The First Robin Of Spring

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Lap Quilt
Block size: 12” finished
Finished Quilt Size: 52” x 52”

Materials and Yardage:
Yardage requirements based on 40” wide fabric.

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<td>Dark Brown</td>
<td>½ yard</td>
<td>5 strips 2½” x WOF</td>
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<td>Dark Red</td>
<td>½ yard</td>
<td>5 strips 2½” x WOF</td>
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<td>Steel Grey</td>
<td>¾ yard</td>
<td>9 A, 16 B, 5 strips 2½” x WOF</td>
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<td>Cream</td>
<td>1½ yards</td>
<td>72 B, 13 strips 2½” x WOF</td>
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<td>Brown Border Print</td>
<td>1 yard</td>
<td>16 B, 5 strips 4½” x WOF</td>
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<td>Backing</td>
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<td>Throw (60” x 60”)</td>
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<td>Binding</td>
<td>½ yard</td>
<td>6 strips 2½” x WOF</td>
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Rotary Cutting Guide:

All seams should be sewn with a **scant 1/4” seam allowance**, and all seams should be pressed to one side. Press after every seam you sew to ensure your blocks are accurate.

Measurements include a 1/4” seam allowance.

Note that this guide is only to provide a visual of what the pieces will look like once they are cut, they are not to be used as templates.
Assembly:

1) Sew together 5 Cream and 5 Steel Grey 2½” x WOF strips to make 5 strip sets. Press towards the Steel Grey strip. Subcut these strip sets into 72 2½” units.

2) Pair up two of these units and sew together to make a 4-Patch Unit. Continue until you have sewn 36 4-Patch Units.

3) Sew together 5 Red and 5 Brown 2½” x WOF strips to make 5 strip sets. Press towards the Brown strip. Subcut these strips into 36 4½” Red/Brown units.

4) Draw a diagonal across the wrong side of each of 72 Cream “B” squares. Orient 18 of your Red/Brown units with the Brown on the left, as pictured. Place one of the Cream “B” squares on top of the Brown side, and sew along the drawn line. Trim off excess, leaving a ¼” seam allowance. Press the cream fabric back. Repeat for these 18 Red/Brown units.

Repeat the procedure for the remaining 18 Red/Brown units, only with the Red on the left, as shown below.

5) Repeat for the other sides of all Red/Brown units and your remaining 36 Cream “B” squares.
6) Using your 4-Patches, Red/Brown units, and Steel Grey “A” squares, assemble your blocks. Watch the direction of your 4-Patch units, they need to be oriented correctly to preserve the design. And watch the color placement of your Red/Brown Units, you need to have Brown facing Brown, and Red facing Red.

7) From your Cream 2½” x WOF strips, cut 24 sashing strips 12½” long. Sew together 4 of the 2½” x 2½” Steel Grey squares you cut in with 3 of the Cream strips you just cut to make a sashing strip as shown. Make a total of 4 of these sashing strips.

8) Sew together 4 of the 2½” x 12½” Cream strips you just cut in 3 of your finished blocks to make a strip as shown. Make a total of 3 of these strips.

9) Starting with a Medium/Light strip, alternate between strips to create the center of your quilt top as shown.
10) From your 4½” x WOF Border Fabric strips, create 4 border units measuring 44½” long. From your 16 Border Fabric “B” squares and your 16 Steel Grey “B” squares, create 4 4-Patch units. Sew one of these units to each end of two of the border units. Be careful of the orientation of the 4-patch units, make sure they match the examples below.

![Diagram of 4-patch units](image)

11) Sew two borders pieces to your quilt, one on each side of your quilt top as shown.

![Quilt with borders](image)

12) Sew the two border units with attached 4-Patch units to the top and bottom of the quilt.

![Quilt with borders and 4-patch units](image)

13) Piece the backing as necessary. Layer backing, batting and quilt top; baste; quilt as desired. Bind to finish.

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