

### *Erik's Tips:*

The *Traditional Setting Step 8* puts together the center field of the quilt and begins the pieced borders! When laying out the rows for the quilt, we put the blocks in random order. When sewing it all together, use the four-patches in the **Step 4** Sashing strips as a guide. You will find these four-patches make an easy match and a good place to pin in order to keep the rows straight. Make sure to keep a good 1/4-inch seam allowance so that all of the block points will be sharp! Also, pay close attention to the direction of the previously pressed seam allowances so that the seams will nest as you add the sashing...repress any seam allowances that do not nest and take care not to flip any that are correctly pressed while you are sewing!

Although we chose **Dk Red** for our inner border, feel free to use any color that compliments or blends in with your quilt! We even considered continuing the **Black** we used in the sashing units...the choice is up to you!

Be sure to take the time to measure your quilt as we explain on Page 3! This will keep your quilt and its borders straight and flat as we add more borders. We did not include actual measurements at this point because everyone's quilt may be slightly different. (The center field measurements we have given are but a guide!) It is well worth the effort to take the few moments to measure as explained, than to have a quilt that won't lie flat, or cause bubbles that won't quilt out!

We recommend cutting the border strips a little longer than necessary, marking the actual measurement, then pinning the border strip in place before sewing or cutting it. By doing this, if you are off by 1/4 or 1/2 inch, you will have not wasted border strip fabric since you can adjust from that point. You will need to piece together the 3-inch inner border strips to obtain the needed lengths...cut them the width of fabric and piece as needed.

There are more borders to come...and more blocks to use.