



Dripping With Diamonds

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Quilted by Masterpiece Quilting

This quilt is surprisingly quick to make with the help of a 45-Degree Diamond ruler. It looks much more difficult than it is.

Skill Level

Confident Beginner

Finished Size

Quilt Size: 48" x 74½"

Materials

- ¾ yard each 6 bright batiks
- ⅝ yard purple batik
- 3¾ yards light green batik
- Backing to size
- Batting to size
- Thread
- 45-Degree Diamond ruler by E-Z Quilter
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

Project Notes

Read all instructions before beginning this project.

Stitch right sides together using a ¼" seam allowance unless otherwise specified.

Refer to a favorite quilting guide for specific techniques.

Materials and cutting lists assume 40" of usable fabric width.

Cutting

Refer to General Instructions for 45-Degree Diamond ruler on page 5 for specific cutting instructions.

From each bright batik:

- Cut 2 (4" by fabric width) strips.
Subcut strips into 7 A diamonds of each color.

From purple batik:

- Cut 7 (2½" by fabric width) binding strips.

From light green batik:

- Cut 9 (4" by fabric width) strips.
Subcut strips into 60 B diamonds.
- Trim remaining yardage to 75" by fabric width.
Subcut lengthwise into 4 (4½" x 75") C strips and 2 (7½" x 75") D strips.
Cut remainder into 2 (4" x 75") strips; subcut into 26 B diamonds for a total of 86 B diamonds.

Completing the Vertical Rows

1. Arrange A diamonds in vertical rows referring to Assembly Diagram.
2. Stitch B diamonds onto opposite sides of A diamonds (Figure 1) Press seams toward A triangles.

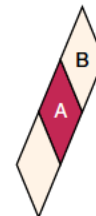


Figure 1



3. Stitch B-A-B units together matching A diamond tips to form vertical rows (Figure 2); press.

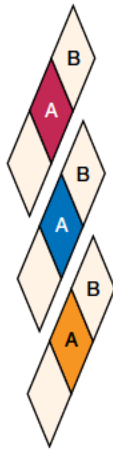


Figure 2

4. Stitch a B diamond on each top and bottom A diamond on three of the rows.

5. Square up and trim sides, top and bottom of rows to measure 4" x 75", making sure to leave 1/4" on each side of A diamonds for seam allowance, referring to Figure 3 to make three vertical 8-Diamond Rows.

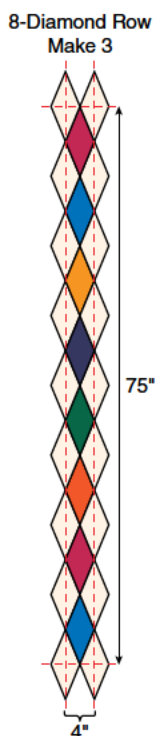


Figure 3

6. Add another B-A-B unit to two remaining vertical rows. Repeat step 5 trimming rows to 4" x 75" completing two 9-Diamond Rows referring to Figure 4 and the Assembly Diagram for color placement.

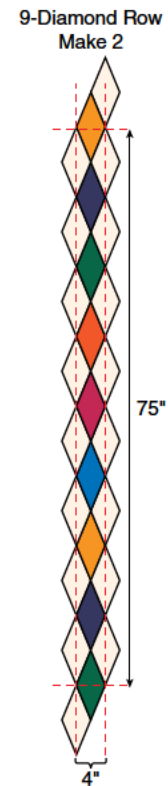


Figure 4

7. Refer to the Assembly Diagram and stitch the diamond vertical rows and C and D strips together to complete quilt center.

Designer's Tip
When working with biased edges on the diamonds, be sure not to over-handle the edges while pressing or sewing; it can cause them to stretch out of shape.

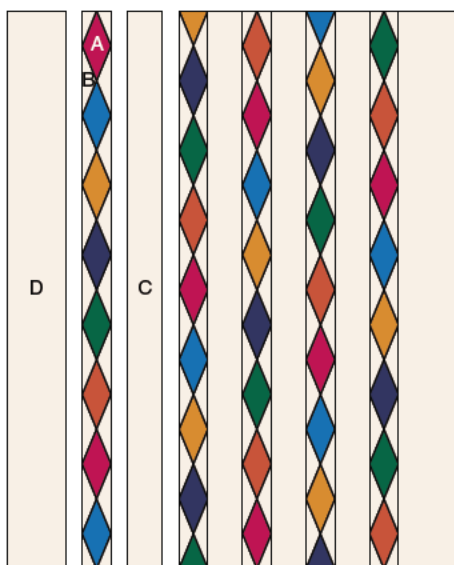
Completing the Quilt

1. Sandwich the batting between the pieced top and a prepared backing piece; baste layers together. Quilt as desired.

2. When quilting is complete, remove basting, and trim batting and backing fabric even with raw edges of the pieced top.

3. Prepare binding and stitch to quilt front edges, matching raw edges, mitering corners and overlapping ends. Fold binding to back side and stitch in place to finish. ●

"I have always liked diamonds (what girl doesn't?), and this quilt does a great job of showcasing them." —Nancy Scott



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Assembly Diagram 48" x 74½"

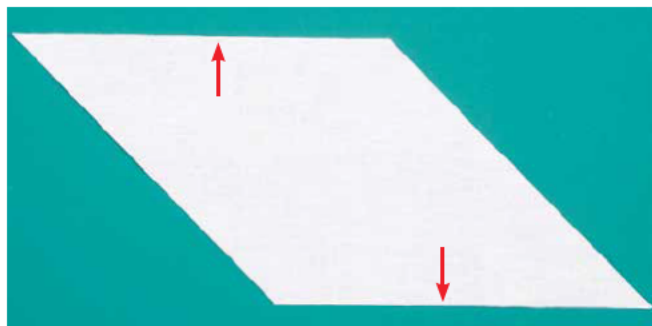




EZ Quilting® 45-Degree Diamond Ruler

This versatile ruler allows you to cut diamond shapes ranging from 1" finished height to 3½" finished height.

When using this ruler, the height of a diamond is measured from flat side to flat side, indicated by the red arrows, **NOT** tip to tip.



The dashed lines on the ruler indicate the finished size of each diamond and the solid lines are used for lining up with the fabric for cutting.

Two sides of the diamond will have bias edges and will need to be handled with care to avoid stretching. Applying spray starch to the strips and ironing dry before cutting will make the pieces easier to handle.

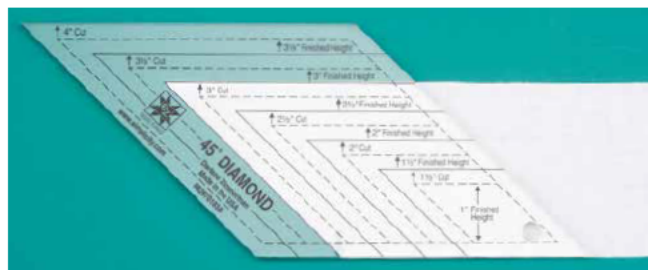
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To Cut 45-Degree Diamonds

1. Cut a fabric width strip according to the measurements on the ruler based on the finished size of diamond desired.
2. Position ruler on one end of fabric and trim to establish a 45-degree angle.



3. Position the ruler with the solid lines for the desired finished size of the diamond being cut along cut edges of fabric strip to make the final cut for the diamond.



4. Continue cutting diamonds along length of fabric strip.



Quilting Basics

The following is a reference guide. For more information, consult a comprehensive quilting book.

Quilt Backing & Batting

We suggest that you cut your backing and batting 8" larger than the finished quilt-top size. If preparing the backing from standard-width fabrics, remove the selvages and sew two or three lengths together; press seams open. If using 108"-wide fabric, trim to size on the straight grain of the fabric.

Prepare batting the same size as your backing. You can purchase prepackaged sizes or battings by the yard and trim to size.

Quilting

1. Press quilt top on both sides and trim all loose threads.
2. Make a quilt sandwich by layering the backing right side down, batting and quilt top centered right side up on flat surface and smooth out. Pin or baste layers together to hold.
3. Mark quilting design on quilt top and quilt as desired by hand or machine. **Note:** If you are sending your quilt to a professional quilter, contact them for specifics about preparing your quilt for quilting.
4. When quilting is complete, remove pins or basting. Trim batting and backing edges even with raw edges of quilt top.

Binding the Quilt

1. Join binding strips on short ends with diagonal seams to make one long strip; trim seams to ¼" and press seams open (Figure A).

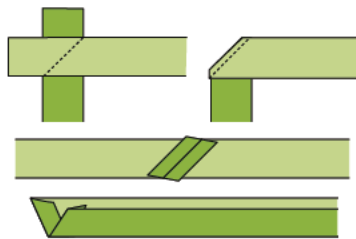


Figure A

2. Fold 1" of one short end to wrong side and press. Fold the binding strip in half with wrong sides together along length, again referring to Figure A; press.
3. Starting about 3" from the folded short end, sew binding to quilt top edges, matching raw edges and using a ¼" seam. Stop stitching ¼" from corner and backstitch (Figure B).



Figure B

4. Fold binding up at a 45-degree angle to seam and then down even with quilt edges, forming a pleat at corner, referring to Figure C.

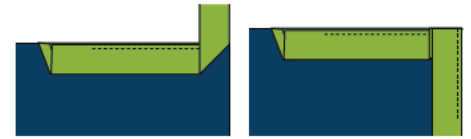


Figure C

5. Resume stitching from corner edge as shown in Figure C, down quilt side, backstitching ¼" from next corner. Repeat, mitering all corners, stitching to within 3" of starting point.
6. Trim binding end long enough to tuck inside starting end and complete stitching (Figure D).



Figure D

7. Fold binding to quilt back and stitch in place by hand or machine to complete your quilt.