

Web Bonus: Melon Blossom Antique Quilt

SKILL LEVEL **CONFIDENT BEGINNER**

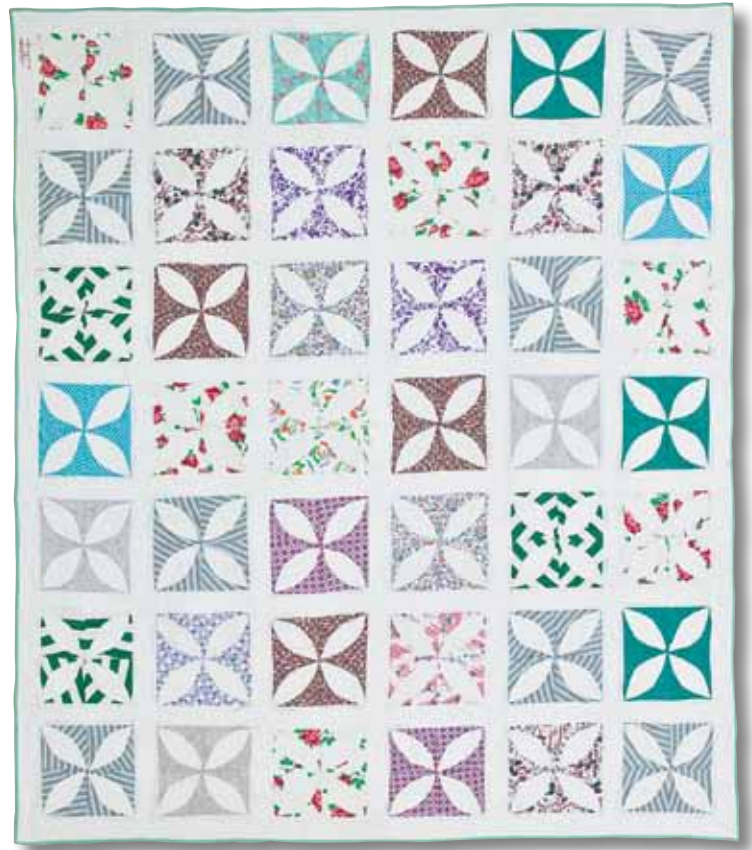
Finished Quilt Size
69" x 79½"

Note: Appliqué template, printed without seam allowance, is at end of pattern.

Number of Blocks and Finished Size
42 Melon Patch Blocks 9" x 9"



This thoroughly modern quilt by Tammy Silvers and Julia LaBauve of Outside the Line Designs was inspired by the antique quilt patterned here. It appears in the March/April 2012 issue of *McCall's Quilting*.



Fabric Requirements

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| Assorted prints (block backgrounds) | 3¼-4 yds. total |
| White solid (melons, sashing, border) | 5¼ yds. |
| Green print (binding) | 7/8 yd. |
| Paper-backed fusible web (optional) | 8 yds. |
| Backing (piece lengthwise) | 5 yds. |
| Batting size | 78" x 88" |

Planning

Although the blocks in this antique quilt were made by piecing curved melon shapes and print patches together, our easy adaptation calls for shapes to be appliquéd to background squares, then sewn together to make blocks. When appliquing melon shapes to print squares, be sure to keep shapes inside the ¼" seam allowances.

Cutting Instructions

(cut first, and in order listed)

Note: Cutting instructions for appliqué shapes are on template at end of pattern.

Assorted prints—cut **42 sets of:**

4 matching squares 5" x 5"

White solid

*4 strips 4" x 76", pieced from 8 width of fabric (WOF) strips

*6 strips 2" x 66", pieced from 12 WOF strips

35 strips 2" x 9½"

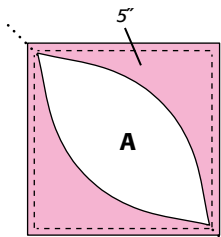
Green print

9 strips 2½" x WOF (binding)

*Strips include extra length for trimming.

Making the Blocks

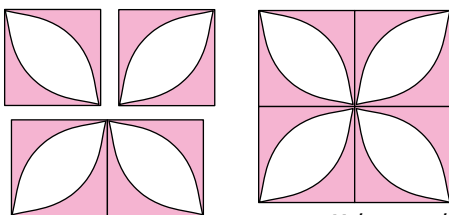
- 1 Finger-press assorted print 5" square in half diagonally; use fold as placement guide. Referring to **Diagram I**, position A. Appliqué in place. Repeat to appliqué 42 sets of 4 matching squares.



Make 42 sets of 4 matching

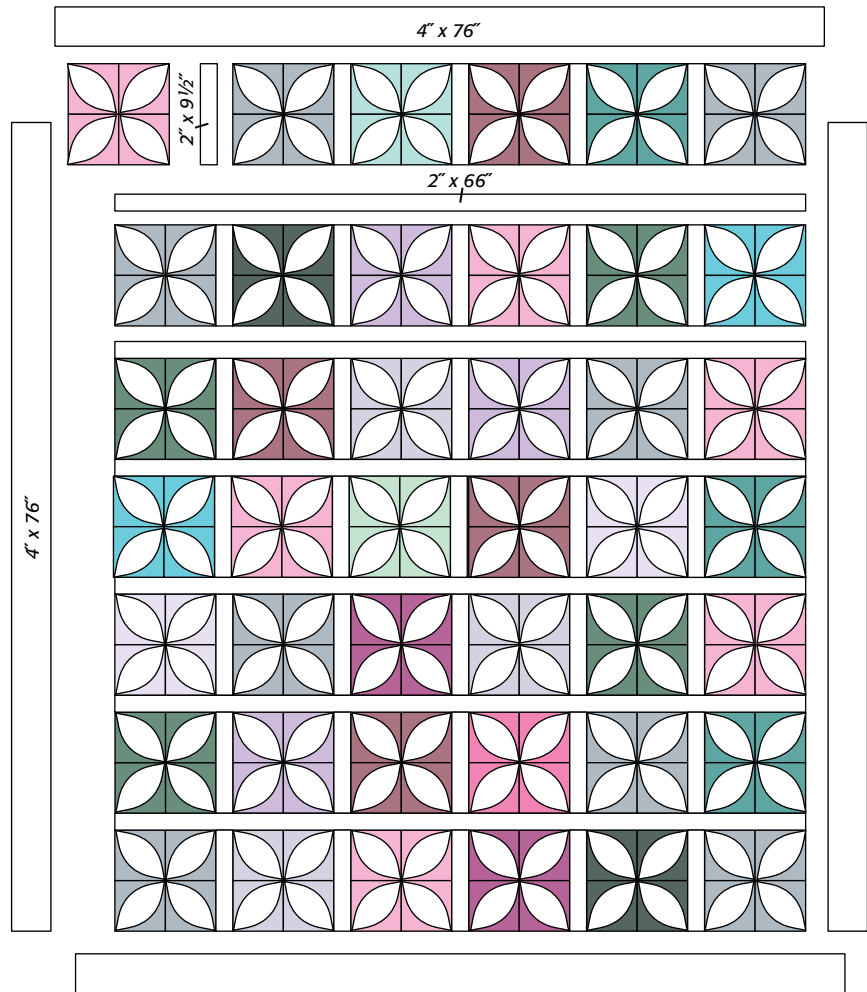
Diagram I

- 2 Sew together 4 matching appliqué squares to make Melon Block (**Diagram II**). Make 42 total.



Make 42 total

Diagram II



Assembly Diagram

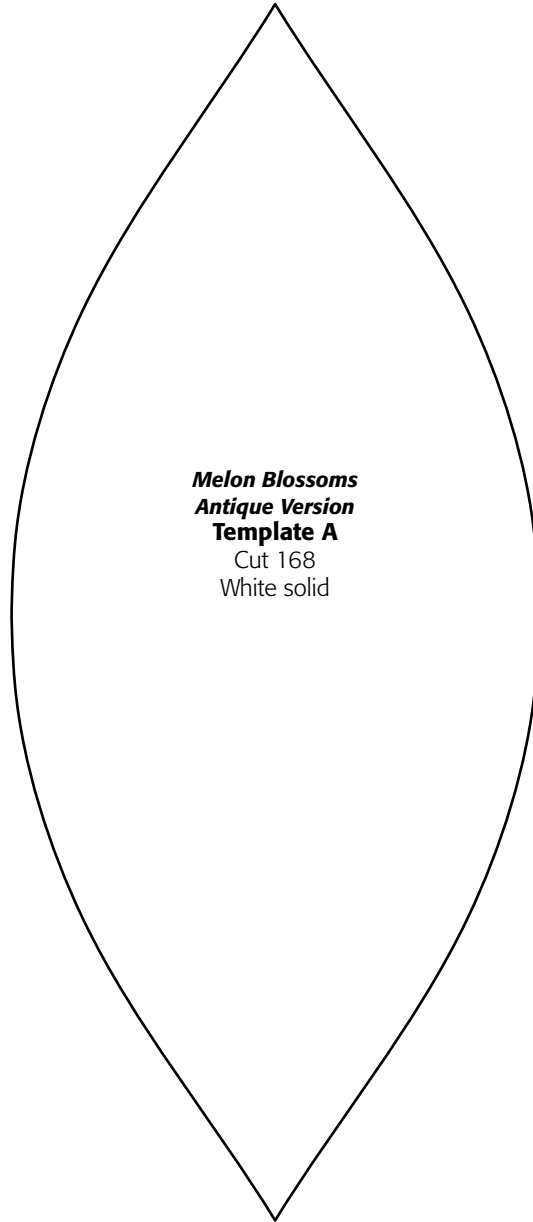
Assembling the Quilt Top

Note: Refer to **Assembly Diagram** for the following steps.

- 3 Sew 7 rows using 6 blocks and 5 white 9½" strips each. Sew rows together with 6 white 66" strips, alternating and trimming strips even with rows after each addition.
- 4 Sew white 76" strips to sides; trim even with top and bottom. Sew remaining white strips to top/bottom; trim even with sides.

Quilting and Finishing

- 5 Layer, baste, and quilt. Bind with green print.



Melon Blossoms
Antique Version
Template A
Cut 168
White solid