

The Gretchen Quilt© by Debby Kratovil



Block Size: 9" x 9" Quilt Size: 58" x 58"



Block Size: 9" 4 Blocks: 18" x 18"

It's hard to believe that this traditional block, Gretchen, can be sewn without a single template. Everything is cut from two sizes of squares. The magic is in the quick rotary cutting trick. A bright collection of florals and deep hued blenders was my selection for this quilt. The good contrast between the fabrics really shows off the lines of the block. Add good quality thread, a rotary mat, ruler and scissors. Practice sewing a true 1/4" seam and you're ready to begin.



Scrappy 16 Block Version: 45" x 45"

Fabric supplies listed inside.

Make a 2 color quilt, a controlled palette (like the one above left) or totally scrappy (as seen here).

Just 2 sizes of squares and a simple trick with your rotary cutter and ruler create an easy, updated version of this vintage block called Gretchen!

The Gretchen Quilt© by Debby Kratovil with ****simplified cutting of squares****

****I've bumped up the sizes of squares in order to simplify preparation. Blocks will finish to 9-1/8", but it doesn't really matter since they are joined to each other in the quilt.

Materials for the 16 Block Scrappy Version (using the Kaffe Fassett Fabrics):

Quilt Size: Slightly larger than 45" x 45"

- Yardages are based on 42" -wide fabrics. WOF refers to width of fabric.
- One 7" square and one 4" square **EACH** of 16 prints (you can have repeats)
- One 7" square and one 4" square **EACH** of 16 solids (you can have repeats)
- 1/4 yard print for inner border
- Borders: Consider a width no more than 6" cut, which will then change the final finished size of your quilt: 3/4 yard border print. If you do not want to piece your borders, you will need 1-1/3 yards (for a length without a seam).
- 1/2 yard for binding
- 2 yards backing fabric

Materials for the 25 Block Scrappy Version (with blue floral border)

Quilt Size: 58" x 58"

- 1/2 yard EACH of at least four prints, though you may select more for variety
- 1/2 yard EACH of at least four solid reading fabrics (my quilt uses 6 colors)
- 1/4 yard for inner border
- 1-3/4 yard for outer border and binding

Cutting

From **EACH** of the four prints, cut:

-- 1 strip, 7" x wof; crosscut into SIX squares 7" x 7"

-- ONE 4" x wof; crosscut into SIX squares 4" x 4"

From **EACH** of the four "solids", cut:

-- 1 strip, 7" x wof; crosscut into SIX squares 7" x 7"

-- ONE 4" x wof; crosscut into SIX squares 4" x 4"

BRING ALL EXTRA FABRICS AFTER CUTTING THE 7" AND 4" SQUARES. WE WILL NEED ONE MORE SQUARE OF EACH SIZE TO GET OUR NEEDED 25 BLOCKS.

This 25-block quilt requires a total of 50 large and 50 small squares. Select your squares in **PAIRS**. **Each block uses two large and two small squares with good contrast.**

2 Large, 2 Small squares = 1 block



2 Large, 2 Small squares = 1 block



4 Blocks

