Hidden Wells Simplified

You will be making 4 blocks that will be joined together to make a four patch.

CUT strips 20”+ long (can use fat quarter)
2 medium 2.5” wide
2 light 2” wide
1 print 3” wide

SEW lengthwise to form a 10” wide strip in this order:
1 medium at 2.5” wide
1 white at 2” wide
1 print at 3” wide
1 white at 2” wide
1 medium at 2.5” wide

PRESS away from the white. Use starch to stabilize.
CUT the pieced strip into 2 ten inch squares.
Re-press one block toward the white.
Place the squares together right sides together at right angles- one vertical and one horizontal. Pin at the corners to make certain the corners meet exactly.
SEW all four edges around the outside. Do not pivot at the corners but go right off the edge.
CUT on both diagonals so you have 4 blocks.
Carefully press (not iron) the seams toward what had been the top triangle.

Exchange two opposing squares so that a square is formed in the middle of your four patch.
Sew together to form a hidden wells block. Make as many as you like for your sample quilt or for the raffle.

PLACE RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER   CUT & PRESS   PIECE & PRESS
A fun thing to try with your border fabric:

Hidden Wells Using Stripped Fabric

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Find a border print or stripe with wide strips. Center a stripe and cut into strips, ideally 8” or wider. Cut the strips into squares.

Place the squares together right sides together at right angles- one vertical and one horizontal. Pin at the corners to make certain the corners meet exactly.

SEW all four edges around the outside. Do not pivot at the corners but go right off the edge. CUT on both diagonals so you have 4 blocks. Carefully press (not iron) the seams toward what had been the top triangle.

Exchange two opposing squares so that a square is formed in the middle of your four patch. Sew together to form a hidden wells block. Look what happens when you sew four hidden wells blocks together! A secondary design forms in the center !!!!