Step 3

Cutting for Step 3:

Strips are cut across the width of the fabrics, making them approximately 42" long with selvages on each of the short ends.

Light

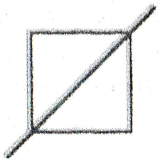
Cut two strips 10 1/2" wide.
Cut these strips into thirty-one 2 1/2" x 10 1/2" rectangles.

Cut one strip 3 1/2" wide.
Cut this strip into twelve 3 1/2" squares.

Medium

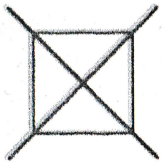
Cut two strips 2 1/2" wide.
Cut these strips into twenty 2 1/2" squares.

Cut three strips 3 7/8" wide.
Cut these strips into twenty-four 3 7/8" squares.
Cut each of these squares once, diagonally, to make two half-square triangles from each.
Yield: 48 triangles



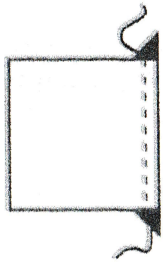
Dark

Cut two strips 4 1/4" wide.
Cut these strips into twelve 4 1/4" squares.
Cut each of these squares twice, diagonally, to make four quarter-square triangles from each.
Yield: 48 triangles



Piecing for Step 3:

Sew a quarter-square triangle of dark fabric to each 3 1/2" square of light. Press the seam allowances toward the dark triangle.



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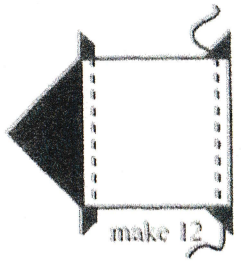
Sew another quarter-square triangle to the opposite side of each square.

Press the seam allowances toward the triangles. Trim the dog ears.



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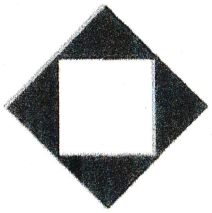
Add quarter-square triangles to the remaining two sides of the light squares. Press the seam allowances toward the triangles. Trim the dog ears.

5½" square



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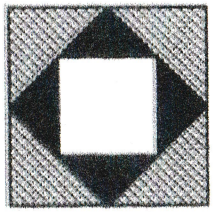
Repeat the above steps to add the half-square triangles, making twelve square-within-a-square blocks. As before, press the seam allowances toward the triangles you are adding and trim the dog ears.

6½" square



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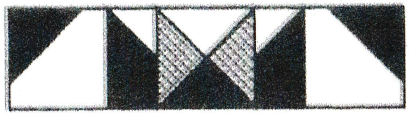
Sew a unit from Step 1 to each end of twenty-four sections from Step 2. Press the seam allowances away from the center section.



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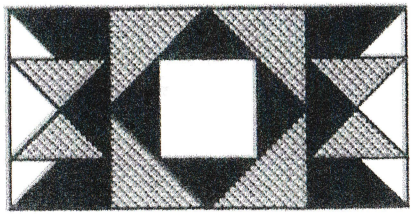
Sew the remaining sections to opposite sides of the twelve square-within-a-square blocks. Press the seam allowances toward the center section.



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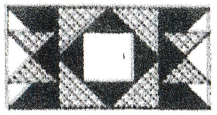
Use the and  sections to make twelve blocks. Press the seam allowances away from the middle row.

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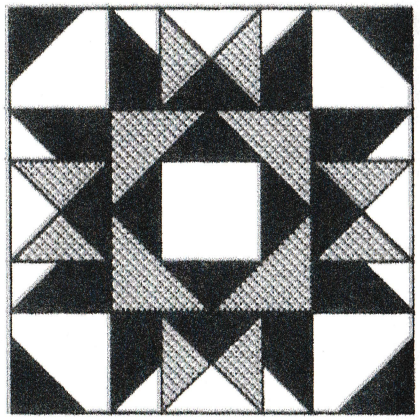
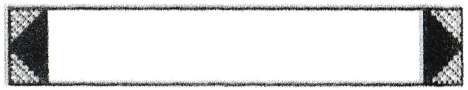


Sew a "flying geese" unit from Step 1 to each end of the thirty-one 2 1/2" x 10 1/2" rectangles. Press the seam allowances toward the rectangles. These are the sashes for the quilt.



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Using the 2 1/2" squares of medium fabric as cornerstones, arrange them, the twelve blocks, and thirty-one sashes to set your quilt three blocks wide and four blocks long.

Use the remaining sections from Step 1 to complete the outer edges. Refer to the layout diagram.

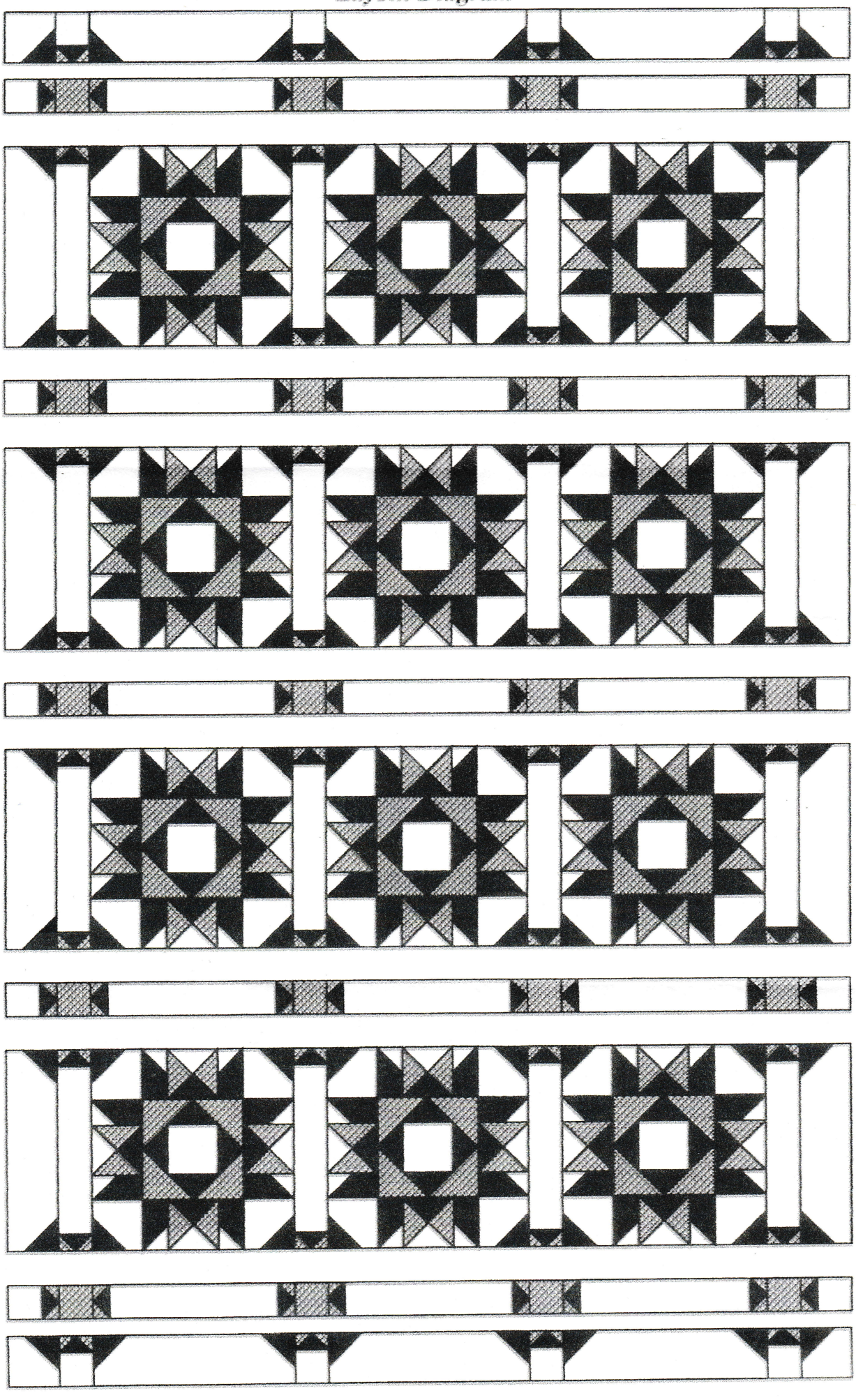
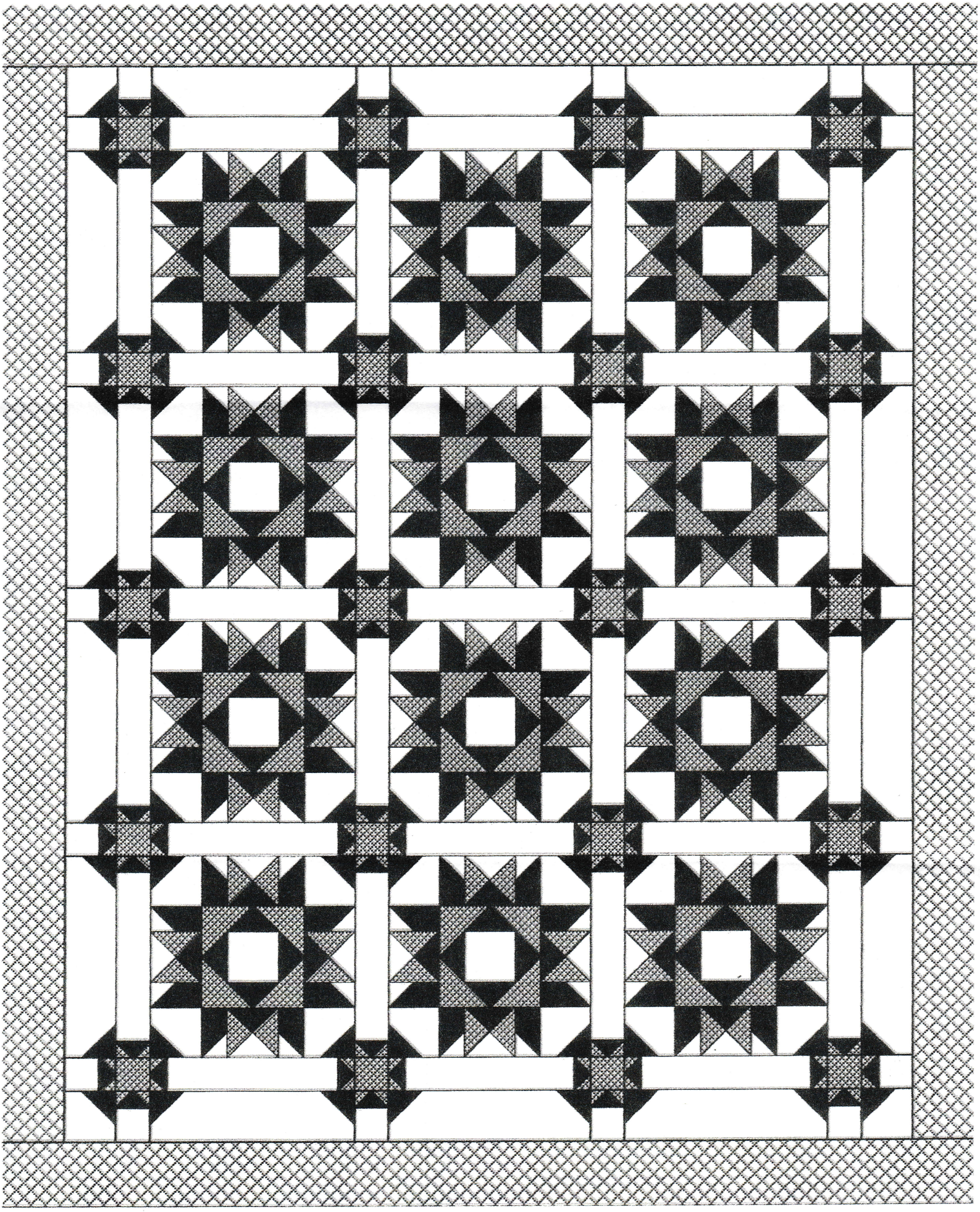
Sew the quilt into horizontal rows. Sew with the block on top and the sashes next to the feed dogs.

Press seam allowances of the top and bottom rows toward the units. Press the seam allowances of the remaining rows toward the sashes.

Sew the rows together, placing the sashing rows next to the feed dogs and the block rows on top. Press the seam allowances toward the sashing rows.

Add borders, if desired. I chose a darker value of green fabric for a 2" wide (cut 2 1/2") inner border. You will need eight 2 1/2" strips, two per side. Purchase 3/4 yard of fabric for this border.

For the wider border I cut four 7" wide lengthwise panels from my focus fabric. Attach the borders to the sides of the quilt, first. Then add the top and bottom borders.

Quilt, bind, & enjoy! I hope you have enjoyed your mystery quilt adventure and will join me for another in the near future. Send pictures! I would really like to see your quilts.

Layout Diagram