

## Block of the Month 9: Bow Tie blocks

Fabric needed: white and 2 colors for bow ties.

From white: Cut sixteen  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

From each color: Cut sixteen  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square and sixteen  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Make center of bow ties

Sew a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " colored square to the lower right corner of a background square.

Sew a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " colored square to the upper left corner of a background square.

To reduce bulk, iron the center seam open.

Make bow ties

Align squares as shown. Sew eight bow tie blocks together.

Strip should measure  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $32\frac{1}{2}$ "



Sew a white or background strip  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to each end of the bow tie strip and trim to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $41\frac{1}{2}$ "

Add a background  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "x  $41\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to the top and bottom of the bow tie strip.

Square ladder strip

Sew 2 colors (or more if desired) of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF together.

Cut strip into sixteen  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces and sew alternating colors together.

The strip should measure  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $32\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Sew a background strip  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to each end of the bow tie strip and trim to  $41\frac{1}{2}$ "

Add a background  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "x  $41\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to the top and bottom of the strip.



In my quilt, I did both and sowed one at the top and one at the bottom of the quilt.