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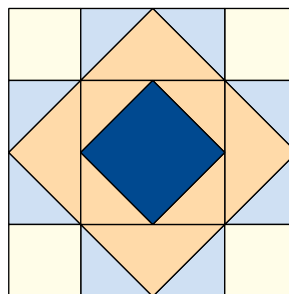


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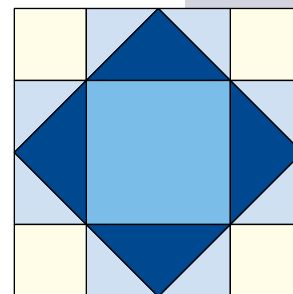


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SQUARE-IN-A-SQUARE

12" x 12" Block



FRAMED SQUARE

12" x 12" Block

# Diamonds on Parade

DESIGN &gt; JUDITH SANDSTROM

Blend lots of blue fabrics in this quilt made with two different pieced blocks.

## PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Skill Level: Beginner

Quilt Size: 78" x 90"

Block Size: 12" x 12"

Number of Blocks: 30

## MATERIALS

- ¼ yard each 10 blue/tan prints
- ⅔ yard light blue print for binding
- 1 ⅞ yards cream tonal
- 1 ¼ yards tan tonal
- 1 ½ yards light blue tonal
- 2 yards dark blue tonal
- Backing 84" x 96"
- Batting 84" x 96"
- Neutral color all-purpose thread
- Quilting thread
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Cutting

**Step 1.** Cut ten 3½" by fabric width strips cream tonal; subcut into (120) 3½" B squares.

**Step 2.** Cut the following fabric width strips from dark blue tonal: three 7¼"—subcut into (15) 7¼" C squares and cut each C square in half on both diagonals to make 60 C triangles; two 4¾"—subcut into (15) 4¾" E squares; and eight 3½" for H and I borders. Cut four 3½" x 6½" J rectangles dark blue tonal.

**Step 3.** Cut twelve 3⅞" by fabric width strips light blue tonal; subcut strips into (120) 3⅞" D squares. Cut each square on one diagonal to make 240 D triangles.

**Step 4.** Cut the following fabric width strips tan tonal; three 7¼"—subcut strips into (15) 7¼" F squares and cut each square on both diagonals to make (60) F triangles; and three 3⅞"—subcut into (30) 3⅞" G squares and cut each square on one diagonal to make (60) G triangles. Cut four 6½" x 6½" K squares tan tonal.

**Step 5.** Cut one 6½" by fabric width strip from each of the 10 prints; subcut strips into (59) 6½" A squares.

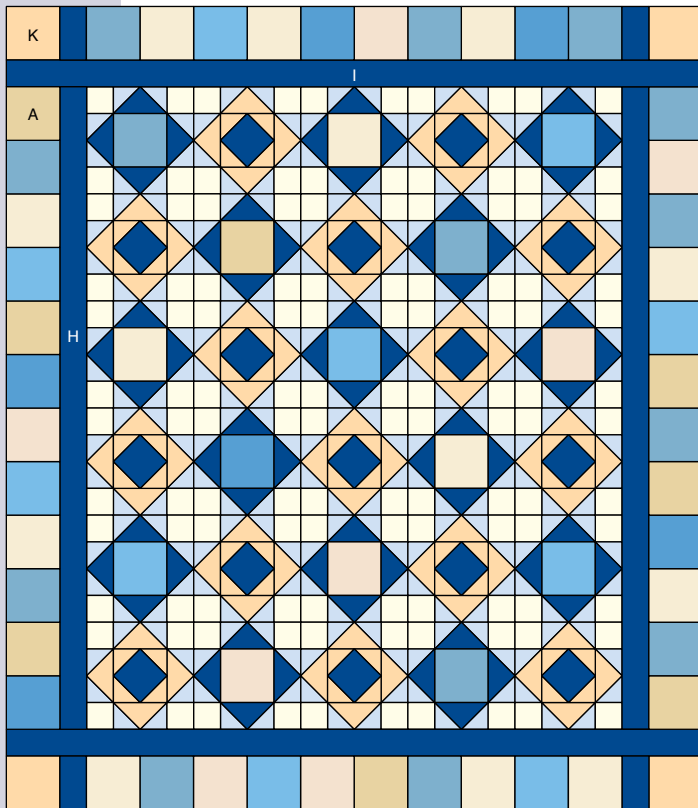
**Step 6.** Cut nine 2¼" by fabric width strips light blue print for binding.





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 HOUSE of  
WHITE BIRCHES



DIAMONDS ON PARADE Placement Diagram 78" x 90"

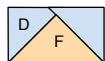
### Piecing Square-in-a-Square Blocks

**Step 1.** To piece one Square-in-a-Square block, sew G to each side of E as shown in **Figure 1**; press seams toward G.



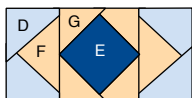
**FIGURE 1** Sew G to each side of E.

**Step 2.** Sew D to two sides of F as shown in **Figure 2**; press seams toward D. Repeat for four D-F units.



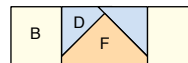
**FIGURE 2** Sew D to 2 sides of F.

**Step 3.** Sew a D-F unit to opposite sides of the E-G unit as shown in **Figure 3**; press seams toward D-F.



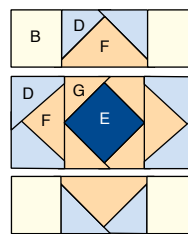
**FIGURE 3** Sew a D-F unit to opposite sides of the E-G unit.

**Step 4.** Sew a B square to opposite ends of the remaining D-F units as shown in **Figure 4**; press seams away from B.



**FIGURE 4** Sew a B square to opposite ends of the remaining D-F units.

**Step 5.** Sew a B-D-F unit to opposite sides of the E-G-D-F unit to complete one Square-in-a-Square block as shown in **Figure 5**; press seams toward B-D-F units. Repeat to make 15 blocks.

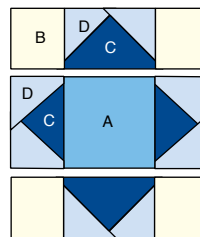


**FIGURE 5** Sew 2 B-D-F units to the E-G-D-F unit to complete 1 Square-in-a-Square block.

### Piecing Framed Square Blocks

**Step 1.** To piece one Framed Square block, sew D to two sides of C as in **Figure 2** for D and F; press seams toward D. Repeat for four C-D units.

**Step 2.** Sew a C-D unit to opposite sides of A as shown in **Figure 6**; press seams toward A.



**FIGURE 6** Sew 2 B-C-D units to the A-C-D unit to complete 1 Framed Square block.

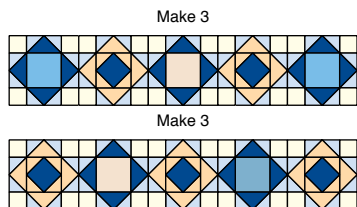
**Step 3.** Sew a B square to each end of the remaining C-D units as in **Figure 4** for D-F units; press seams toward B.

**Step 4.** Sew a B-C-D unit to opposite sides of the A-C-D unit to complete one Framed Square block as shown in **Figure 6**; press seams toward A-C-D units. Repeat for 15 blocks.



## Completing the Pieced Top

**Step 1.** Join three Framed Square blocks with two Square-in-a-Square blocks to make a row referring to **Figure 7**; press seams toward Square-in-a-Square blocks. Repeat for three rows.



**FIGURE 7** Join blocks to make rows.

**Step 2.** Join three Square-in-a-Square blocks with two Framed Square blocks to make a row, again referring to **Figure 7**; press seams toward Square-in-a-Square blocks. Repeat for three rows.

**Step 3.** Join the rows to complete the pieced center; press seams in one direction.

**Step 4.** Join the 3½"-wide dark blue tonal strips on short ends to make one long strip. Cut strip into two 72½" H strips and two 78½" I strips.

**Step 5.** Join 12 A squares to make a long strip; press seams in one direction. Repeat for two strips.

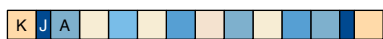
**Step 6.** Sew an A strip to H as shown in **Figure 8**; press seams toward H. Repeat for two A-H strips.



**FIGURE 8** Sew an A strip to H.

**Step 7.** Sew an A-H strip to opposite sides of the pieced center with H on the inside; press seams toward H.

**Step 8.** Join 10 A squares to make a long strip; press seams in one direction. Sew J and then K to each end of each strip as shown in **Figure 9**; press seams toward J. Repeat for two A-J-K strips.



**FIGURE 9** Sew J and then K to each end of the strip.

**Step 9.** Sew an A-J-K strip to I; press seam toward I. Repeat for two A-J-K-I strips. Sew

a strip to the top and bottom to complete the pieced top; press seams toward strips.

## Finishing the Quilt

**Step 1.** Sandwich the batting between the completed top and prepared backing; pin or baste layers together to hold.

**Step 2.** Hand- or machine-quilt as desired. When quilting is complete, trim batting and backing even with top; remove pins or basting.

**Step 3.** Join the previously cut binding strips on short ends to make one long strip. Fold the strip in half along length with wrong sides together; press.

**Step 4.** Sew binding to quilt edges, mitering corners and overlapping ends. Fold binding to the backside and stitch in place to finish. ♦





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