

Modern Curiosity by Sue Schlabach Quilt designed by Karen Bialik



Finished quilt: 87<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 104"

## **Fabric Requirements**

 $2\frac{1}{3}$  yards (20 full picture squares) Sue-C4453 Black

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> yards Sue-C4454 Natural

1/3 yard Sue-C4568 Black

2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yards Studio-C3096 Cream

5/8 yard Studio-C3096 Pine

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> yards Studio-C3096 Spruce (includes binding)

3 yards Sue-C4455 Natural

8 yards backing fabric of your choice

96" x 112" batting

# Cutting

# From Sue-C4453 Black:

• Fussy-cut twenty 11" squares, centering the design motif in each.

# From Sue-C4454 Natural:

• Cut ten 4" x width-of-fabric (WOF) strips. Sub-cut forty 4" x 10" strips.

## From Sue-C4568 Black:

• Cut two 4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut twenty 4" squares.

#### From Studio-C3096 Cream:

• Cut thirty-eight  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Sub-cut forty  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $16\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, forty  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" strips and eighty  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4" strips. • Cut eight 1" x WOF strips. Sub-cut fifteen 1" x 16<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" sashing strips.

• Cut ten 1" x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Sub-cut six 1" x 66" sashing strips.

• Cut five 1" x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Sub-cut two 1" x 83<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" side border strips.

## From Studio-C3096 Pine:

• Cut ten 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Sub-cut two 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 106" inner side borders and two 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 89<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" inner top/bottom borders. From Studio-C3096 Spruce:

• Cut ten 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Sub-cut two 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 106" middle side borders and two 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 89<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" middle top/bottom borders.

• Cut ten  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF binding strips.

# From Sue-C4455 Natural:

# Refer to the quilt photo for stripe positioning.

• Fussy-cut two 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"x 106" length-of-fabric (LOF) outer side borders.

Fussy-cut two 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"x 89<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" LOF

outer top/bottom borders.

#### **Block Construction**

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 1. Sew a 1½" x 4" C3096 Cream strip

to one short side of a 4" x 10" C4454 Natural strip. Sew a 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 11" C3096 Cream strip to the top and

and another to the bottom of each unit. (figure 1) Repeat to make a total of twenty units.

2. Sew a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4" C3096 Cream strip to each short end of the remaining twenty 4" x 10" C4454 Natural strips.

3. Sew a 4" C4568 Black square to one end of the step 2 units. Sew a 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"x 4" C3096 Cream strip to the 4" end of the C4568 Black square.

4. Sew a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $16\frac{1}{2}$ " C3096 Cream strip to both long sides of the step 3 units. Make a total of twenty units. (figure 2)

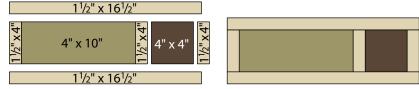
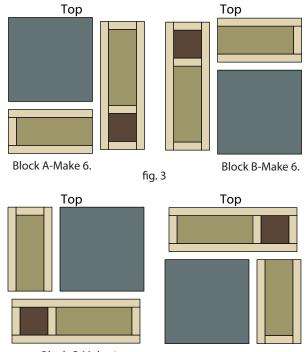


fig. 2-Make 20.

5. Using the 11" C4453 Black squares and noting the print orientation, sew together the requisite number of each block as shown. (figure 3) Make a total of six of Block A, six of Block B, four of Block C and four of Block D. Each block should measure  $16\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



Block C-Make 4.

Block D-Make 4.

fig. 1-Make 20.

1<sup>1</sup>/2" x 11"

4" x 10"

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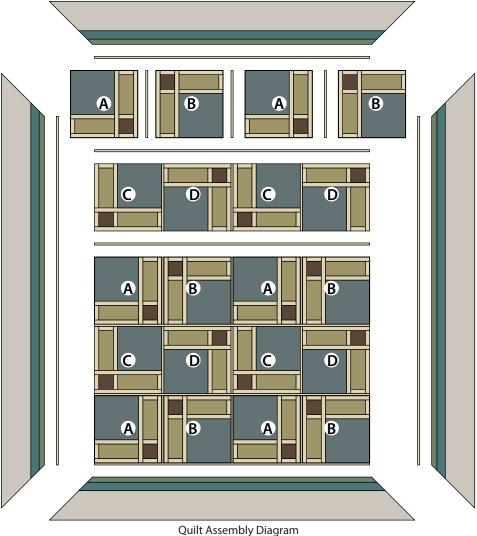
## **Quilt Top Assembly**

6. Following the Quilt Assembly Diagram for block placement and orientation, lay out the blocks in five rows of four blocks each. For rows 1, 3 and 5, alternate Blocks A and B with 1" x  $16\frac{1}{2}$ " C3096 Cream sashing strips. For rows 2 and 4, alternate Blocks C and D with sashing strips between. Sew the blocks and sashing strips in each row together.

10. Repeat step 9, sewing the 89<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" C3096 Pine, C3096 Spruce and C4455 Natural strips together for the top/bottom borders. Make two.

11. Mark the center of each border strip along the C3096 Pine side and mark the center of each edge of the quilt top. Matching centers, pin the borders to the quilt top. Stitch each border in

> place starting and stopping exactly 1/4" from the quilt top corners. Do not trim the extra border length.



7. Sew a 1" x 66" C3096 Cream sashing strip between adjacent rows. Sew a 1" x 66" C3096 Cream sashing strip to the top and another to the bottom of the quilt center.

8. Sew a 1" x  $83\frac{1}{2}$ " C3096 Cream strip to each side of the quilt center.

9. To make the outer border, sew the 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 106" C3096 Pine inner-border strip, the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 106" C3096 Spruce middleborder strip and the  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x 106" C4455 Natural outer-border

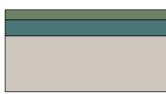


fig. 4 strip together as shown. Make two side borders. (figure 4)

12. To miter the borders, fold one corner of the quilt on a 45° angle so that the border strips are directly on top of one another and the seams nest together. Place your rotary ruler on the fold of the quilt so that the long edge is against the fold and the 45° line is on the side seam. Draw a line from the corner of the quilt top to the outside edge of the border. Pin the borders together. Position your needle on the inside corner where the border meets the quilt. Stitch directly on the line you have drawn to the outside edge of the border. (figure 5)

Trim the excess fabric leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Press. Repeat the process for the remaining three corners of the quilt.

#### Finishing

13. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired. 14. Stitch the binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Fold and press the resulting long strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Stitch to the quilt front, matching raw edges and mitering the corners.

15. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.

