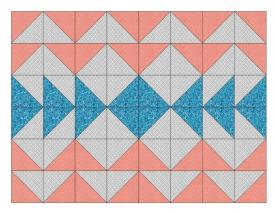
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### Bandana Lap (or Picnic) Quilt



Inspired by a Southwest sunset, this quilt uses three different colors of bandanas to achieve the geometrical look.

### Pattern Information - Read all instructions carefully before beginning

- Finished size is approximately 54" x 72"
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch seam allowance used

#### Fabric Needed

- Six 22" square white 100% cotton bandanas\*
- Two 22" square turquoise 100% cotton bandanas\*
- Four 22" square pink 100% cotton bandanas\*
- 4 yards backing fabric
- Batting and binding (I used bandanas for my binding\*)

\*Thank you to burlapfabric.com for providing me with the bandanas for this project. Each color was in a pack of 6 bandanas and they were more than adequate for the quilt top and binding.

#### **Preparing the Bandanas**

Before cutting the bandanas, they need to be washed and dried.

- 1. Wash and dry the bandanas as per the manufacturers instructions. You may want to add a color catcher in case they bleed.
- 2. Press the bandanas.
- 3. Carefully trim away the raised (serged) edges, making sure to leave as much of the bandana as possible.

Note: Depending on the weight/weave of your bandanas you may want to add fusible stabilizer to the backs of them.

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Cutting – Once the edges are trimmed, you should be able to get 4 squares from each bandana.

- White Bandanas: 24 squares cut 10 1/8 inches by 10 1/8 inches
- Turquoise Bandanas: 8 squares cut 10 1/8 inches by 10 1/8 inches
- Pink Bandanas: 16 squares cut 10 1/8 inches by 10 1/8 inches

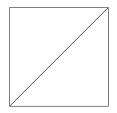
### **Block Assembly**

This quilt is made up of 48 half square triangles: 32 pink/white ones and 16 turquoise/white ones.

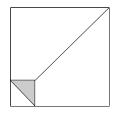
Pair up the 10 1/8 inch squares as follows:

- 16 white with 16 pink
- 8 white with 8 blue

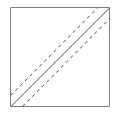
Next, make the half square triangles.



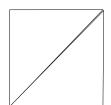
On each of the pairs of squares, draw a diagonal line on the back (wrong) side of the lighter fabric. This will be your sewing guide.



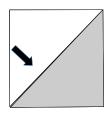
Line up each pair of squares with front (right) sides facing each other.



Using a  $\ensuremath{^{\prime\prime}}\xspace$  inch seam allowance, sew along both sides of the drawn diagonal line.



Cut down the center, along the drawn line. You will end up with two blocks that need to be pressed open.



Trim them down to 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches square. Repeat with the other pairs. You will end up with 48 half square triangles.

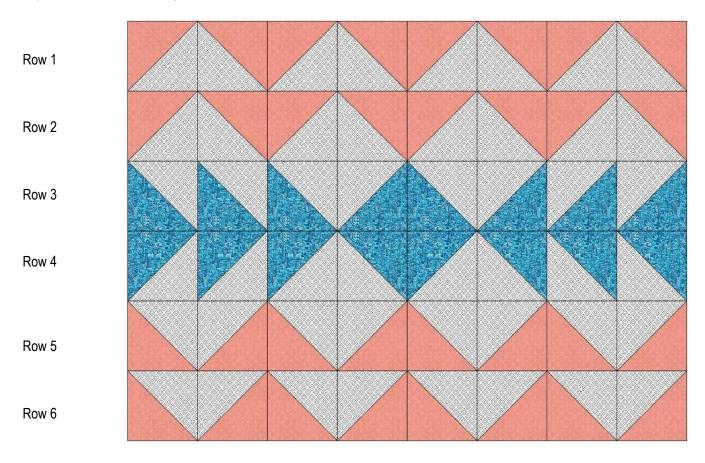
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### **Quilt Top Assembly**

Lay out the half square triangles as shown.



Sew the individual rows together first. Then sew the completed rows together.

Tip: It's easy to rotate one of the half square triangles when sewing. Stay organized by labeling your rows and making sure that you double check often while sewing the blocks together.

### **Finishing the Quilt**

- 1. Lay your backing fabric on a long surface, with wrong side facing up.
- 2. Next, lay your batting on top of the backing.
- 3. Lastly, lay your quilt top on top with the right side facing up.
- 4. Baste the layers together using your preferred basting method.
- 5. Quilt as desired.
- 6. Bind using your preferred method. I use 2.5" strips when I bind, and I had enough bandanas left to make my binding.

Happy Quilting!

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