Thin Blue Line

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Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Quilt Size: 86" x 86"
Fabrics in the Thin Blue Line Collection

24” Police Panel - Gray
8918P-90

K-9 Unit - White
8920-01

Toile - Gray
8921-90

Police Blocks - White
8919-01

Police Tape - Blue
8922-77

Star - Black
8923-99

Police Badges - Blue
8928-77

Stripes - Blue/Black
8924-79

Words with Thumbprints
White – 8925-01

Ribbons - Grey
8926-90

Police Unit Words - Gray
8927-90

Texture - White
7101-01

Texture - Blue
7101-72

Texture - Black
7101-98

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From the Police Panel 24” - Gray (A), fussy cut:
• (1) 21½” x 12” panel, centered on the flag,
• (1) 9” x 8 ½” panel, centered on the bugle and folded flag,
• (1) 7 ½” x 6” panel, centered on the flag paw print,
• (1) 10 ¼” x 7 ½” panel, centered on the dog,
• (1) 14 ¼” x 21 ½” panel, centered on the cross and boots.

From the Texture - Blue (B), cut:
• (1) 4 ½” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (8) 4 ¼” squares. Cut the squares across both diagonals to make (32) triangles.
• (6) 3 ½” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (64) 3 ½” squares.
• (1) 3” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 3” x 12” strips.
• (2) 2 ½” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (2) 2 ½” x 17 ¼” strips and (2) 2 ½” x 12” strips.
• (1) 2 ½” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 2 ½” x 13 ¼” and (2) 2 ½” x 6” strips.
• (2) 2” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (2) 2” x 25 ½” strips and (2) 2” x 7 ½” strips.
• (1) 2” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 2” x 11 ½” strips and (2) 2” x 8 ½” strips.
• (2) 2” x 21 ½” WOF strips.

From the Words with Thumbprints - White (C), cut:
• (2) 2 ½” x 42 ½” Length of Fabric (LOF) strips.
• (1) 3 ½” x 25 ½” LOF strip.
• (2) 2 ½” x 12 ½” LOF strips.
• (2) 5” x 8 ½” LOF strips and (2) 4” x 10 ½” LOF strips.
• (1) 2 ½” x 14 ½” WOF strip and (1) 1 ½” x 16 ½” WOF strips from the remaining LOF cut.
• (1) 2 ½” x 24 ½” WOF strip.
• (1) 1 ½” x 24 ½” WOF strip.
• (1) 3 ½” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (1) 3 ½” x 14 ½” strip and (1) 2 ½” x 19 ½” strip.
• (1) 3” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 3” x 19 ½” strips.

From the Texture - Black (D), cut:
• (1) 4 ½” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (8) 4 ¼” squares. Cut the squares across both diagonals to make (32) triangles.
• (7) 3 ½” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (64) 3 ½” squares.
• (4) 2” x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut (2) 2” x 78 ½” strips.
• (4) 2” x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut (2) 2” x 75 ½” strips.
• (5) 2” x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut (2) 2” x 45 ½” strips and (2) 2” x 42 ½” strips.
• (9) 2 ½” x WOF strips for the binding.

From the Toile - Gray (E), cut:
• (2) 9 ½” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (8) 9 ½” squares.

From the Texture - White (F), cut:
• (2) 4 ½” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (16) 4 ¼” squares. Cut the squares across both diagonals to make (64) triangles.
• (7) 3 ½” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (64) 3 ½” squares.
• (8) 3 ½” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (96) 3 ½” squares.

From the Police Badges - Blue (G), fussy cut:
• (8) 3 ½” squares, each centered on a badge.

From the Stripe - Blue/Black (H), cut:
• (5) 4 ½” x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut (2) 4 ½” x 86 ½” strips.
• (4) 4 ½” x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut (2) 4 ½” x 78 ½” strips.

From the Ribbons - Gray (Backing), cut:
• (3) 94” x WOF strips for the backing. Sew the strips together and trim to make the 94” x 94” back.

Sewing Instructions
1. Sew (1) 2 ½” x 12” Fabric B strip to each side of the 21 ½” x 12” Fabric A (flag) panel. Sew (1) 2” x 25 ½” Fabric B strip to the top and to the bottom of the Fabric A panel. Trim the block to measure 24 ½” x 14 ½” to make (1) Unit 1 block (Fig. 1).
2. Sew (1) 1 ½” x 24 ½” Fabric C strip to the top of the Unit 1 block. Sew (1) 2 ½” x 24 ½” Fabric C strip to the bottom of the Unit 1 block to make (1) Block One rectangle (Fig. 2).

3. Sew (1) 2” x 8 ½” Fabric B strip to each side of the 9” x 8 ½” Fabric A panel (bugle and folded Flag). Sew (1) 3” x 12” Fabric B strip to the top and to the bottom of the Fabric A panel. Trim the block to measure 10 ½” x 12 ½” to make (1) Unit 2 block (Fig. 3).

4. Sew (1) 2 ½” x 12 ½” Fabric C strip to each side of the Unit 2 block. Sew (1) 2 ½” x 14 ½” Fabric C strip to the top of the Unit 2 block. Sew (1) 3 ½” x 14 ½” Fabric C strip to the bottom of the Unit 2 block to make (1) Block Two rectangle (Fig. 4).

5. Sew (1) 2 ½” x 6” Fabric B strip to each side of the 7 ½” x 6” Fabric A panel (flag paw print). Sew (1) 2” x 11 ½” Fabric B strip to the top and to the bottom of the Fabric A panel. Trim the block to measure 10 ½” x 8 ½” to make (1) Unit 3 block (Fig. 5).

6. Sew (1) 2” x 7 ½” Fabric B strip to each side of (1) 10 ¾” x 7 ½” Fabric A panel (dog). Sew 2 ½” x 13 ¾” Fabric B strip to the top and to the bottom of the Fabric A panel. Trim the block to measure 12 ½” x 10 ½” to make (1) Unit 4 block (Fig. 6).

7. Follow Figure 7 and sew (1) 2 ½” x 19 ½” strip, (2) 3” x 19 ½” Fabric C strips, (2) 5” x 8 ½” Fabric C strips, (2) 4” x 10 ½” Fabric C strips, (1) Unit 3 block and (1) Unit 4 block together to make (1) Block Three rectangle.

8. Sew (1) 2” x 21 ½” Fabric B strip to each side of 14 ¼” x 21 ½” Fabric A panel (cross and boots). Sew (1) 2 ½” x 17 ¼” Fabric B strip to the top and to the bottom of the Fabric A panel. Trim the block to measure 16 ½” x 24 ½” to make (1) Unit 5 block (Fig. 8).

9. Sew (1) 1 ½” x 16 ½” Fabric C strip to the bottom of the Unit 5 block. Sew (1) 3 ½” x 25 ½” Fabric C strip to the left side of the Unit 5 block to make (1) Block Four rectangle (Fig. 9).
10. Sew the Block One rectangle to the left side of the Block Two rectangle to make Row One. Sew the Block Three to the left side of the Block Four to make Row Two. Sew the two rows together to make the Center Block (Fig. 10).

11. Sew (1) 2½" x 42½" Fabric C strip to each side of the Center Block (Fig. 10).

12. Sew (1) 2" x 42½" Fabric D strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew (1) 2" x 45½" Fabric D strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block (Fig. 10).

13. Place (1) 3⅞" Fabric F square on top of (1) 3⅞" Fabric D square, right sides together. Draw a line across the diagonal of the top square (Fig. 11). Sew ¼" away from each side of the drawn diagonal line (Fig. 11). Cut the (2) squares apart on the drawn diagonal line (Fig. 12) to make (2) half-square triangles. Trim blocks to measure 3½" square to make (2) Unit 2 blocks (Fig. 13). Repeat to make (128) Unit 6 blocks total.

14. Sew (1) Unit 6 block to each side of 3½" Fabric B square to make (1) Unit 7 strip (Fig. 14). Repeat to make (64) Unit 7 strips total.

15. Sew (1) Unit 7 strip to each side of (1) 9½" Fabric E square. Sew (1) 3½" Fabric F square to each end of (1) Unit 7 strip. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew the strips to the top and to the bottom of the Fabric E square to make (1) Block Five square (Fig. 15). Repeat to make (8) Block Five squares total.

16. Sew (1) Fabric B triangle, (2) Fabric F triangles and (1) Fabric D triangle together to make (1) Unit 8 block (Fig. 16). Repeat to make (32) Unit 8 blocks total.

17. Sew (1) Unit 8 block to each side of 3¾" Fabric G square. Sew (1) 3½" Fabric F square to each side of Unit 8 block. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew the strips to the top and to the bottom of the Fabric G square to make (1) Unit 9 block (Fig. 17). Repeat to make (8) Unit 9 blocks total.

18. Sew (1) Unit 7 strip to each side of (1) Unit 9 block. Sew (1) 3½" Fabric F square to each end of (1) Unit 7 strip. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew the strips to the top and to the bottom of the Unit 9 block to make (1) Block Six square (Fig. 18). Repeat to make (8) Block Six squares total.
Quilt Top Assembly

(Refer to the Quilt Layout while assembling.)

19. Sew (1) Block Five square to the top and to the bottom of (1) Block Six square. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew (1) Strip to each side of the Center Block.

20. Sew (3) Block Six squares and (2) Block Five squares together, alternating them. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew the strips to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block.

21. Sew (1) 2” x 75 ½” Fabric D strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew (1) 2” x 78 ½” Fabric D strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block.

22. Sew (1) 4 ½” x 78 ½” Fabric H strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew (1) 4 ½” x 86 ½” Fabric H strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block to make the quilt top.

23. Layer and quilt as desired.

24. Sew the (9) 2 ½” x WOF Fabric D strips together, end to end with 45-degree seams, to make the binding. Fold this long strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press.

25. Bind as desired.

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