



## Morning Joe Venti

This “Venti” sized Morning Joe measures 70 ½” x 70 ½”.

The quilt is made in the same manner as the PKM / Front Cover Morning Joe quilt in the pattern – with the following changes for the sashing strips, inner border and outer border:

- **Blocks.** There are 16 large star blocks that finish at 14” x 14”.
- **Sashing.** The sashing strips are cut at 1 ¾” wide and finish at 1 ¼” wide.
  - To make the 12 vertical sashing strips, join 5 of the 1 ¾” x 42” strips cut for the sashing using diagonal seams. Press the seams open. From the very long pieced strip, cut 12 sashing strips – 1 ¾” x 14 ½”.
  - To make the 3 long horizontal sashing strips, join the 5 remaining 1 ¾” x 42” strips as above. From the very long pieced strip, cut 3 sashing strips – 1 ¾” x 60 ¼”.
- **Inner Border.** The inner border is cut at 2 ⅛” wide and finishes at 1 ⅝” wide.
  - As with the sashing strips, join the 7 strips – 2 ⅛” x 42” – with a diagonal seam to make a very, very, very long strip. Press the seams open. From the strip, cut the following:
    - **Side Borders.** Cut 2 strips – 2 ⅛” x 60 ¼”.
    - **Top/Bottom Borders.** Cut 2 strips – 2 ⅛” x 63 ½”.
- **Outer Border.** The outer border is made with more half-triangle squares that finish at 3 ½”.
  - Make a total of 76 half-triangle squares. **But before you press...** Press half of the half-triangle squares – 38 of them – to the background triangle. Yes, the background triangle.
  - **Side Borders.** Join 18 half-triangle squares to make each side border – 4” x 63 ½”.
  - **Top/Bottom Borders.** Join 20 half-triangle squares to make each top/bottom border – 4” x 70 ½”..

### Yardage Requirements:

- Asst. Light, Medium & Dark charm squares for blocks – 96 squares for the blocks / 38 squares for the border
- Background – 3 ¾ yards
- Binding – ¾ yard
- Backing – 4 ½ yards

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## Cutting Requirements ~ Venti

### 1. Asst. Light, Medium & Dark charm squares for Blocks.

- **Blocks.** Select 96 charm squares. That’s it.
- **Border.** Select 38 charm squares. Done.

### 2. Background for Blocks & Borders.

- From the yardage, cut the following:
  - **Half-Triangle Squares - Blocks.** Cut 11 strips – 4 ½” x 42” crosswise width of the fabric. From each strip, cut 9 squares – 4 ½” x 4 ½”.
    - Cut a total of 99 squares – 96 for the blocks and 3 for the border.
  - **Half-Triangle Squares – Border.** Cut 4 strips - 4 ½” x 42” crosswise width of the fabric. From each strip, cut 9 squares.
    - Cut a total of 38 squares – 4 ½” x 4 ½”.
  - **Corner Squares.** Cut 7 strips – 4” x 42”. From each strip, cut 10 squares – 4” x 4”.
    - Cut a total of 64 squares.
  - **Inner Sashing Strips.** Cut 10 strips – 1 ¾” x 42”.
  - **Inner Border.** Cut 7 strips – 2 ⅛” x 42”.

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## Piecing the Outer Border

Designate the half-triangle squares as A or B depending on the direction the seam is pressed. It doesn't matter which one is which, just keep the two separated by seam-to-the-dark and seam-to-the-light. Easy, right?

The first step is to sort the half-triangle squares as follows:

- **Side Borders.** Make 2 groups of 18 half-triangle squares – 9 A-squares and 9 B-squares.
- **Top/Bottom Borders.** Make 2 groups of 20 half-triangle squares – 10 A-squares and 10 B-squares.

**Piecing the Side Borders.** Using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, join the 18 half-triangle squares as shown below. Press the seams to one side – or press them open.

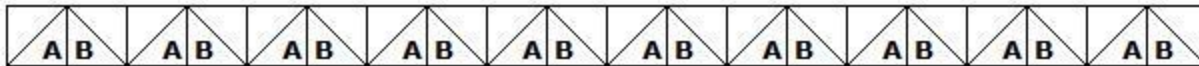


The letter is where the print will be.

Make 2 side borders – they will measure 4" x 63  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, join the side borders to the sides of the quilt top. Press the seam toward the inner border – away from the pieced outer border.

**Piecing the Top/Bottom Borders.** Using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, join the 20 half-triangle squares as shown below. Press the seams to one side – or press them open.



As above, the letter is where the print will be.

Make 2 top/bottom borders – they will measure 4" x 70  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, join the top/bottom borders to the top/bottom edges of the quilt top. Press the seam toward the inner border – away from the pieced outer border. The seams on the first and last half-triangle squares will be pressed in one direction – toward the end of the border.