Take Your Blocks From The Design Wall To The Sewing Machine

	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Row #1	•				
Row #2					
Row #3					

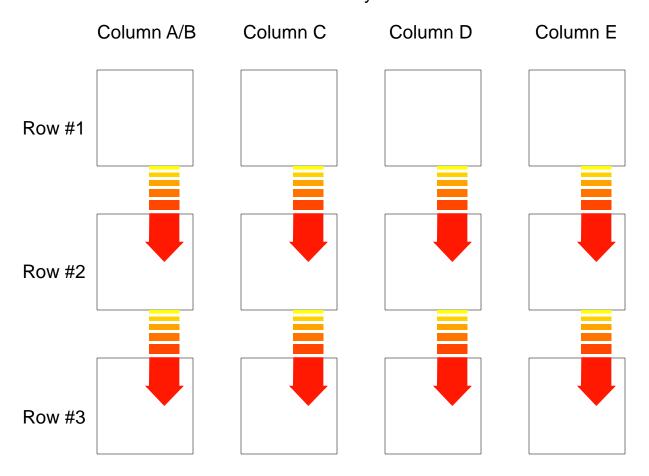
This technique works no matter how many columns or rows you may have!

All blocks are right side up. Put a pin in the block in row #1 column A in the upper left corner (•) (this marks your top left block).

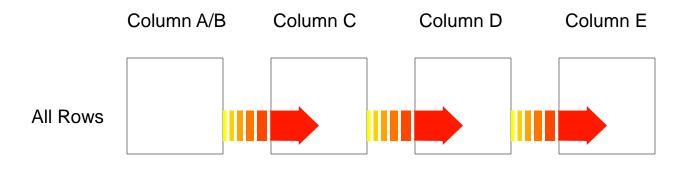
Flip column B block row #1 onto column A block row #1 positioning right sides together. They will usually stick together but if not, just put a pin in them for a temporary hold.

Continue in this manner until all column B blocks are flipped onto their related row blocks in column A.

Now take your paired row #1 column A/B blocks and stack them onto row #2 A/B blocks onto row #3 and so on making sure that row #1 blocks are on top and your last row is on the bottom. With column C stack row #1 onto row #2 onto row #3 and so on. Continue in this manner until all your columns are stacked.



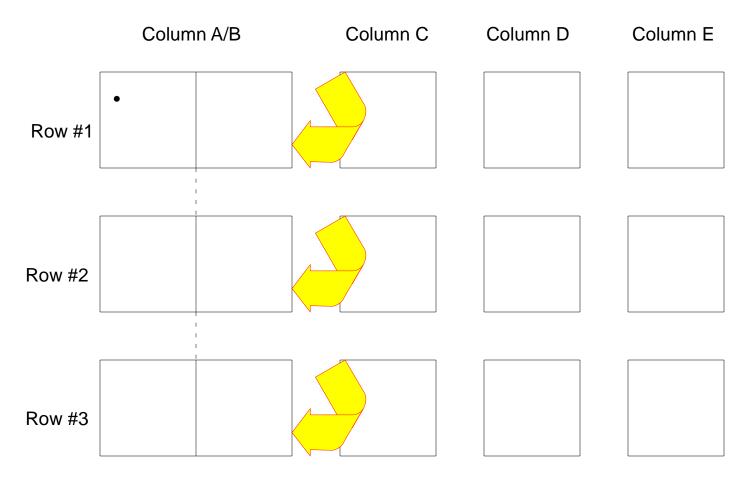
Now take your paired column A/B stack and place it on top of column C and so on until you are left with just one stack.



Put a pin in the right side (sewing line) of row #1 column A/B (this is where you will begin chain piecing. Take the stack to your machine and sew the first two blocks together chain to the next two blocks and so on. Once you come to a block that is right side up you know that this is the beginning of the next column. Take this chain pieced set of blocks from column A/B out of the machine (do not cut your chained pieces as this will keep your blocks in order).

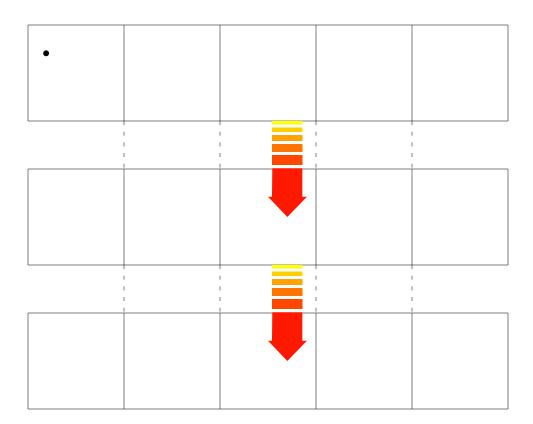
Open up your chained pieces making sure that the marking pin you placed in the top left block is in the top left position.

Begin sewing the next block to Column A/B row 1 right sided together and continue to chain piece in this manner, taking the quilt out of the machine each time you come to your last row. Continue in this manner until all blocks have been added.



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Once all of your columns are connected. you can begin to connect your rows keeping the chain as your guide.



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This technique works even if you have sashing and corner stones. Just treat the sashing and corner stones as blocks.