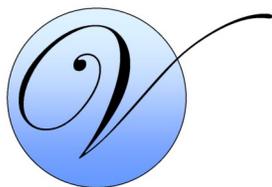
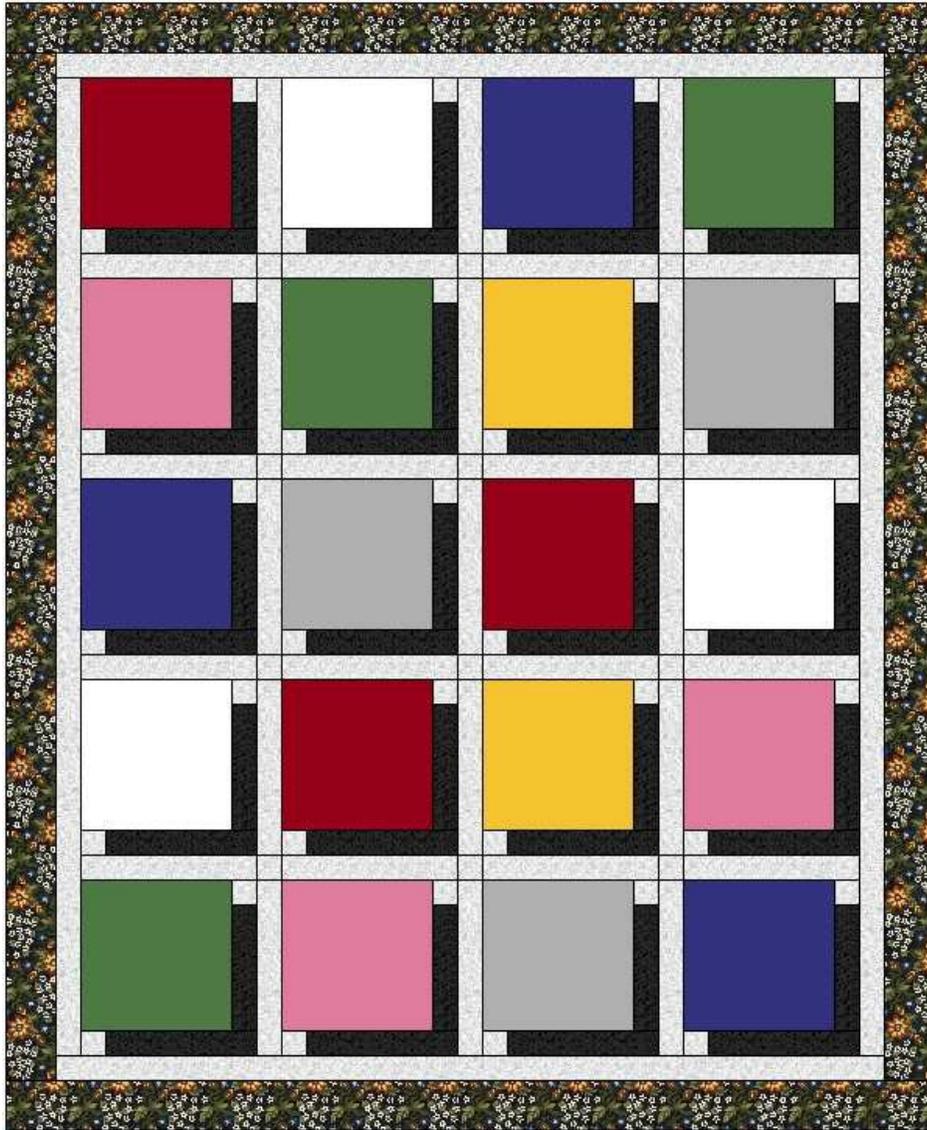


# Tutorial

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## Drop Shadow Effect



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This tutorial will show you an easy way to make a drop shadow effect for your quilt. This is a great way to make a T-shirt quilt pop or to showcase some of your favorite large scale prints.

Happy reading, and happy quilting!

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### **Fabrics:**

To make this effect, you will need four fabrics:

1. Your FOCUS fabric, whether it is a cotton print, a prepared T-shirt, or something else.
  2. Your SHADOW fabric, which is usually black but can be any dark color you like.
  3. Your BACKGROUND fabric, which is the color of the field on which your FOCUS blocks will appear to float.
  4. Your OUTER BORDER fabric, which will frame your entire quilt.
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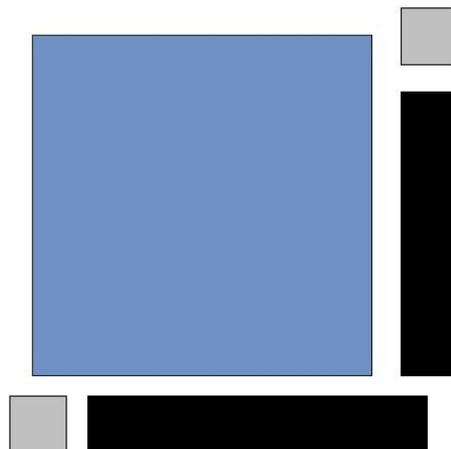
### **Making The Drop Shadow Effect**

#### **Step 1:**

At this point, I will assume you have your FOCUS pieces prepared. In this example, the T-shirts have been cut to 12½” x 12½”, for a finished size of 12” x 12”.

Each Drop Shadow block will need the following:

- \* 2 squares of BACKGROUND cut 2½” x 2½”
- \* 1 strip of SHADOW cut 2½” x 10½”
- \* 1 strip of SHADOW cut 2½ x 12½



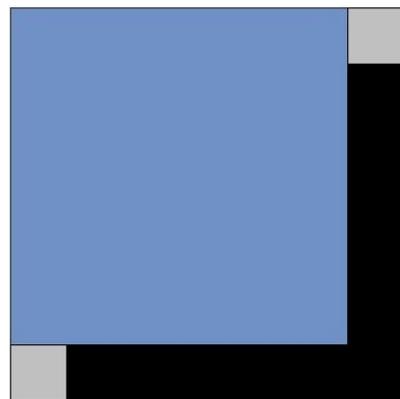
#### **Step 2:**

Sew one BACKGROUND square to the end of each of the SHADOW rectangles. Press towards the SHADOW fabric.

Next, sew the side unit (using the shorter SHADOW piece) to the side of your FOCUS piece, and press towards the side unit.

Finally, sew the bottom unit (using the longer SHADOW piece) to the bottom of your FOCUS piece, and press towards the bottom unit.

Voila! You have finished one block! Repeat for all remaining blocks in your project.



## **Assembling the Quilt Top**

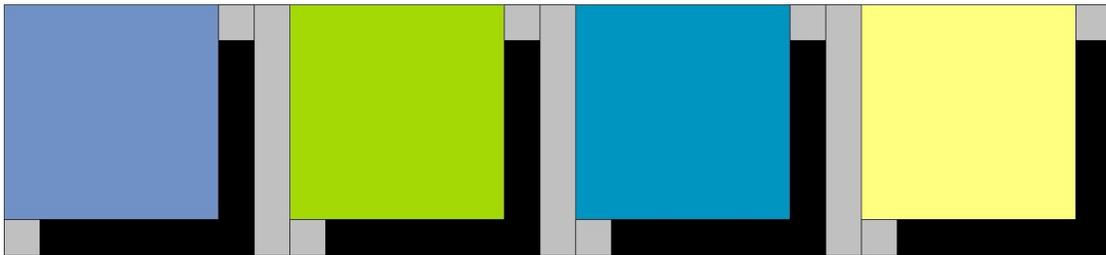
Now, you have to assemble your project. With the sample piece on the front of this tutorial, I set 20 blocks 4 x 5 with a 2" finished sashing between the rows. To make this quilt with these dimensions, you will need:

- \* 15 strips of BACKGROUND fabric cut 2½" x 14½"
- \* 4 strips of BACKGROUND fabric measuring 2½" x 62½" (pieced from six 2½" strips)

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### **Step 5:**

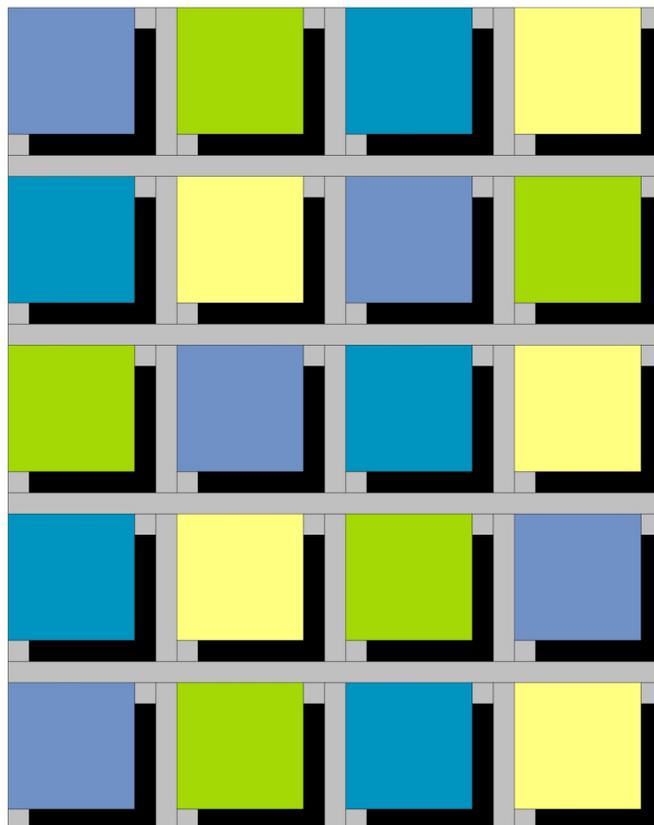
For each of your five rows, you will sew them together using four of your blocks, with one of your 2½" x 14½" BACKGROUND strips between each block, as shown.



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### **Step 6:**

Sew together your five rows, with one of your 2½" x 62½" BACKGROUND strips between each row, as shown.



## **Final Assembly:**

To finish assembling your quilt, you will need to sew on two borders:

- \* Inner border made from 2½” strips of your BACKGROUND fabric
- \* Outer border made from 4½” strips of your OUTER BORDER fabric.

Your inner border will need the following units:

- \* For side borders (make and attach first):
  - 2 strips of BACKGROUND fabric measuring 2½” x 78½”
- \* For top/bottom borders (make and attach next):
  - 2 strips of BACKGROUND fabric measuring 2½” x 66½”

Your outer border will need the following units:

- \* For side borders (make and attach first):
  - 2 strips of OUTER BORDER fabric measuring 4½” x 82½”
- \* For top/bottom borders (make and attach next):
  - 2 strips of OUTER BORDER fabric measuring 4½” x 74½”

