

# 2026 Temperature Quilt Starter Worksheet

A four-page field card for late starters. Print, fill in, and keep with your fabric bins.

## Before Block 1, decide these five things:

1. Your location and historical temperature range
2. Your temperature interval (3, 5, or 10 degrees)
3. Your block shape and size
4. Whether you are tracking high only, or high and low
5. Your backfill plan for January through April

Page 1 fills in the decisions. Pages 2 and 3 hold the swatch chart and fabric math. Page 4 is your first 12 weeks.

## Page 1 — Your Setup

<b>Location (city, state, zip)</b>	
<b>Historical weather source (URL)</b>	
<b>Your annual low (°F)</b>	
<b>Your annual high (°F)</b>	
<b>Temperature interval (3 / 5 / 10°)</b>	
<b>Total number of colors needed</b>	
<b>Tracking: High only, or High and Low?</b>	
<b>Block shape (HST, rectangle, Dresden, other)</b>	
<b>Finished block size (inches)</b>	
<b>Start date of your quilt</b>	
<b>Backfill plan (historical / fresh start)</b>	



## Page 3 — Fabric Yardage Calculator

Most temperature quilts need 14 to 22 fabrics. For 3" finished half-square triangle blocks, the totals below are a working estimate. Adjust by climate if your extreme temperatures are rare.

Use	Recommended Cut	Your Yardage
Mid-range temperature colors (each)	1/2 yard	
Extreme cold and extreme heat (each)	1/4 yard	
Background fabric	3 yards	
Binding	1/2 yard	
Backing (pieced or single)	4 yards	
Batting	72" x 84"	

### Pre-Cut Batching Checklist

- Sunday before Week 1: cut 30 pairs of squares for the coming month
- Label a ziplock bag for each day, mark the date in Sharpie
- Place both fabric squares (high + low) in the correct day's bag
- Keep bags in a basket or drawer next to your machine
- On sewing day: grab today's bag, stitch, press, stack
- Re-cut at the end of each month, never daily

## Page 4 — First 12 Weeks Tracker

Fill in daily highs and lows as you go, or pull them from a historical weather source when you catch up. Check the box when the block is sewn.

Week	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
W1							
W2							
W3							
W4							
W5							
W6							
W7							
W8							
W9							
W10							
W11							
W12							

### Catch-Up Math

Days behind  $\div$  blocks per sitting = sittings needed to catch up. Example: 30 days behind, 10 blocks per Sunday afternoon = 3 Sundays. Put those sessions on your calendar before you start.

