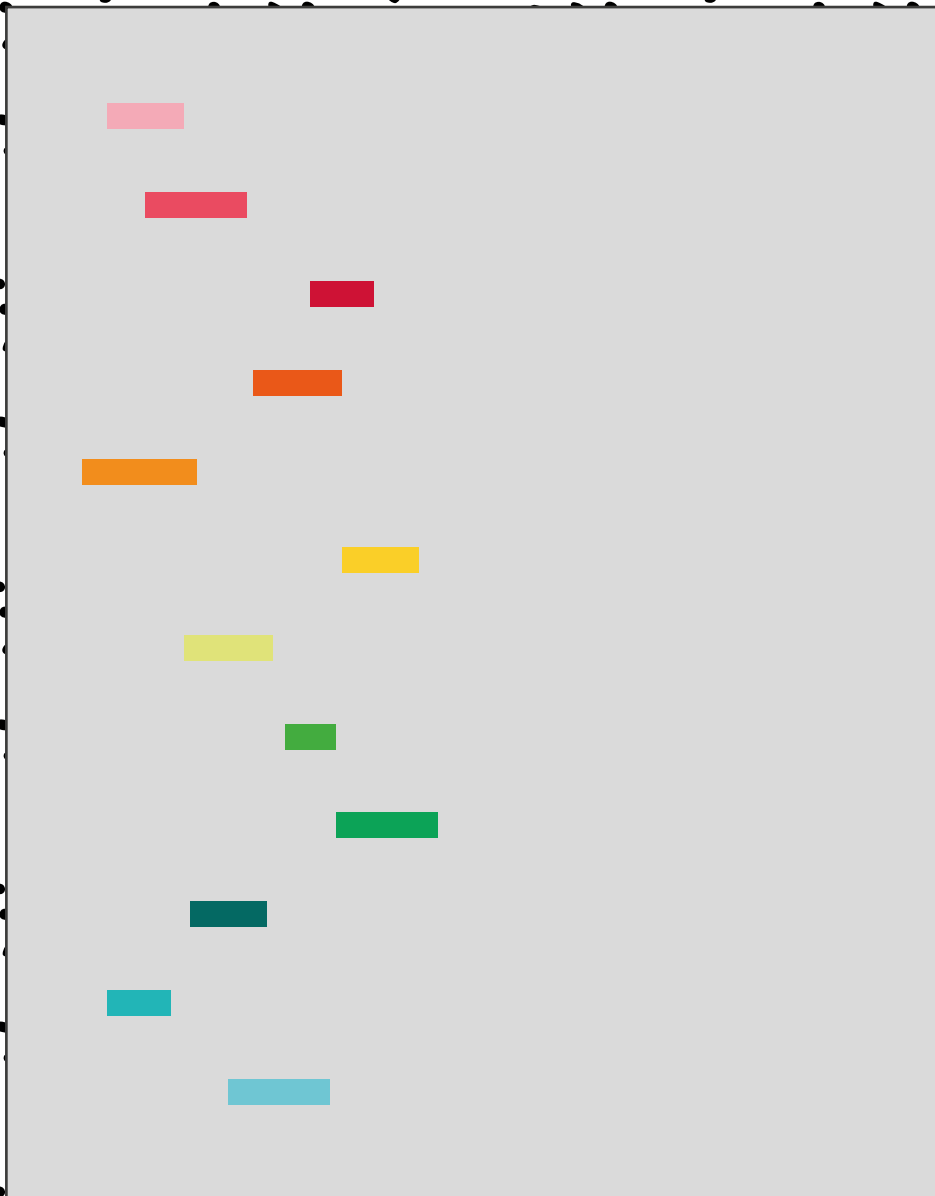


# Rainbow Backing

Rainbow sprinkles on the back of your quilt



Finished size:  
78 x 98 inch

**Rainbow backing** is a free pattern for the back side of the Sugaridoo Bernina Quilt along.

In this pattern you'll find all the measurements and instructions to make this quilt in one piece or in three pieces.

Happy Quilting!  
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The fact that you've opened this PDF and are reading this pattern probably means that you are done or almost done with your QAL quilt. **I'm soo super proud of you!** Whoohoo! One year is a long time to be working on a project and I'm very excited that you are about to make a backing to be able to quilt and finish your quilt!

The QAL quilt will be 70 x 90 inches finished size. That is 70 1/2 x 90 1/2 including seam allowance. The backing for the quilt will be about 4 inches bigger on all sides. The Rainbow Backing quilt measures 78 1/2 x 98 1/2" including seam allowance.

When you want to quilt the quilt in three pieces you should also make your backing in three pieces. In this pattern I'll give the pattern for the Rainbow Backing in one piece and I'll give some tips to modify it to make it in three pieces.

In this pattern you'll also find the required amount of fabrics to make the backing for your quilt in just one fabric.

## Required Fabrics

In this pattern you will find multiple options to make your backing. Below I'll list the required fabric for each option. Please also check the cutting schemes to see if this amount will be right for you, or if you need some extra wiggle room.

### Rainbow Backing - 1 piece

- Background: 5 yard + 20 inch (5,10m)
- 2 1/2 inch wide strips in varying lengths of the rainbow sprinkles

### Rainbow Backing - 3 pieces

- Background: 6 yard + 12 inch (5,80m)
- 2 1/2 inch wide strips in varying lengths of the rainbow sprinkles

### Solid background - 1 piece

- Background: 5 yard (4,60m)


This is calculated for fabric that is 44 inch wide. When you use extra wide quilting fabric (104 - 108 inch) you will only need 78" of fabric

### Solid background - 3 pieces

The three sections measure:

- Section 1 (row 1 - 4): 70 1/2 x 26 1/2" (finished size),  
78 1/2 x 34 1/2 (incl 4 inch on all sides)
- Section 2 (row 5-8): 70 1/2 x 31 1/2" (finished size),  
78 1/2 x 39 1/2 (incl 4 inch on all sides)
- Section 3 (row 9-12): 70 1/2 x 32" (finished size),  
78 1/2 x 40 (incl 4 inch on all sides)

The width of normal quilt fabrics is 44 inch. So I would suggest using 3 pieces of 78 1/2 inch for this option. That will be  
3 x 78 1/2 = 235 1/2 inch = 6 yard + 20 inch (6m) of fabric.



Section 1	Row 1
	Row 2
	Row 3
	Row 4
Section 2	Row 5
	Row 6
	Row 7
	Row 8
Section 3	Row 9
	Row 10
	Row 11
	Row 12

# Rainbow Backing in one piece

This is what you need to cut to make the Rainbow Backing in one piece. Check the cutting scheme on the next page for an example on how you can cut your fabric. All measurements are including seam allowance.

A1+A2: 40 1/2 x 10"

B1: 10 1/2 x 2 1/2"

B2: 6 1/2 x 2 1/2"

B3: 24 1/2 x 2 1/2"

C1-11: 40 1/2 x 5 1/2"

D1: 13 1/2 x 2 1/2"

D2: 8 1/2 x 2 1/2"

D3: 19 1/2 x 2 1/2"

E1: 26 1/2 x 2 1/2"

E2: 5 1/2 x 2 1/2"

E3: 9 1/2 x 2 1/2"

F1: 22 x 2 1/2"

F2: 7 1/2 x 2 1/2"

F3: 12 x 2 1/2"

G1: 8 1/2 x 2 1/2"

G2: 9 1/2 x 2 1/2"

G3: 23 1/2 x 2"

H1: 29 x 2 1/2"

H2: 6 1/2 x 2 1/2"

H3: 6 x 2 1/2"

I1: 16 1/2 x 2 1/2"

I2: 7 1/2 x 2 1/2"

I3: 17 1/2 x 2 1/2"

J1: 24 1/2 x 2 1/2"

J2: 4 1/2 x 2 1/2"

J3: 12 1/2 x 2 1/2"

K1: 28 1/2 x 2 1/2"

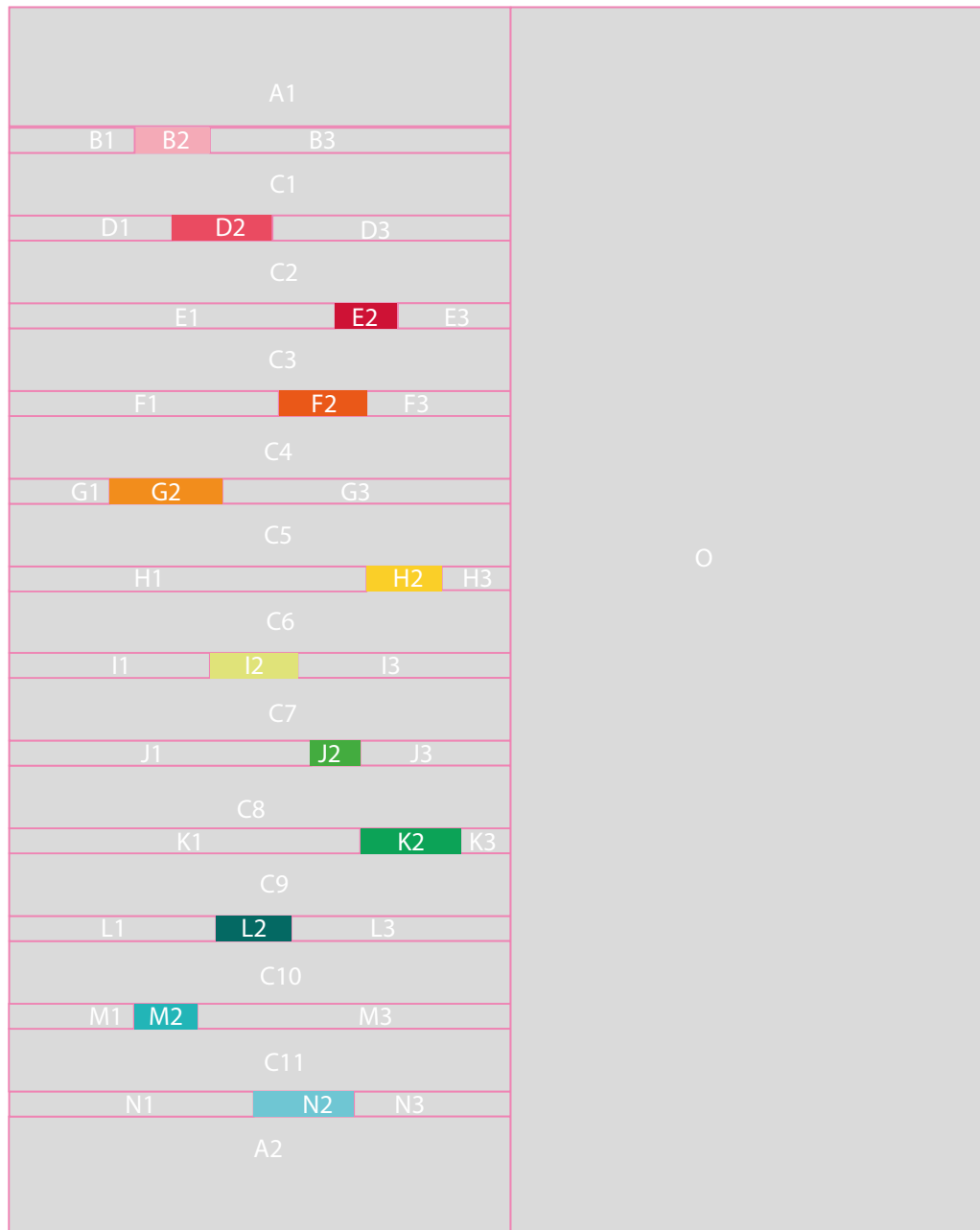
K2: 8 1/2 x 2 1/2"

K3: 4 1/2 x 2 1/2"

L1: 17 x 2 1/2"

L2: 6 1/2 x 2 1/2"

L3: 18 x 2 1/2"



M1: 10 1/2 x 2 1/2"

M2: 5 1/2 x 2 1/2"

M3: 25 1/2 x 2 1/2"

N1: 20 x 2 1/2"

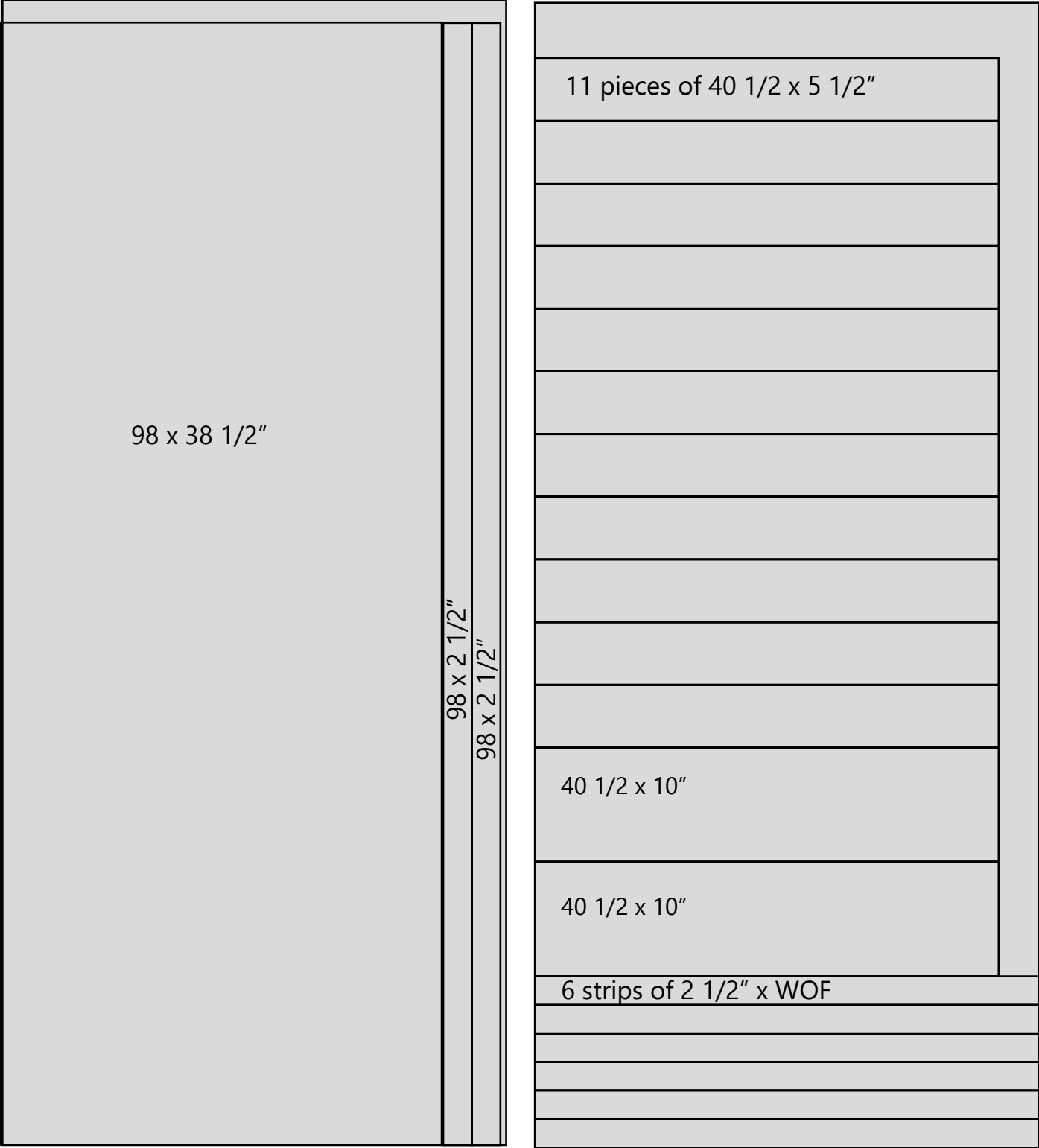
N2: 8 1/2 x 2 1/2"

N3: 13 x 2 1/2"

O: 38 1/2 x 98 1/2"

# Rainbow Backing in one piece - Cutting Scheme

This is how you could cut the backing fabric to make the Rainbow Backing in one piece.



## Rainbow Backing in one piece - Sewing instructions

Take a look at the schematic overview and follow the steps below to sew the Rainbow Backing together.

Start by sewing the rainbow strips together.

Sew B1 to B2 to B3.

Sew D1 to D2 to D3.

Sew E1 to E2 to E3.

Repeat this for F-N. These strips should measure  $40\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

Pieces C1-C11 are all the same size. These pieces go in between the B-N strips. When you've sewn those together you can add piece A1 to the top and A2 to the bottom.

The last step is to sew piece O next to the rainbow part. And then your quilt backing is done!

## Rainbow Backing in three pieces

When you want to make the Rainbow Backing in three pieces, you need to add some extra fabric to some of the parts of the backing.

As you could see in the pattern above, the quilt back will be 4 inches bigger than the quilt top on all sides. This should also be the case when you quilt your quilt in three pieces. So if you want to use the Rainbow Backing for your quilt, but you also want to quilt it in three sections, then you need to make some adjustments to the pattern.

I would suggest to make the following pieces bigger:

C3:  $40\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$

C8:  $40\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$

O:  $38\frac{1}{2} \times 114\frac{1}{2}$ "

Then you can sew the Rainbow Backing together just like the instructions given for the Rainbow Backing in one piece. After you've sewn the backing together you can go ahead and cut about halfway piece C3 and halfway piece C8.

To know where you should cut your backing, you can place your quilt top sections on the back and used that to cut. Check out the illustration on the next page.

This will give you three backing pieces that will fit the three pieces of the front of the quilt. Make sure to make the three sections of the quilt top like described in the 'Required Fabrics' section.

Also take a look at the schematic to see where the sashings should go. Section 1 has a sashing below row 4, Section 2 does not have sashings above row 5 or below row 8 and Section 3 has a sashing above row 9.

# Rainbow Backing in three pieces

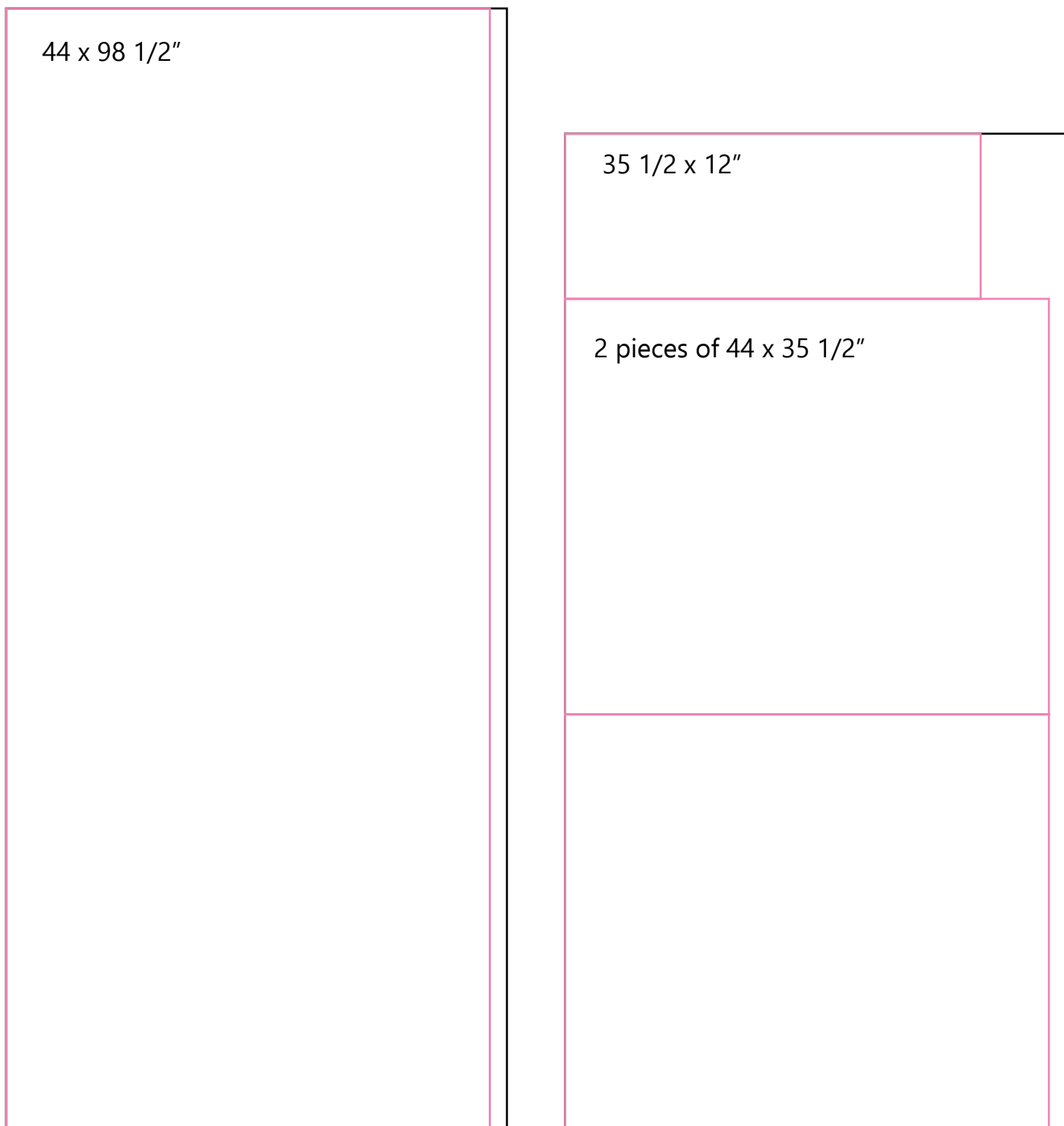
In the illustration below you see the alternative Rainbow Backing for quilting your quilt in three pieces. You can see the three sections in blue, and the lines where you should cut in black.



# Solid backing in one piece - Cutting Scheme

This is how you could cut the backing fabric to make the solid backing in one piece.

All measures are given including seam allowance.



## Solid backing in one piece - Sewing instructions

Take a look at the schematic overview and follow the steps below to sew the Solid backing together.

Start by sewing the three pieces on the left together. Then add the larger pieces to the right. The measures below include seam allowance. The finished quilt back will measure 78 1/2 x 98 1/2".

