

Puzzle BOX



FREE
pattern

FINISHED SIZE: 64" X 80"

a strip-friendly pattern by



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WHY FREE?

I wanted to create this free pattern as a way to give back to the quilting community. Shop owners are welcome to use this pattern for kits, and quilt makers are welcome to make a quilt for any purpose they wish. All I ask in return is design credit and attribution to Christa Quilts. Use #puzzleboxquilt on social media. Visit Shop.ChristaQuilts.com for more fun patterns!

THE DESIGN

Puzzle Box is made from one simple block repeated over and over. The scrappy look is achieved by making two blocks from each precut strip for a total of 80 blocks.

Fabric shown on the cover and at left is Good Vibes by Christa Watson for Bernatex/Contempo.



8" Finished Puzzle Box Block

SUB-CUTTING THE 2½" PRECUT STRIPS

From each of 40 precut colorful strips, cut:

8 rectangles, 2½" x 4½", for a total of 320 units for blocks.

From each of 40 precut low volume strips, cut:

8 rectangles, 2½" x 4½", for a total of 320 units for backgrounds.



FABRIC TIP:

Use the wrong side of your low volume fabrics to create more contrast with the colorful prints!



BLOCK ASSEMBLY

Note: press all seams toward the darker fabric, or lower your stitch length before sewing and press seams open to reduce bulk.

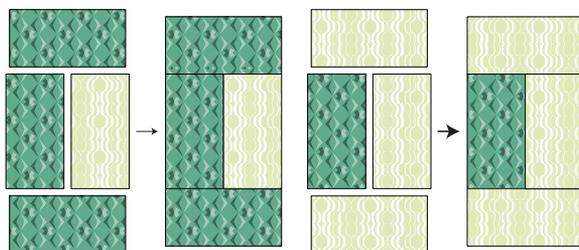
Step 1

Select four same-print rectangles for blocks and four of the same low volume rectangles for backgrounds.

Step 2

Join three print rectangles and one neutral rectangle to create unit A.

Join three neutral rectangles and one print rectangle to create unit B.

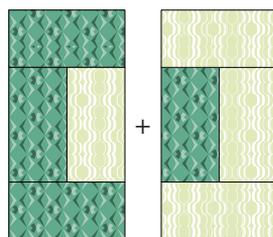


Unit A. Make 80.

Unit B. Make 80.

Step 3

Join unit A and B together to create a block. Repeat for a total of 80 blocks.



Puzzle Box Block.

Make 80.

QUILT TOP ASSEMBLY

Step 1

Lay out all 80 blocks into a pleasing arrangement on a design wall or other large surface, alternating the direction of the blocks to create the scrappy puzzle look. Refer to the Quilt Top Assembly diagram on page 3.

Step 2

Join blocks together into ten rows of eight blocks each. Press seams open to reduce bulk, or to one side, alternating rows.

Step 3

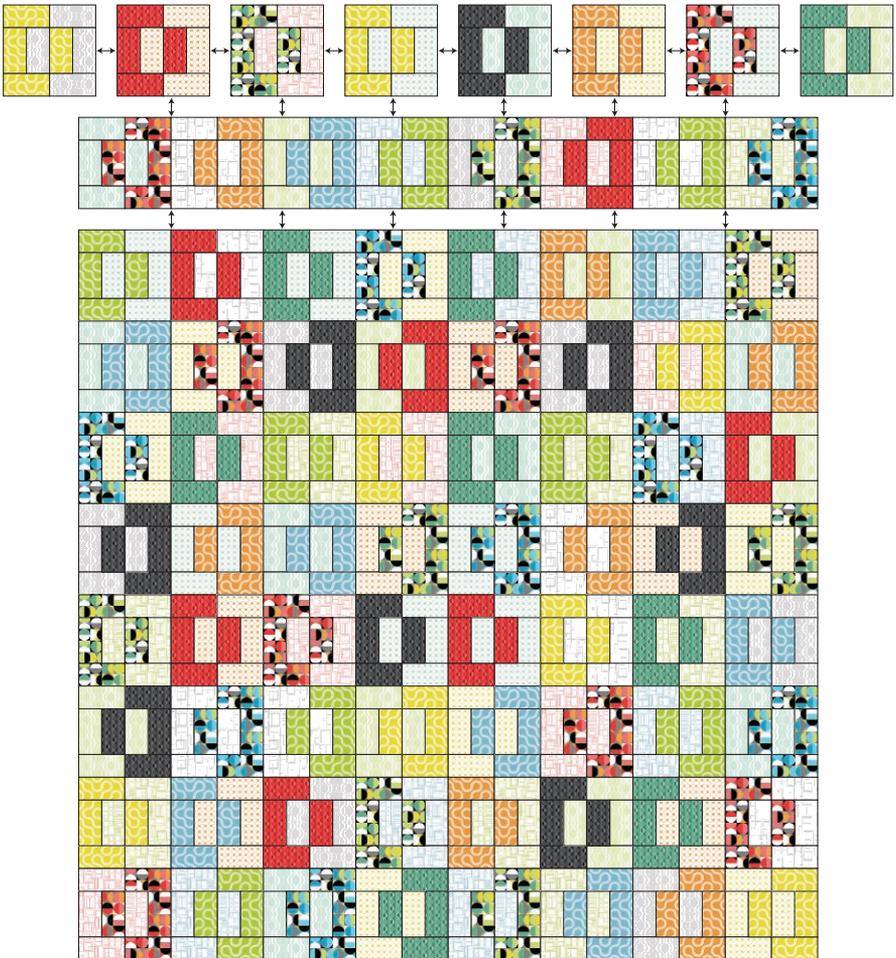
Join rows together to complete the quilt top. Press seams open or to the side.

Step 4

Stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from the edge of the quilt (around the perimeter) to secure the quilt top for basting and quilting.

FINISHING THE QUILT

Use your favorite method to prepare the backing and baste the layers together. Visit ChristaQuilts.com for tutorials on piecing a quilt backing, plus basting, binding and machine quilting tips.



QUILT TOP ASSEMBLY

Sew blocks into ten rows of eight blocks each.

MACHINE QUILTING SUGGESTION

Follow the quilting plan below to quilt wavy lines approximately 2" apart across the quilt. Use the seamlines as a guideline for spacing.



If desired, randomly add additional wavy lines and overlap some of the lines to add texture to the quilt.



Machine Quilting Detail

BIND AS DESIRED

Cut 8 strips, 2¼" x 42" from binding fabric. Join strips together to create a continuous length of fabric. Press the binding wrong sides together and sew by machine to the front side of your quilt, mitering the corners as you go. Attach it to the back of the quilt by hand or machine.

Questions? Please contact me any time at Christa@ChristaQuilts.com.
I'd love to see your finished quilts!

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Choose solids or prints, go scrappy or coordinated to whip up an easy quilt made from precut strips! Use two strip rolls as shown or cut your own from yardage, leftovers or scraps!



MATERIALS LIST

Finished Quilt 64" x 80"

Blocks (40) 2½" x 42"
colorful strips
(or 1 strip roll)

Background (40) 2½" x 42"
low volume strips
(or 1 strip roll)

Binding ⅝ yard
coordinate

Backing 5 yards
coordinate

1 strip roll = (40) 2½" x 42" precut strips, also known as "strip-pie", "jelly-roll", or various other names. "Low volume" means light or neutral.

Cover quilt shown was made from 2 strip-pies of Good Vibes by Christa Watson for Benartex. Each roll has the same number of lights and darks.

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Thread provided by Aurifil.

Batting provided
by Hobbs.

Fabric is from Benartex.