/2″ × 8″ rectangles
Cut [3] – 2-1/2″ × WOF strips for HSTs
Cut [10] – 1-1/2″ × WOF strips, inner border
Cut [2] – 1″ × WOF strips
    Subcut [2] – 1″ × 10-1/4″ rectangles
    Subcut [4] – 1″ × 9-1/4″ rectangles
    Subcut [5] – 1″ × 3″ rectangles, label
Cut [1] – 3″ × 6-1/2″ rectangle from scraps, label

From Blocks Red Barn Fabric:
Cut [1] – 5″ x WOF strip
    Subcut [5] – 3″ squares
    Subcut [3] – 3-3/4″ squares
    Subcut [1] – 4″ square
Cut [1] – 8″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [3] – 8″ squares
Cut [1] – 2-1/2″ × 15″ strip for HSTs

From Blender Cardinal Fabric:
Cut [1] – 4-1/2″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [2] – 4-1/2″ squares, Cornerstone Y
    Subcut [1] – 3″ square
    Subcut [1] – 4-1/2″ × 5″ rectangle, Cornerstone X
Cut [1] – 2-1/2″ × 15″ strip for HSTs

From Blocks Grass Fabric:
Cut [1] – 8″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [3] – 8″ squares
    Subcut [1] – 2-1/2″ × 13″ strip for HSTs
Cut [3] — 4″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [1] – 4″ square
    Subcut [1] – 3-3/4″ square
    Subcut [1] – 3″ square
Save remaining strips and pieces for right side border

From Blender Grass Fabric:

Cut [1] – 4-1/2″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [6] – 4-1/2″ squares, Cornerstone Y
    Subcut [2] – 3″ squares
    Subcut [4] – 1-3/4″ × 3″ rectangles
    Subcut [1] – 4-1/2″ × 5″ rectangle, Cornerstone X
Cut [1] – 2-1/2″ × 15″ strip for HSTs
Cut [2] – 2-1/2″ × WOF strips, top border

From Blocks Eggplant Fabric:

Cut [1] – 8″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [2] – 8″ squares
    Subcut [1] – 4″ square
    Subcut [2] – 3-3/4″ squares
    Subcut [2] – 3″ squares
Cut [1] – 2-1/2″ × 20″ strip for HSTs
Cut [2] – 4″ × WOF strips, lower border

From Blender Orchid Fabric:

Cut [1] – 4-1/2″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [6] – 4-1/2″ squares, Cornerstone Y
    Subcut [1] – 3″ square
Cut [1] – 2-1/2″ × 8″ strip for HSTs

From Blocks Hay Fabric:

Cut [1] – 8″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [2] – 8″ squares
    Subcut [4] – 3″ squares
Cut [1] – 2-1/2″ × WOF strip for HSTs
Cut [2] – 4″ × WOF strips, top border
Cut [2] – 2-1/2″ × WOF strips, right border

From Blender Brindle Fabric:

Cut [1] – 4-1/2″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [5] – 4-1/2″ squares, Cornerstone Y
    Subcut [2] – 4-1/2″ × 5″ rectangles, Cornerstone X
    Subcut [4] – 1-3/4″ × 3″ rectangles
Cut [1] – 2-1/2″ × 23″ strip for HSTs

From Blocks Denim Fabric:

Cut [1] – 4″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [1] – 4″ square
    Subcut [2] – 3-3/4″ squares
    Subcut [7] – 3″ squares
Cut [1] – 8″ x WOF strip
    Subcut [2] – 8″ squares
    Subcut [1] – 2-1/2″ × 20″ strips for HSTs
Cut [2] – 4″ × WOF strips, left side border

From Blender Giotto Blue Fabric:

Cut [1] – 3″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [6] – 3″ squares
Cut [1] – 4-1/2″ × WOF strip
    Subcut [5] – 4-1/2″ squares, Cornerstone Y
    Subcut [2] – 4-1/2″ × 5″ rectangle, Cornerstone X
Cut [2] – 2-1/2″ × WOF strips, left and bottom border
Cut [2] – 3-1/2 yards × WOF pieces for backing

From AISH Panel:

NOTE: It's a good idea to wait until you have sewn sections A and B before cutting.
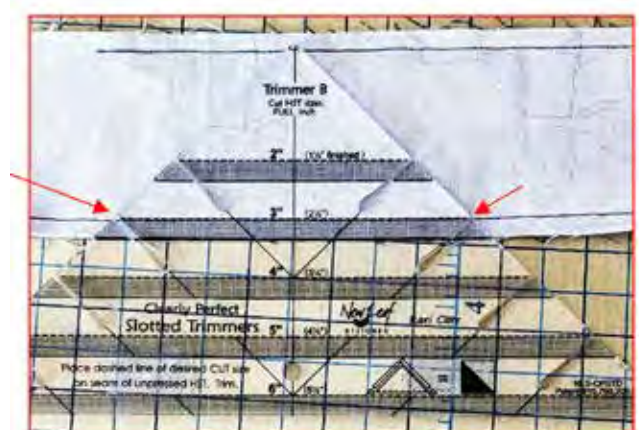
Cut [1] Panel to 39″ × 29″

BLOCK ASSEMBLY:

Half Square Triangle Blocks (HSTs)

TIP: Finger press seams open before pressing for more accurate seams.

NOTE: If not using the Clearly Slotted Trimmer B ruler, make 3″ HST using your favorite method.
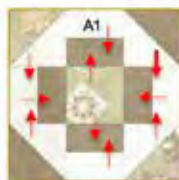
1. Gather all 2-1/2″ strips labeled HSTs.

2. Lay [2] – 2-1/2″ × WOF strips, RST and sew a scant 1/4″ along both long sides.

3. Lay the 3″ line of the Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmer B ruler onto the sewn seam line stitched line, not the outside edge.

4. Match, sew and cut the required 3″ unfinished HST combinations per chart below. Cut into the slit to remove the dog ears. Gently pull the few stitches from the top point. Press to the dark. (No need to trim!)

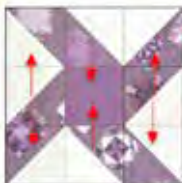| Fabric combination	HST qty
Cloud / Blender Grass	4
Cloud / Brindle	2
Cloud / Denim	8
Cloud / Eggplant	8
Cloud / Grass	5
Cloud / Hay	6
Cloud / Orchid	2
Brindle / Hay	4
Red / Cardinal	4

Block A

1. Use [4] – Brindle 1-3/4″ × 3″ rectangles, [4] – Cloud 1-3/4″ × 3″ rectangles, [1] – Hay 3″ square, [2] Cloud/Hay HST and [2] Cloud/Brindle HST.

2. Assemble in columns, pressing as shown.

3. Sew columns together, pressing seams open. Measures 8″ square. Make [1].
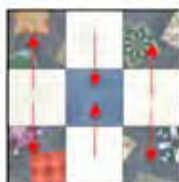
Block B

1. Use [1] – Orchid 3″ square and [8] Cloud/Eggplant HSTs.

2. Assemble in columns, pressing as shown.

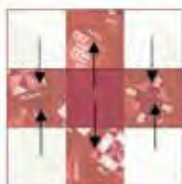3. Sew columns together, pressing seams open. Measures 8″ square. Make [1].

Block C

1. Use [1] Blender Giotto Blue, [4] Blender Cloud and [4] Blocks Denim 3″ squares.

2. Assemble in columns, pressing as shown.

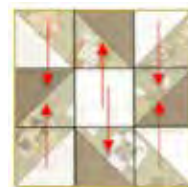3. Sew columns together, pressing seams open. Measures 8″ square. Make [1].

Block D

1. Use [1] – Cardinal [4] Blocks Barn Red and [4] Blender Cloud 3″ squares.

2. Assemble in columns, pressing as shown. Measures 8″ square. Make [1].

Block E

1. Use [1] Blender Cloud 3″ squares, [4] Brindle/Hay HSTs and [4] Cloud/Hay HST

2. Assemble in columns, pressing as shown.

3. Sew columns together, pressing seams open. Measures 8″ square. Make [2].

Block F

1. Use [1] Blender Cloud, [4] Blocks Eggplant, [2] Blender Orchid 3″ squares, [2] Cloud/Orchid HSTs

2. Assemble in columns, pressing as shown.

3. Sew columns together, pressing seams open. Measures 8″ square. Make [1].

Block G
Center QST

1. Use [1] – each Grass, Eggplant, Red, and Denim 3-3/4″ squares.

2. Draw a diagonal line on the back of [2] different fabrics and place RST on the other [2] fabric squares. i.e., RST Grass and Eggplant, Red and Denim.

3. Stitch 1/4″ along both sides of the line.

4. Cut on the line. Press to the side. Yields [2] HSTs.

5. Lay [1] HST on top of another HST, RST, nesting and lining up the seams. Draw a diagonal line in the opposite direction.

6. Stitch 1/4″ along both sides of the line.

7. Cut on the line. Press to the side. Yields [2] QSTs. Set aside [1] QST for the label.

8. Trim to 3″ square.
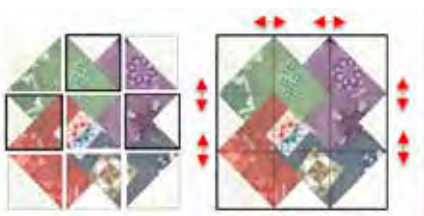
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Split QSTs

1. Use [4] – Blender Cloud, [1] each of Blocks Grass, Eggplant, Red, and Denim 3-3/4″ squares.

2. Draw a diagonal line on the back of each cloud block. Lay, RST, onto each color block. Sew 1/4″ along both sides of the line.

3. Cut on the line. Press to each color. Yields [8] HSTs. Lay [1] of each color combination aside Step 7 below.

4. Use [1] of each Blocks Grass, Eggplant, Red, and Denim 4″ squares. Lay, RST onto each HST as shown above. Draw a diagonal line on the back, sew 1/4″ along both sides of the line.

5. Cut on the line. Press to each larger triangle. Yields [8] split QSTs. Lay [1] of each color combination aside for the label.

6. Trim blocks as pictured. Lay 45° line along diagonal seam and 3″ mark on the intersection of Black and Cream. Then turn ruler and trim to 3″ square. Repeat for all [8] QST blocks.

7. See block E diagram placement of these [4] split QST blocks

8. Sew blocks together as shown. Press seams open. Make [1].

9. Sew columns together, pressing seams open. Make 1.

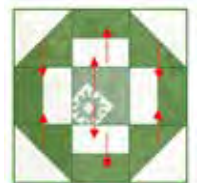**Note:** Mirror images will be used in label.

Block H

1. Use [4] Blender Giotto Blue, [1] Blocks Denim 3″ squares and [4] Cloud/Denim HSTs.

2. Assemble in columns, pressing as shown.

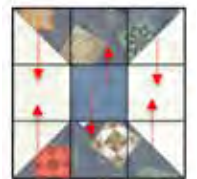3. Sew columns together, pressing seams open. Measures 8″ square. Make [1].

Block I

1. Use [1] Blocks Grass 3″ square, [4] Blender Cloud 1-3/4″ × 3″ rectangles, [4] Blender Grass 1-3/4″ × 3″ rectangles and [4] Cloud/Blender Grass HSTs.

2. Assemble in columns, pressing as shown.

3. Sew columns together, pressing seams open. Measures 8″ square. Make [1].

Block J

1. Use [2] Blender Cloud, [2] Blocks Denim, [1] Blender Giotto Blue 3″ squares and [4] Cloud/Denim HSTs.

2. Assemble in columns, pressing as shown.

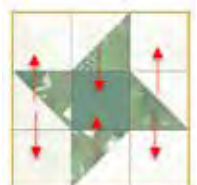3. Sew columns together, pressing seams open. Measures 8″ square. Make [1].

Block K

1. Use [4] Blender Cloud, [1] Blocks Red 3″ squares and [4] Red/Cardinal HSTs.

2. Assemble in columns, pressing as shown.

3. Sew columns together, pressing seams open. Measures 8″ square. Make [1].

Block L

1. Use [4] Blender Cloud, [1] Blender Grass 3″ squares and [4] Cloud Grass HSTs.

2. Assemble in columns, pressing as shown.

3. Sew columns together, pressing seams open. Measures 8″ square. Make [1].

QUILT TOP ASSEMBLY:

1. Lay out blocks per quilt layout. After each step, press per diagram.

Note: Upper "X" cornerstones measure 4-1/2" × 5", but "Y" measure 4-1/2" square.

2. Sew upper left [2] short columns together. Sew to left side of the trimmed Panel. Repeat with right side.

3. Sew next row with blocks C, D and E together. Sew to each row of blocks. Sew to panel section.

4. Quilt center should measure 62" × 75". Don't worry if it doesn't.

5. Accurately measure each border through the middle of the quilt before cutting. Sew strips together to get the length needed. Attach the borders in the following order, measuring before cutting each one.

6. Left side Blender Cloud border 1-1/2" × your length

7. Right side Blender Cloud 1-1/2" × length above.

8. Top and bottom Blender Cloud borders 1-1/2" x your width.

9. Left side Blender Giotto Blue 2-1/2".

10. Right side Blender Orchid 2-1/2"

11. Bottom border Blender Giotto Blue 2-1/2".

12. Top border Blender Grass 2-1/2".

13. Right side Border Blender Cloud 1-1/2".

14. Top border Blender Cloud 1-1/2".

15. Left side border Blocks Denim 4".

16. Right side border Blocks Grass 4".

17. Top border Blocks Hay 4".

18. Bottom border Blocks Eggplant 4".

LABEL:

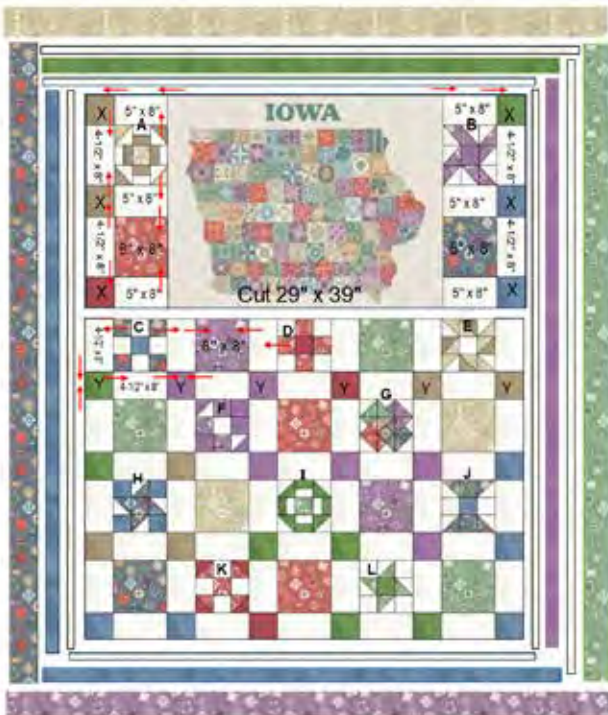**NOTE:** Make label sashings from scraps.

1. Sew [6] QSTs together as shown. Press seams open.

2. Use leftover Split QSTs and [2] HST, [1] 1" × 8" for Cream center sashing, [1] 3" × 8" for Cream lower border, 1-1/2" × 8" for Cream upper border and [2] 1-1/2" × 9-1/2" for Cream side borders. Press towards all sashings.

3. Write on label and turn borders under 1/4".

FINISHING:

1. Layer with batting and backing.

2. Quilt as desired. This quilt lends itself to easily quilt all over with the same color thread i.e., variegated Cream/green/orange combination or try different motifs of free motion quilting.

3. Bind.

4. Label and Enjoy!

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Anne began quilting in 2001 and has since become a prominent figure in her quilting community. As a speaker, award-winning quilter, and pattern designer, she shares her experience and expertise through teaching all things quilty. Anne channels her passion into creating vibrant quilt patterns that are visually stunning yet still accessible to quilters of all levels. Her recent project showcases the clever use of panel and untraditional block use, transforming these fabrics into a stunning keepsake.