**HUGS & KISSES**

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*This very easy quilt pattern is suitable for a brand new beginner!*

Finished top: approx. 52" x 52” (throw size)

You’ll need 16 blue and 30 white 2.5” jelly roll strips. Optional: 5 blue jelly roll strips for binding. (If making a scrappy binding, you will probably be able to get away with the 4 extra strips + scraps from a 20-strip Wild Blue Yonder Roll!)*
DIRECTIONS

1. Choose 16 blue strips and 16 white strips for your blocks.

2. Using 2 blue strips and 2 white strips, sew the 4 strips together lengthwise blue-white-white-blue. Make 4. (Strip set A)

3. Using 2 blue strips and 2 white strips, sew the 4 strips together lengthwise white-blue-blue-white. Make 4. (Strip set B)

4. Press open, trim selvedge edge off of strip set A and cut each set into 2.5" segments. You'll get at least 16 segments from each (for this top, you'll only need 13 segments from each step, so don't worry if you accidentally miscut!) Continue for your other Strip Set A sets and do the same for Strip Set B sets.
5. Create Block 1 (Make 13) Using 2 segments each from Strip Set A and Strip Set B, sew segments together A-B-B-A. Blocks will end up 8.5" square.

6. Create Block 2 (Make 12) Using 2 segments each from Strip Set A and Strip Set B, sew segments together B-A-A-B. (You will end up with extra blocks from both sets for block exchanges or other projects!)

7. Cut your short white connecting pieces. Using 4 white strips, cut each into (5) 8.5" segments.
8. Connect blocks to form rows 1, 3, and 5. Attach a white connector piece to one side of Block 1. Press open and attach to one side of Block 2. Continue until you have pattern 1-2-1-2-1. Make 3 rows.

9. Connect blocks to form rows 2 and 4. Attach a white connector piece to one side of Block 2. Press open and attach to one side of Block 1. Continue until you have pattern 2-1-2-1-2. Make 2 rows.

10. Create your long white sashing and border. Using 10 white strips, sew together short ends to make one very long white strip (approx. 440” long). Press open all seams.
11. Attach long strip to one long side of one Row 1. **(Make sure your seams are facing the right direction or you’ll be seam rippin’!)** Trim, press open, and continue along the other long side of Row 1. Trim, press open, and attach Row 2. Continue in this fashion separating rows with your long white strip until your rows are all connected and bottom border piece is attached.

12. Using the last of your very long white strip, attach side borders.

13. Trim, press open, and you’re finished! Bind in a coordinating blue or make a lovely scrappy binding from blue stash scraps and extra strips!