Block of the Month 9: Bow Tie blocks

Fabric needed: white and 2 colors for bow ties.

From white: Cut sixteen 2 ½" squares.

From each color: Cut sixteen 2 ½" square and sixteen 1 ½" x 1 ½" squares.

Make center of bow ties

Sew a 1 ½" colored square to the lower right corner of a background square.

Sew a 1 ½" 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 ½" x 32 ½"









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.

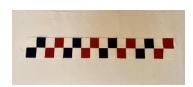
Square ladder strip

Sew 2 colors (or more if desired) of 2 1/2" x WOF together.

Cut strip into sixteen 2 ½" pieces and sew alternating colors together.

The strip should measure 4 ½" x 32 ½".

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.