

“CONNECTIONS”

Celebrating 125 years of Creativity with Bernina

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STEP ONE: FABRIC REQUIREMENTS



This design is most suited to an experienced quilter. It has off set seams and partial, but straightforward, seam joins.

The quilt can be made up in a variety of ways

- 8 rings of descending colour values
- 8 rings using 8 different fabrics
- 8 rings made up of pieced squares

Whichever design approach taken, it is important that there be contrast at the intersections of the rings in order to make the connection points a feature.

In this quilt I broke up the rings into squares, starting with the palest gold, moving towards a dark gold, transitioning with gold and black fabrics and then moving towards the darkest of my black fabrics.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

How Many Fabrics did I use?

- 6 - 8 Black fabrics, from very dark to a lighter grey/black.
- 6 Black/Gold transition fabrics, from mostly black to mostly gold
- 8 - 10 Gold fabrics, from very light to dark gold with a touch of black



This is a scrappy quilt version, so you won't need a lot of any one fabric – likely around a fat eighth or a 20cm width of fabric strip.

BACKGROUND FABRIC:

2.5 metres white or white-textured fabric will be required.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut a 2.5" x 5" rectangle from 2 of your lightest gold fabrics.
2. Cut a 2.5" x 10" rectangle from 6 - 8 of your transition fabrics.
3. Cut a 2.5" x 10" rectangle from 2 – 3 of your darkest fabrics.
4. Sub-cut each of these strips into 2.5" squares – you will likely need to cut more as you work through the construction of your chains, but this is a good start.
5. Cut 2 to 3 @ 2" strips from each of your black, black/gold and gold fabrics, more if not utilizing the full width of fabric. This is a guide only, and provides a starting point in the construction process. Additional strips will likely be cut as you go.
6. Sub-cut half of these 2" strips into approximately 9" lengths.
7. You will also need to cut 4 @ 2" squares from each strip of fabric. Again, this represents a starting point only – as you construct your chains you will probably need more 2" squares of particular values. Cut them as you go on a needs basis.
8. From your background fabric cut:
 - 2 @ 2.5" width of fabric strips, sub-cut into 22 2.5" squares
 - 5 @ 6.5" width of fabric strips. From 2 strips cut 12 @ 6.5" squares. Cut a 24.5" x 6.5" and 12.5" x 6.5" rectangle from each of 2 strips. Cut 2 @ 18.5" x 6.5" rectangles from the remaining strip.
 - Cut a 9.5" width of fabric strip and sub-cut into 2 @ 9.5" x 15.5" rectangles.
 - Cut 2 @ 24.5" width of fabric strips – sub-cut each into a 24.5" x 33.5" rectangle.