

Spell It With Moda Drawstring Bag

a scrappy bag project by Sew Lux

Use the free Spell It With Moda letter pattern and follow the directions below to turn your favorite letter into a great drawstring bag, perfect for gifting!

Materials Needed: Spell It With Moda Alphabet Pattern

https://my.modafabrics.com/webfiles/fp_SpellitwithModa2020.pdf

1/2 yard Exterior
1/2 yard Letter & Lining
2 yards twill tape or ribbon
18" x 34" batting (if quilting)

Cutting Instructions:

For Bag Exterior:

Cut (1) 14.5" x WOF strip & subcut:

- (1) 14.5" x 18.5"
- (1) 14.5" x 2.5"
- (2) 10.5" x 3.5"

Reserve the remaining fabric to cut the letter block background

For Bag Lining:

Cut (1) 14.5" x WOF strip & subcut:

- (1) 14.5" x 30.5"
- (2) 2.5" x 13.5" (casing)

Reserve the remaining fabric to cut the letter block pieces

Assemble the Bag

1. Follow the block directions in the Spell It With Moda pattern to make an 8.5" x 10.5" letter block of your choice.

2. Sew the 3.5" x 10.5 exterior pieces to the left & right sides of the letter. Sew the 2.5" x 14.5" exterior piece to the top and then the 14.5" x 18.5" exterior piece to the bottom. Press away from the letter. (Fig. A)

3. If quilting: baste to batting or fusible fleece and quilt, as desired. Trim to 14.5" x 30.5".

4. Fold the short ends of each 2.5" x 13.5" casing strip under 1/2" & press. Tuck raw edge into the fold and topstitch. Fold in half lengthwise with wrong sides together.

5. Center the casing tubes on the 14.5" ends of the front of the exterior with raw edges aligned. Baste in place.

6. Place lining on top with right sides together. Sew along the top & bottom edges to secure lining, casing tube & exterior together.

7. Fold the bag so that the lining is RST and the exterior is RST (this is similar to making a pouch). Sew along each side, leaving approx. 4" open on one lining side. (Fig. B)

8. Measure & cut a 1" square from each corner, NOT including the seam allowance. Box each corner by pinching to match up the side seam & bottom center crease & sew closed. (Fig. C)

9. Turn the bag right side out and close the opening in the lining. Press lining into place and top stitch around top edge of bag to secure.

10. Cut two 32" long ties from twill tape. Insert through casing in an overlapping U-shape. Tie ends & trim tails to desired length. (Fig. D)

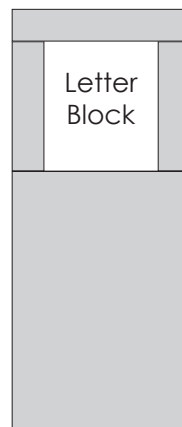


Fig. A

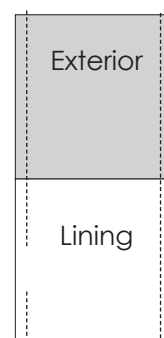


Fig. B

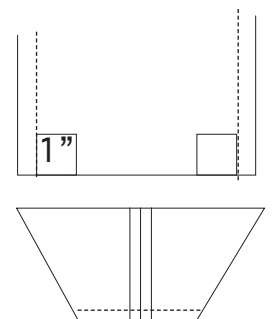


Fig. C

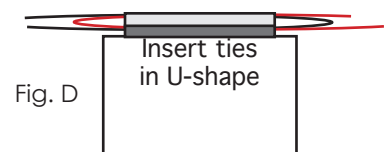


Fig. D

Sharing your projects on Social Media?

Use #spellitwithmodadrawstring and #giftitwithmoda



Template Free Piecing

Each letter requires 1 JellyRoll™ strip and 1 Fat Eighth

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HOW TO *make an Alphabet Quilt*

- Quilt Size: 59"x68" finished
- Letter Block Size: 8"x10" finished
- Letter Block with Sashing Size: 9"x12" finished

Fabric Requirements

Note: Each block requires 1 JellyRoll™ strip for the letter and 1 fat eighth of background fabric.

Letters 1 – JellyRoll™
 Background 26 – Fat Eighths or 3½ yds.
 Sashing and Borders and Pieced Blocks 2½ yds.
 Binding ⅝ yd.
 Backing 2 yds. pieced crosswise

Helpful Tools

Omnigrip by Omnigrid 8½" x 12" ruler
 (RN8512 Omnigrid #1)
 Folded Corner Clipper by Prairie Sky Quilting
 (#502 Prairie Sky #1)
 6½"x6½" square ruler with diagonal guideline

Cutting Directions

Letters, Background and Pieced Blocks: Refer to each letter/block page

Sashing and Borders

Cut 2 – 10½"xWOF strips and 2 – 9½"xWOF strips

Subcut 30 – 1½" x 10½", 30 – 2½" x 9½" and from remainder cut 8 – 1½" x 8½" strips for sashings

Cut 2 – 2½"xWOF strips, 4 – 3½"xWOF strips and 2 – 5½"xWOF strips for borders

Use the remaining fabric for pieced blocks.

Binding – Cut 7 – 2½"xWOF strips

Hints & Explanations

Seams – Use a scant ¼" seam

Pressing – Press seams toward print or as directed. Press seams open where indicated.

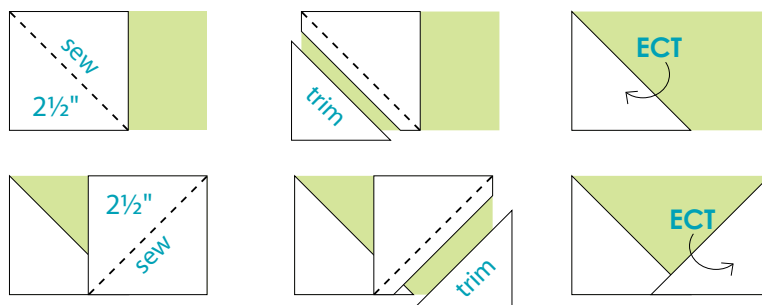
Assembly – Piece and assemble each block following the Steps. The numbers (1,2,3,etc.) indicate order of assembly within a Step.

ECT– Easy Corner Triangles

Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 2½" or 1½"squares.

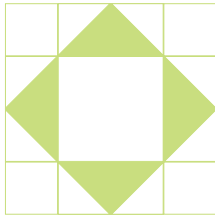
Sew a marked square on the diagonal line to the background rectangle or square as directed in the block instructions. Trim ¼" from the sewn line. Trim away only the middle layer, do not cut away the background. This will help to keep letter pieces straight.

Press to the corner to form a triangle.



Pieced Block Assembly – Press toward Print

Choose 4 of the 8" finished blocks below or select another 8" block of your own, or applique an 8" block to complete this quilt.



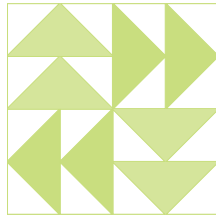
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Background:

1-4½" x 4½"
12-2½" x 2½"

Print:

4-2½" x 4½"



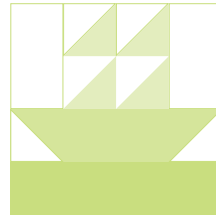
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Background:

16-2½" x 2½"

Prints:

8-2½" x 4½"



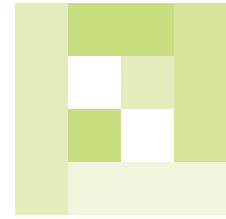
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Background:

2-2½" x 4½"
6-2½" x 2½"

Prints:

2-2½" x 8½"
4-2½" x 2½"



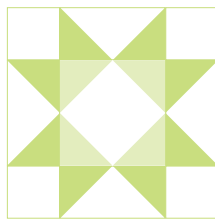
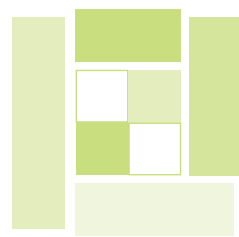
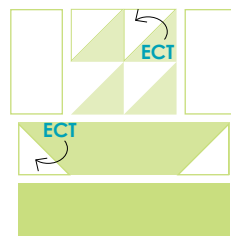
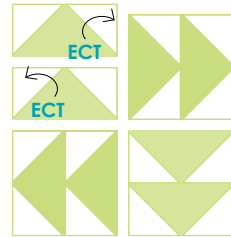
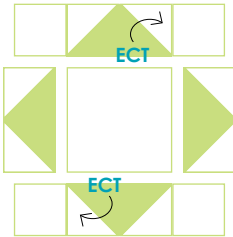
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Background:

2-2½" x 2½"

Prints:

1-2½" x 8½"
2-2½" x 6½"
1-2½" x 4½"
2-2½" x 2½"



E

Background:

1-4½" x 4½"
4-2½" x 4½"
4-2½" x 2½"

Prints:

8-2½" x 2½"
4-2½" x 2½"



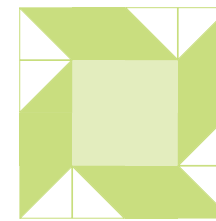
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Background:

2-2½" x 2½"

Prints:

2-4½" x 4½"
2-2½" x 4½"
2-2½" x 2½"



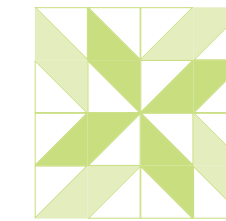
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Background:

8-2½" x 2½"

Prints:

1-4½" x 4½"
4-2½" x 6½"



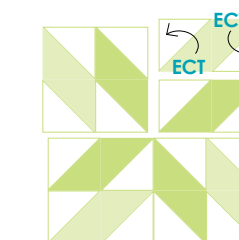
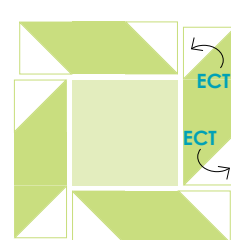
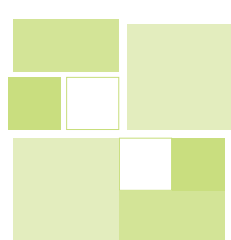
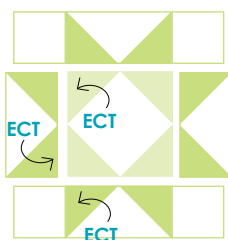
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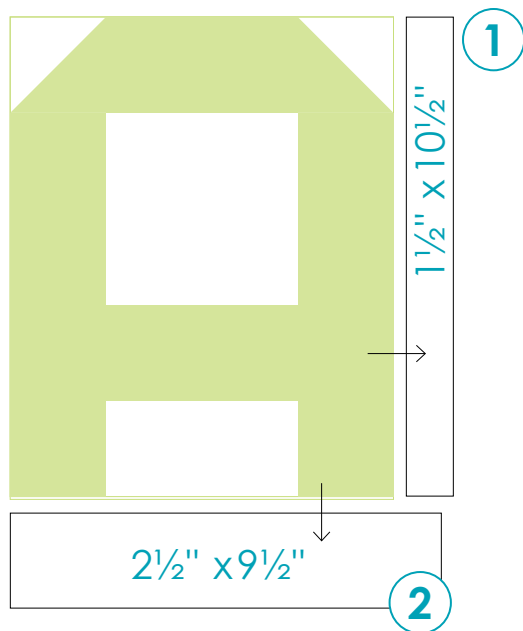
16-2½" x 2½"

Prints:

4-2½" x 4½"
4-2½" x 4½"



Block Assembly – Press toward sashings

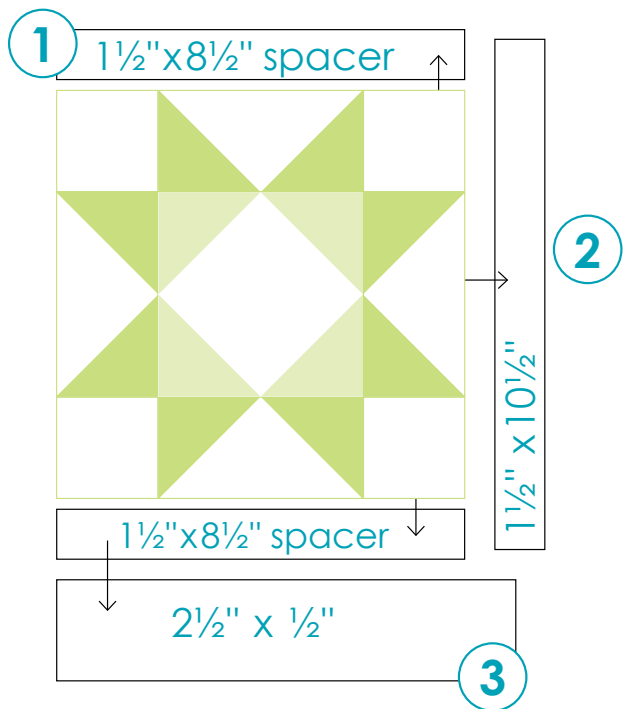


Letter Block

Each **letter block** finishes at $8'' \times 10''$

Add a $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$ sashing strip to the right side of each letter. Press toward the sashing. Then add a $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 9\frac{1}{2}''$ sashing strip to the bottom of the block. Press toward the sashing. See *diagram*.

Both Letter and Pieced blocks should measure $9\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$ with seams.

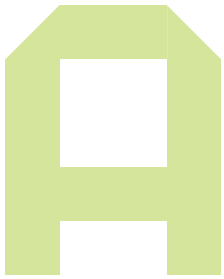


Pieced Block

Each **pieced block** finishes at $8'' \times 8''$

Add a $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$ spacer strip to the top and bottom of each pieced block. Press toward the spacer. Follow the directions above to add sashing strips to side and bottom of pieced block.

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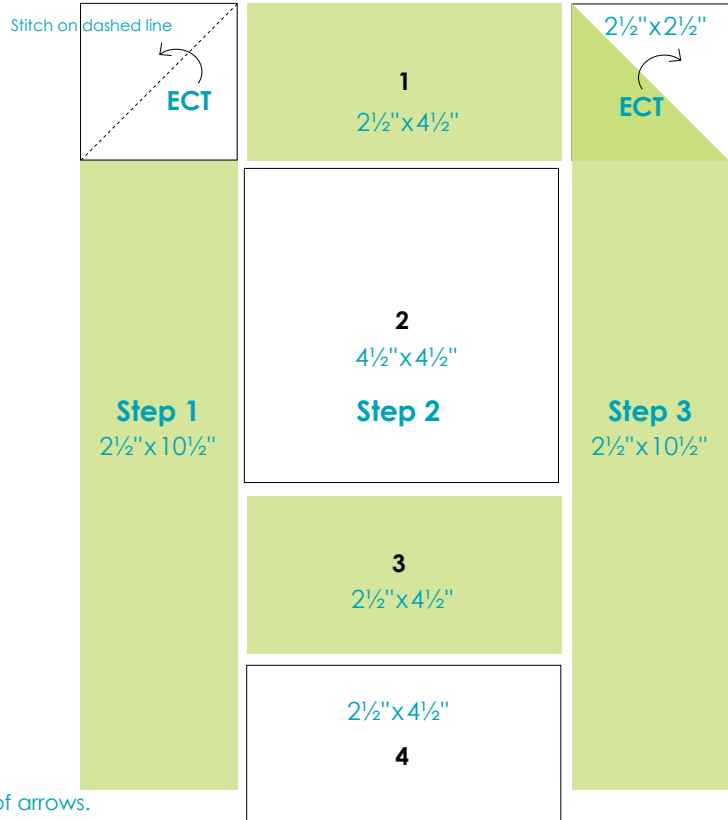
Parts — include seam allowance

Background:

- 1-4½" x 4½"
- 1-2½" x 4½"
- 2-2½" x 2½"

Print:

- 2-2½" x 10½"
- 2-2½" x 4½"



Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.

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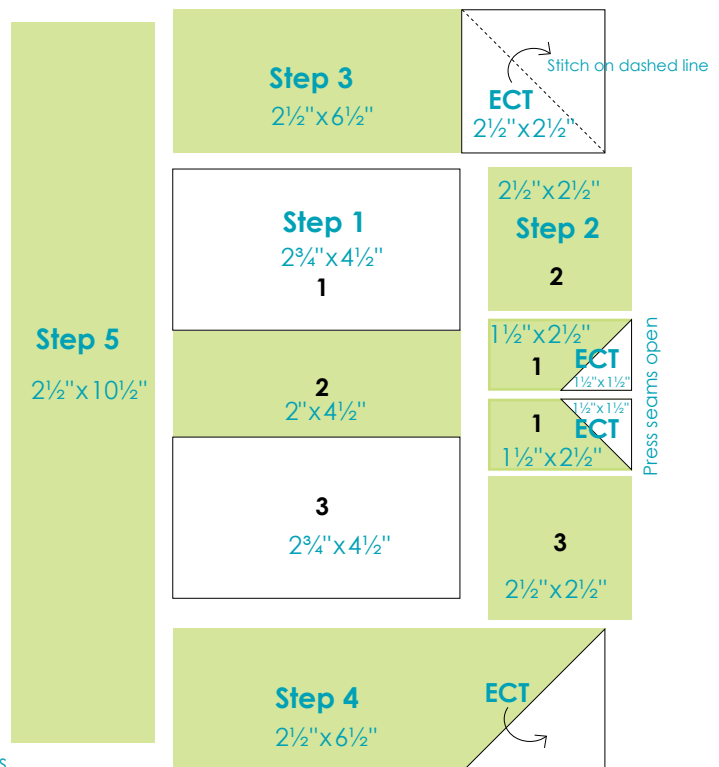
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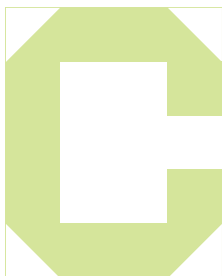
Print:

- 1-2½" x 10½"
- 2-1½" x 2½"
- 2-2½" x 6½"
- 1-2" x 4½"
- 2-2½" x 2½"



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Parts — include seam allowance

Background:

1—4½" x 6½"

5—2½" x 2½"

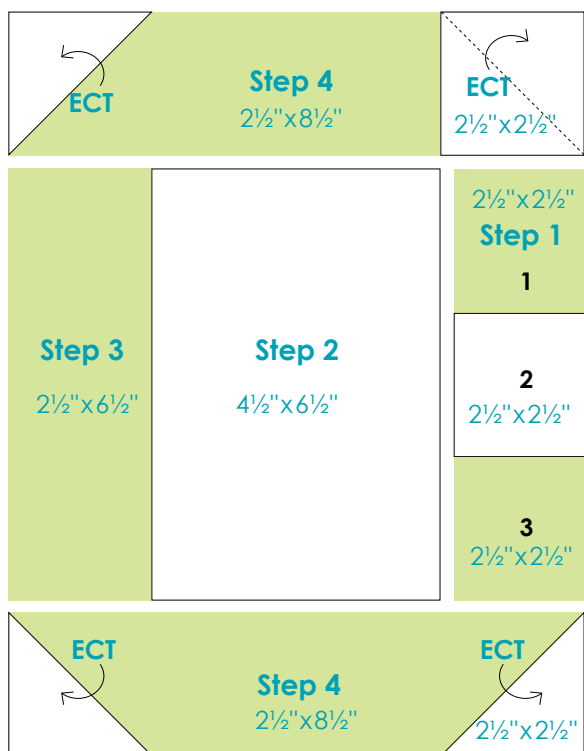
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2—2½" x 8½"

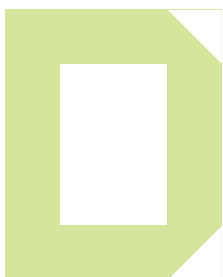
1—2½" x 6½"

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Parts — include seam allowance

Background:

1—4½" x 6½"

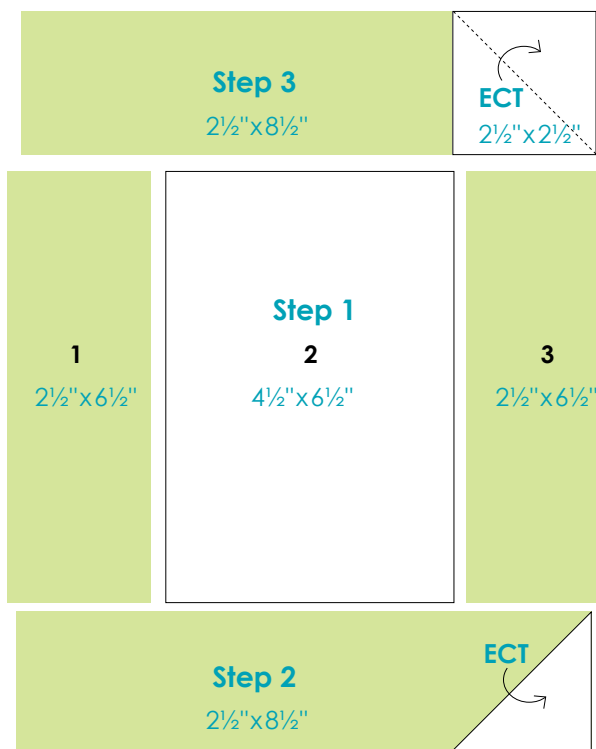
2—2½" x 2½"

Print:

2—2½" x 8½"

2—2½" x 6½"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



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Parts — include seam allowance

Background:

2-2³/₄"x4¹/₂"

1-2¹/₂"x6¹/₂"

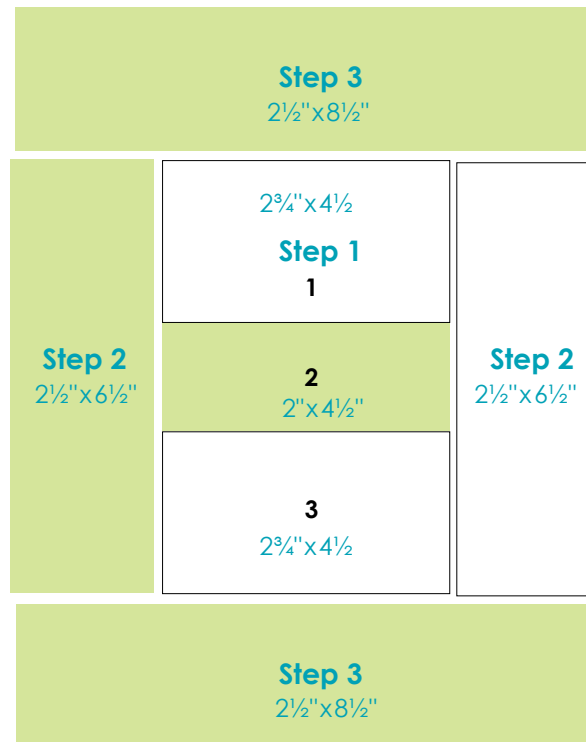
Print:

2-2¹/₂"x8¹/₂"

1-2¹/₂"x6¹/₂"

1-2"x4¹/₂"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



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Parts — include seam allowance

Background:

1-4¹/₂"x4¹/₂"

1-3"x4¹/₂"

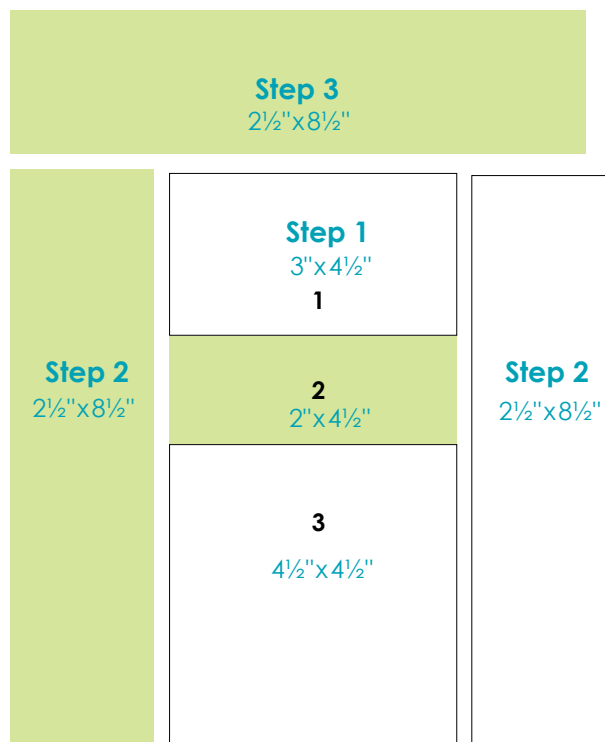
1-2¹/₂"x8¹/₂"

Print:

2-2¹/₂"x8¹/₂"

1-2"x4¹/₂"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



Moda Spell it with Fabric



Parts — include seam allowance

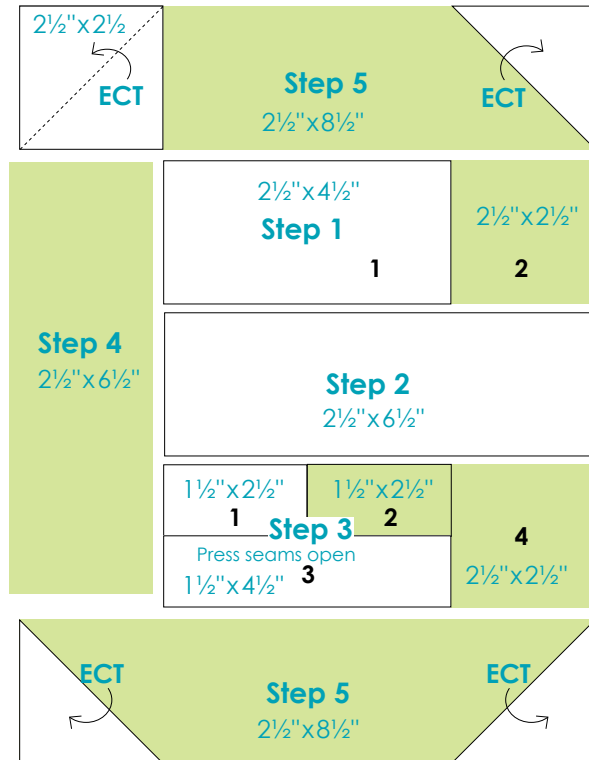
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- 1-2½" x 6½" 1-1½" x 2½"
- 4-2½" x 2½"

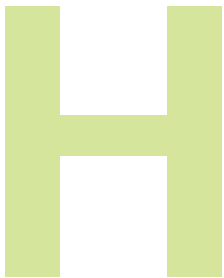
Print:

- 2-2½" x 8½" 2-2½" x 2½"
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Parts — include seam allowance

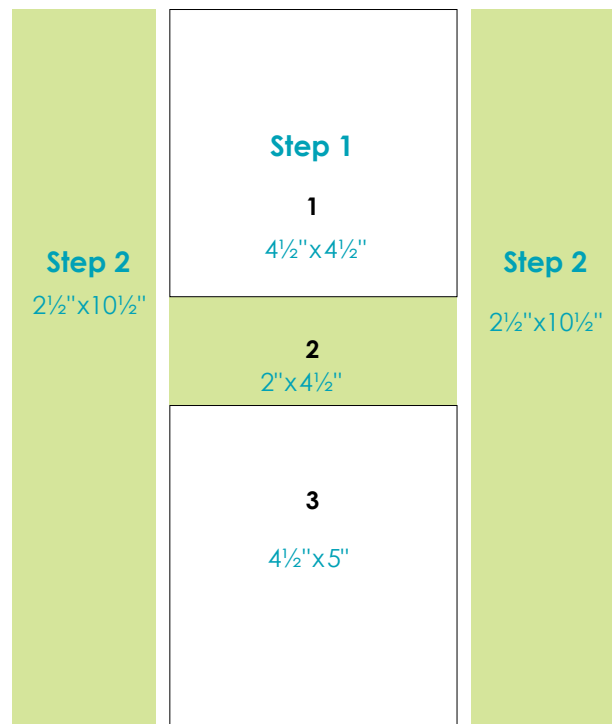
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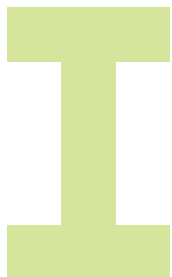
Print:

- 2-2½" x 10½"
- 1-2" x 4½"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



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Parts — include seam allowance

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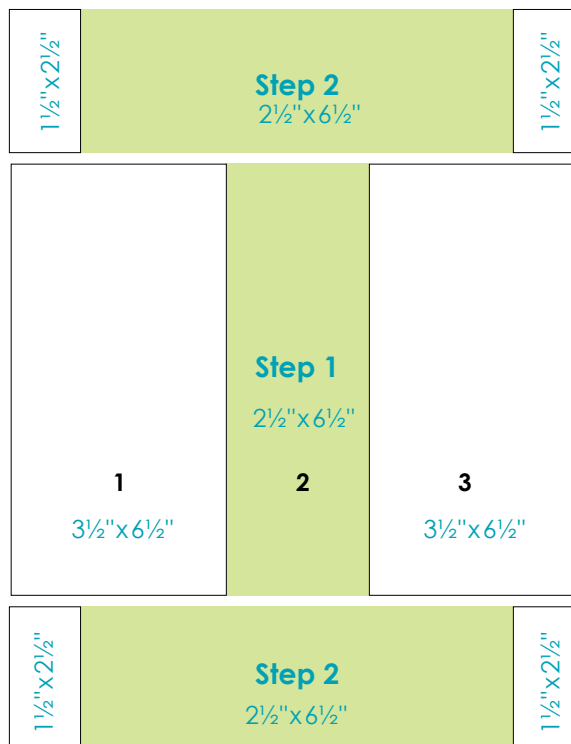
4-1½" x 2½"

2-3½" x 6½"

Print:

3-2½" x 6½"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



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Parts — include seam allowance

Background:

1-6½" x 6½"

1-2½" x 4½"

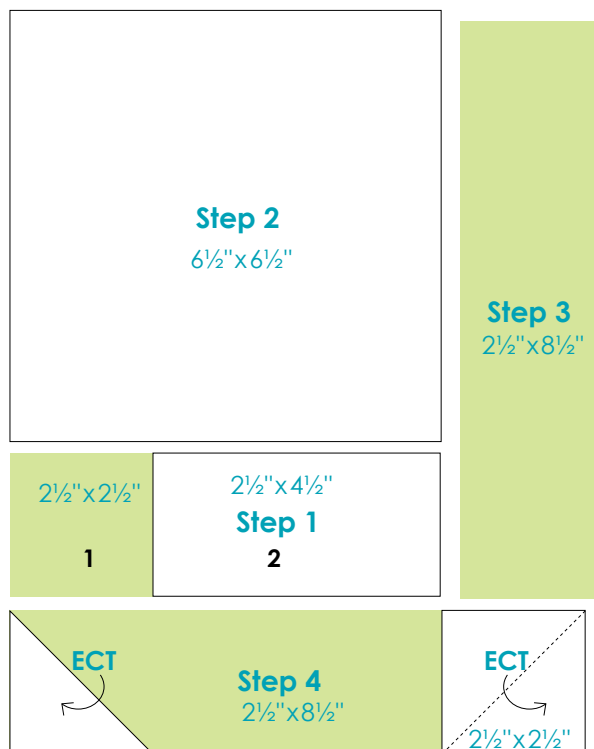
2-2½" x 2½"

Print:

2-2½" x 8½"

1-2½" x 2½"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



Moda Spell it with Fabric

K

Parts — include seam allowance

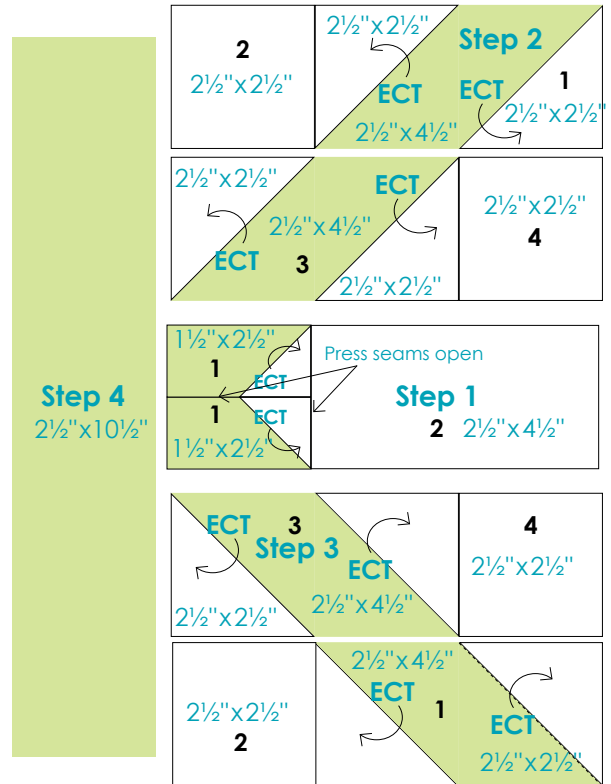
Background:

- 12-2½" x 2½"
- 1-2½" x 4½"
- 2-1½" x 1½"

Print:

- 1-2½" x 10½"
- 4-2½" x 4½"
- 2-1½" x 2½"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



Moda Spell it with Fabric

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Parts — include seam allowance

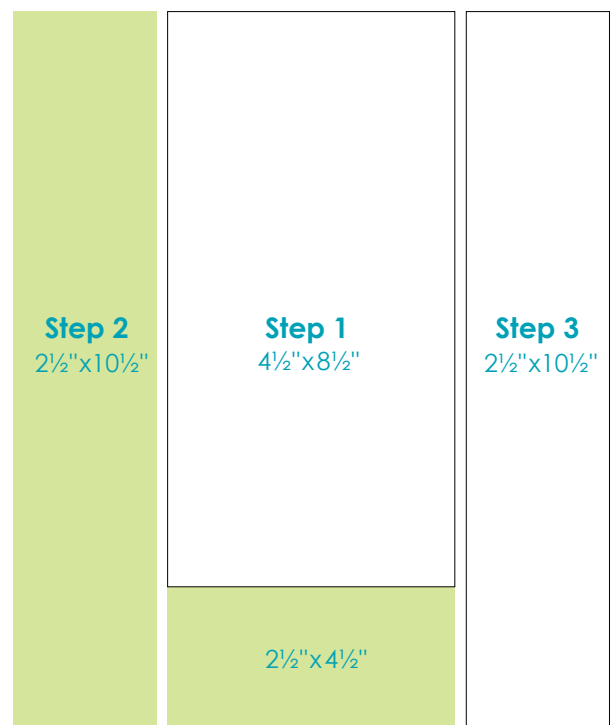
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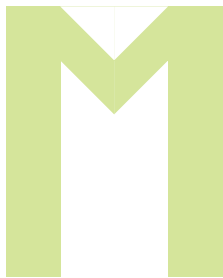
Print:

- 1-2½" x 10½"
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Moda Spell it with Fabric



Parts — include seam allowance

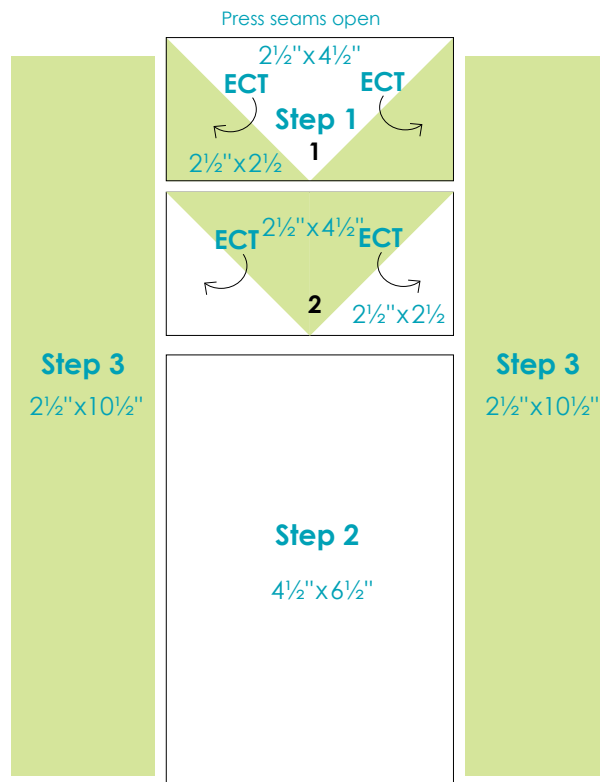
Background:

- 1-4½" x 6½"
- 1-2½" x 4½"
- 2-2½" x 2½"

Print:

- 2-2½" x 10½"
- 1-2½" x 4½"
- 2-2½" x 2½"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



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Parts — include seam allowance

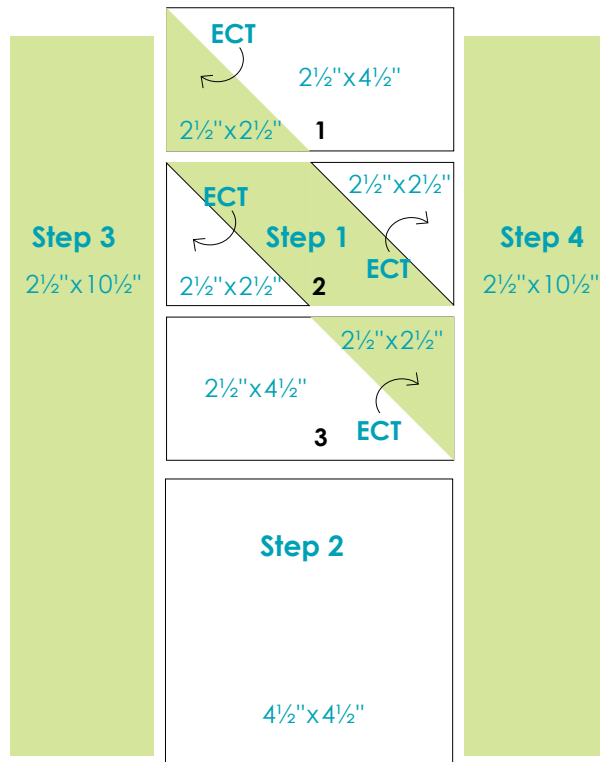
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- 2-2½" x 4½"
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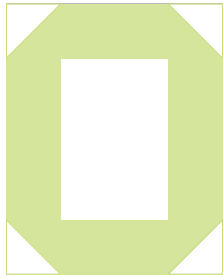
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- 2-2½" x 10½"
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Parts — include seam allowance

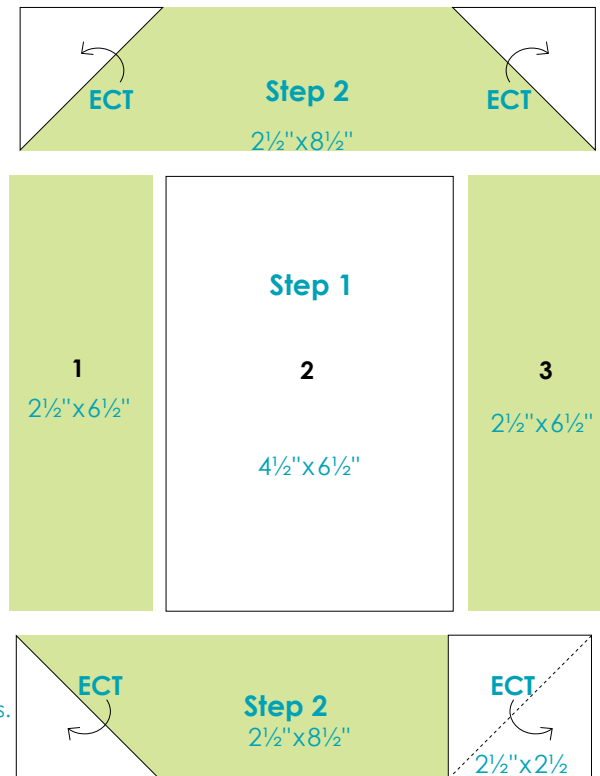
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- 1-4½" x 6½"
- 4-2½" x 2½"

Print:

- 2-2½" x 8½"
- 2-2½" x 6½"

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Moda Spell it with Fabric



Parts — include seam allowance

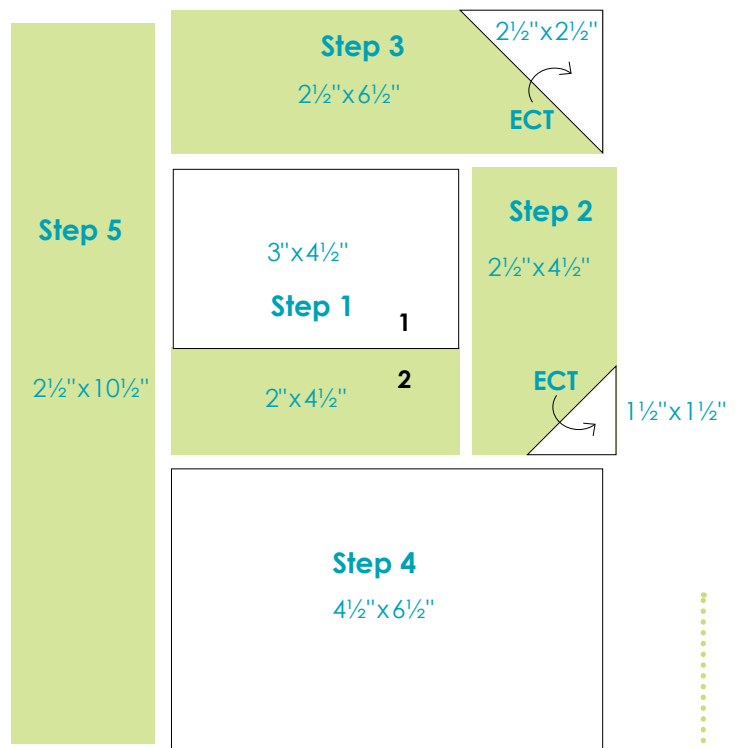
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- 1-2½" x 2½"
- 1-1½" x 1½"
- 1-4½" x 6½"

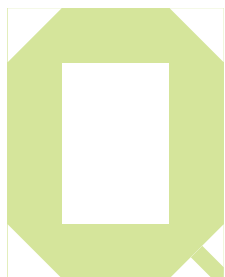
Print:

- 1-2½" x 10½" 2-2½" x 4½"
- 1-2" x 4½" 1-2½" x 6½"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



Moda Spell it with Fabric



Parts — include seam allowance

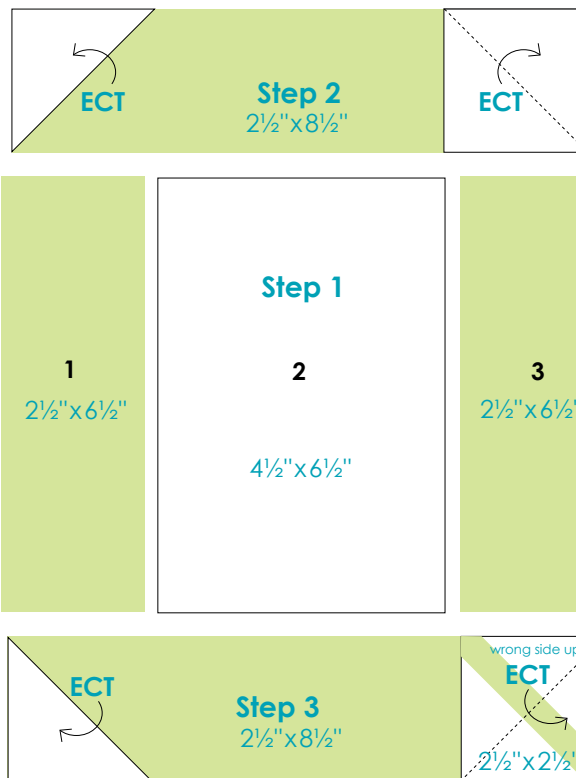
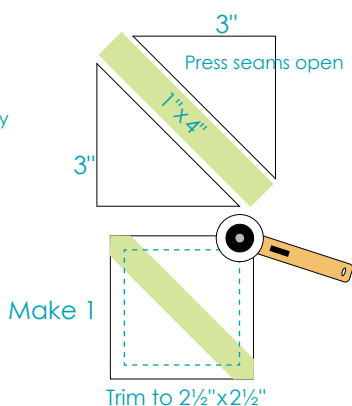
Background:

- 1-4½" x 6½"
- 1-3" x 3" cut once diagonally
- 3-2½" x 2½"

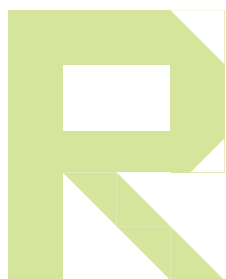
Print:

- 2-2½" x 8½"
- 2-2½" x 6½"
- 1-1" x 4"

Press toward Print



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Parts — include seam allowance

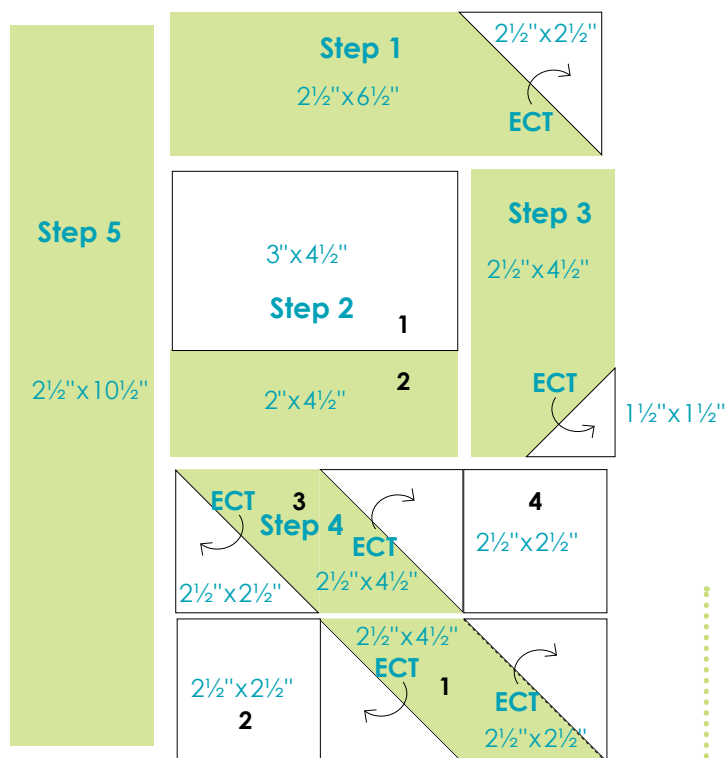
Background:

- 1-3" x 4½"
- 7-2½" x 2½"
- 1-1½" x 1½"

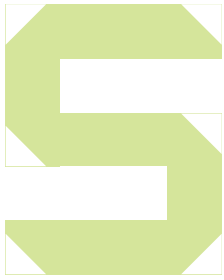
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- 1-2½" x 10½"
- 3-2½" x 4½"
- 1-2" x 4½"
- 1-2½" x 6½"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



Moda Spell it with Fabric



Parts — include seam allowance

Background:

2-2½" x 6½"

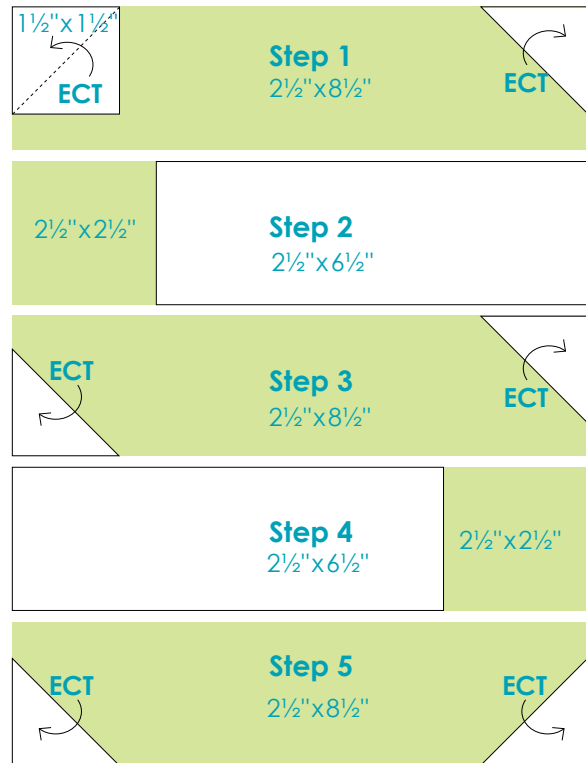
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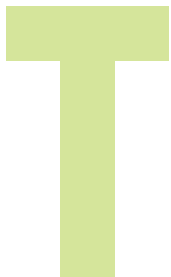
3-2½" x 8½"

2-2½" x 2½"

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Parts — include seam allowance

Background:

2-3½" x 8½"

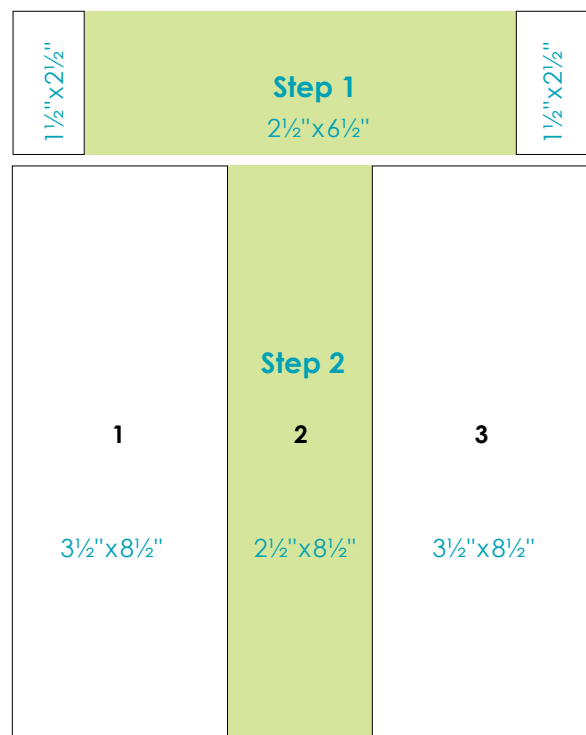
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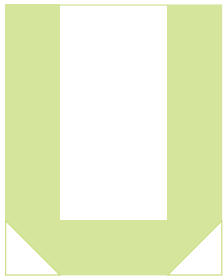
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1-2½" x 6½"

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Parts — include seam allowance

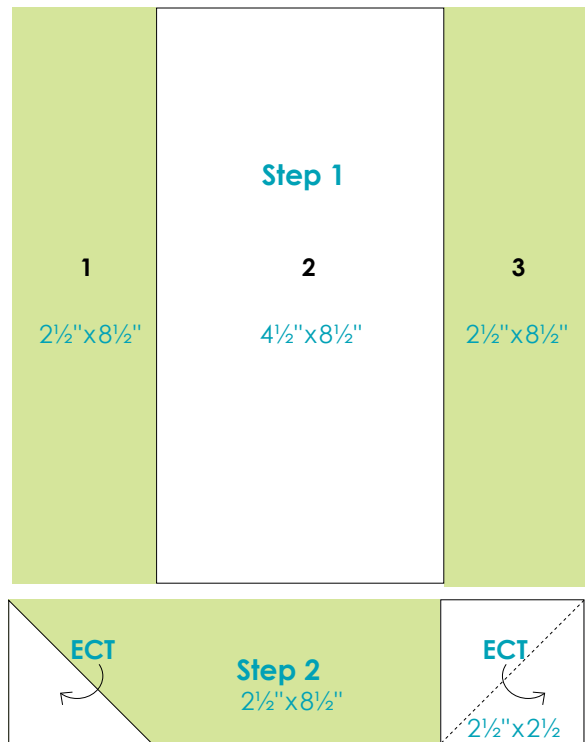
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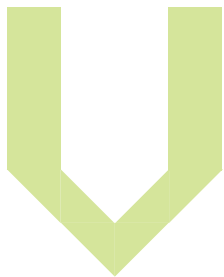
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- 3—2½" x 8½"

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Parts — include seam allowance

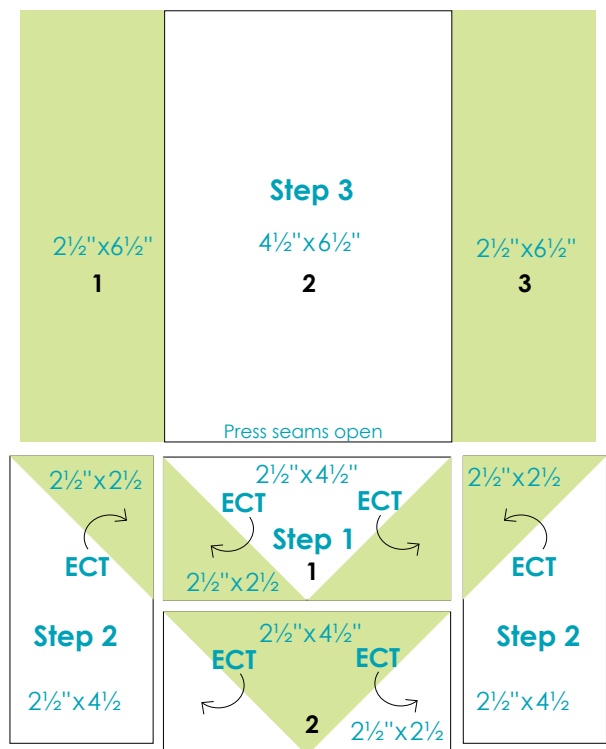
Background:

- 1—4½" x 6½"
- 3—2½" x 4½"
- 2—2½" x 2½"

Print:

- 2—2½" x 6½"
- 1—2½" x 4½"
- 4—2½" x 2½"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



Moda Spell it with Fabric



Parts — include seam allowance

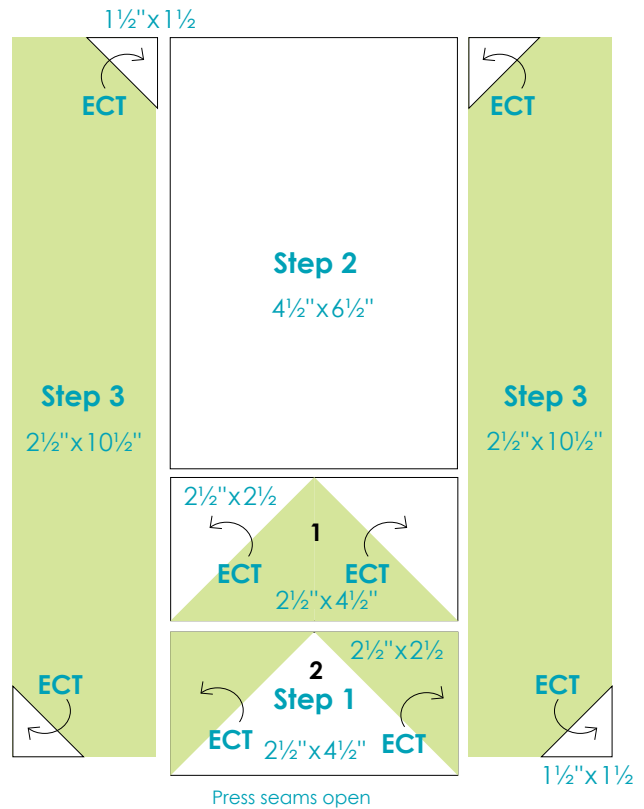
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- 1-4½" x 6½"
- 1-2½" x 4½"
- 2-2½" x 2½"
- 4-1½" x 1½"

Print:

- 2-2½" x 10½"
- 1-2½" x 4½"
- 2-2½" x 2½"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



Moda Spell it with Fabric



Parts — include seam allowance

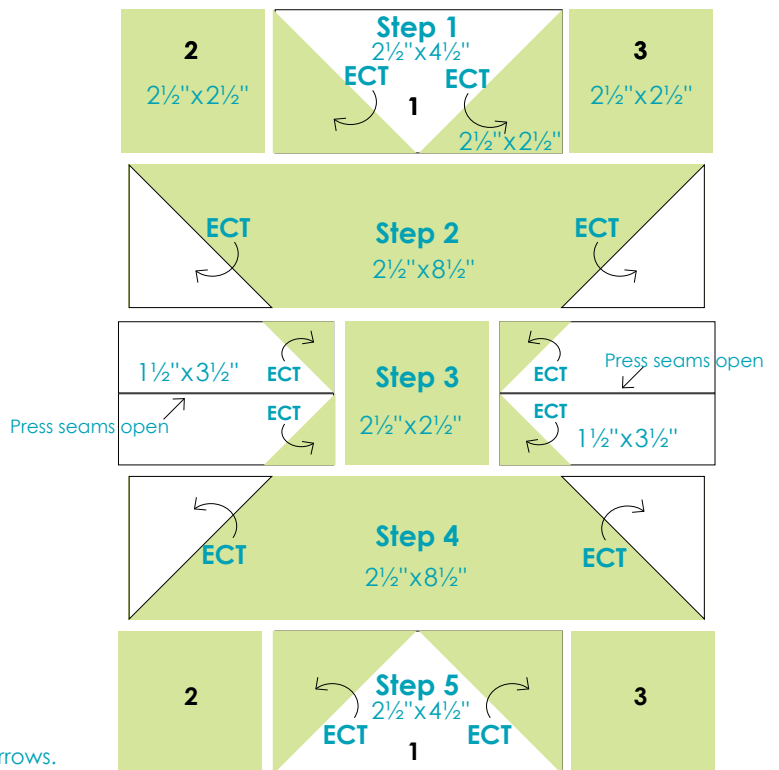
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- 4-1½" x 3½"

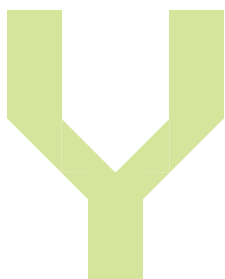
Print:

- 2-2½" x 8½"
- 9-2½" x 2½"
- 4-1½" x 1½"

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Moda Spell it with Fabric



Parts

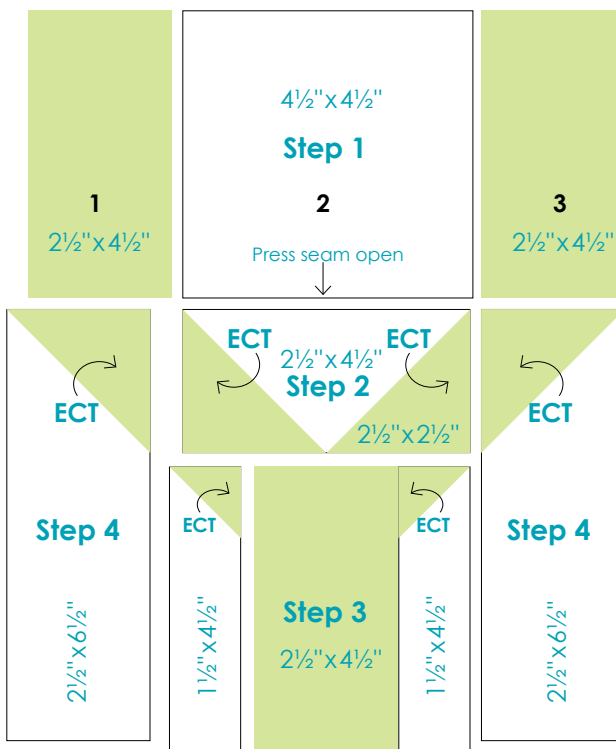
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- 1-4½" x 4½"
- 1-2½" x 4½"
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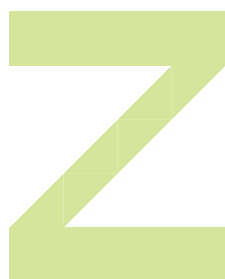
Print:

- 3-2½" x 4½"
- 4-2½" x 2½"
- 2-1½" x 1½"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.



Moda Spell it with Fabric



Parts

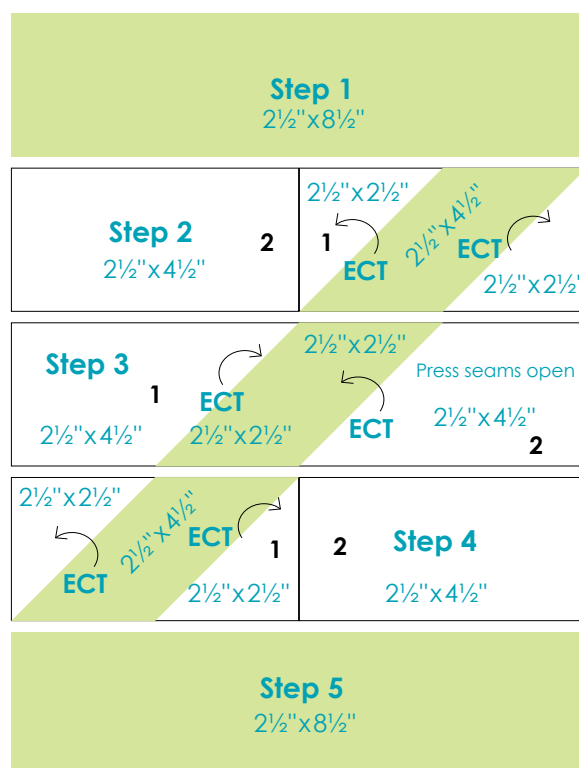
Background:

- 4-2½" x 4½"
- 4-2½" x 2½"

Print:

- 2-2½" x 8½"
- 2-2½" x 4½"
- 2-2½" x 2½"

Press toward Print except some ECTs then follow direction of arrows.

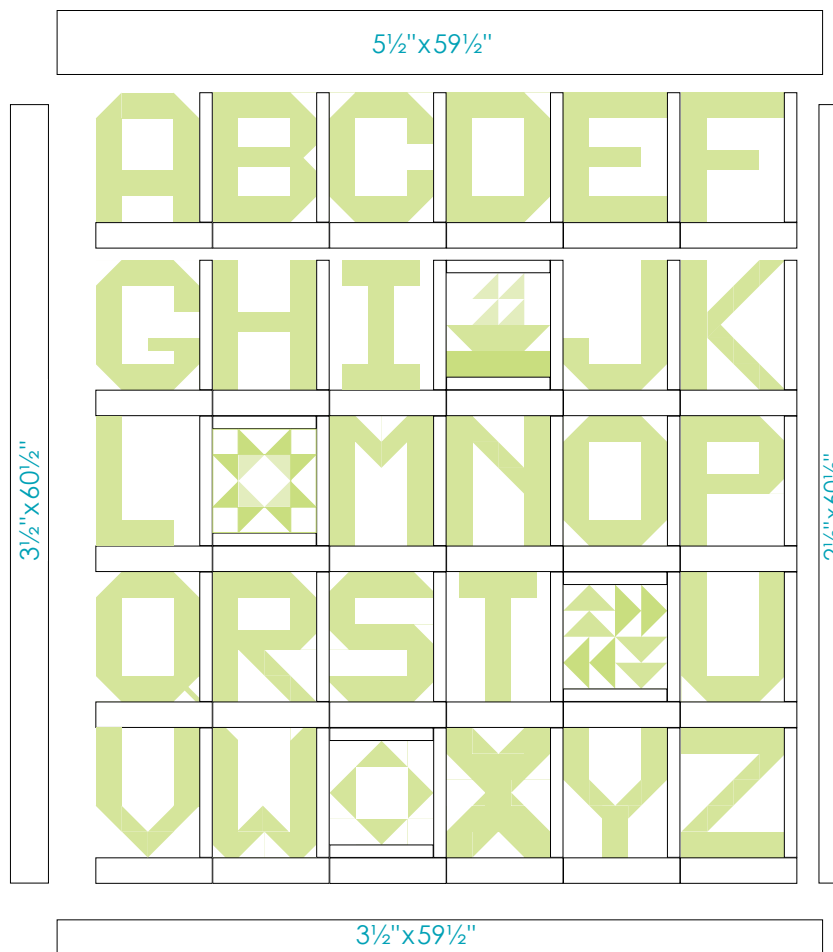


Putting It All Together

1. Stitch the 26 letter blocks and 4 pieced blocks into 5 rows of 6 blocks. Press toward the sashings.
2. Cut the pieced border strips into the following borders:
 $1 - 2\frac{1}{2}" \times 60\frac{1}{2}"$, $1 - 3\frac{1}{2}" \times 60\frac{1}{2}"$, $1 - 5\frac{1}{2}" \times 59\frac{1}{2}"$, and $1 - 3\frac{1}{2}" \times 59\frac{1}{2}"$,
 (Note: Since sashings and spacers were not added to all sides of each block, the borders for this quilt are different sizes in order to square the quilt.)
3. Add the $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 60\frac{1}{2}"$ border to the left side of the quilt and the $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 60\frac{1}{2}"$ to the right. Press toward border.
4. Add the $5\frac{1}{2}" \times 59\frac{1}{2}"$ border to the top of the quilt and the $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 59\frac{1}{2}"$ to the bottom. Press toward border. Quilt top should measure $59\frac{1}{2}" \times 69\frac{1}{2}"$ with seams.

Finishing

1. Using a diagonal seam, join the 7 – $2\frac{1}{2}" \times \text{WOF}$ strips end to end. Press seams open.
2. Fold prepared strip in half wrong sides together and press to make the binding.
3. Layer, Quilt and Bind



Quilt top
should measure
 $59\frac{1}{2}" \times 68\frac{1}{2}"$
with seams.

Different Sashing Sizes

Since sashings and spacers were not added to all sides of each block, the borders for this quilt are different sizes in order to square the quilt.