

PROJECT: Bands of Colors

As spring approaches, be picnic-ready with a bright, beginner-friendly rainbow quilt.

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FINISHED SIZE:

70½" square

MATERIALS

- 2¼ yards white dot (quilt center, sashing)
- 1 yard total assorted red prints (quilt center, color band)
- ½ yard total assorted orange prints (color band)
- ½ yard total assorted yellow prints (color band)
- ½ yard total assorted green prints (color band)
- ½ yard total assorted purple prints (color band)
- 1½ yards total assorted aqua prints (color band, binding)
- ¾ yard total assorted purple prints (color band)
- 4½ yards backing fabric
- 79"-square batting

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From white dot, cut:

- 17–2½×42" strips for sashing
- 2–2½×40½" sashing strips
- 2–2½×36½" sashing strips
- 2–2½×30½" sashing strips
- 2–2½×26½" sashing strips
- 2–2½×20½" sashing strips
- 2–2½×16½" sashing strips
- 2–2½×10½" rectangles
- 2–2½×6½" rectangles

From assorted red prints, cut:

- 4–3½" squares
- Enough 3½"-wide rectangles in lengths ranging from 2½" to 6½" to equal at least 260" in length

From assorted orange prints, cut:

- Enough 3½"-wide rectangles in lengths ranging from 2½" to 6½" to equal at least 60" in length

From assorted yellow prints, cut:

- Enough 3½"-wide rectangles in lengths ranging from 2½" to 6½" to equal at least 100" in length

From assorted green prints, cut:

- Enough 3½"-wide rectangles in lengths ranging from 2½" to 6½" to equal at least 140" in length

From assorted aqua prints, cut:

- 8–2½×42" binding strips
- Enough 3½"-wide rectangles in lengths ranging from 2½" to 6½" to equal at least 180" in length

From assorted purple prints, cut:

- Enough 3½"-wide rectangles in lengths ranging from 2½" to 6½" to equal at least 200" in length

ASSEMBLE QUILT TOP

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated. Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

1. Cut and piece white dot 2½×42" strips to make:

- 2–2½×70½" sashing strips
- 2–2½×66½" sashing strips
- 2–2½×60½" sashing strips
- 2–2½×56½" sashing strips
- 2–2½×50½" sashing strips
- 2–2½×46½" sashing strips

2. Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew assorted red print 3½" squares in pairs. Join pairs to make a Four-Patch unit. The unit should be 6½" square including seam allowances.

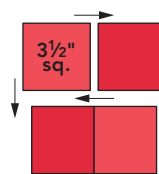


DIAGRAM 1

3. Sew white dot 2½×6½" rectangles to opposite edges of Step 2 unit (**Diagram 2**). Join white dot 2½×10½" rectangles to remaining edges to make quilt center. The quilt center should be 10½" square including seam allowances.



DIAGRAM 2

4. Sew together assorted orange print 3½"-wide rectangles to make a pieced strip that is at least 10½" long; trim to 3½×10½" if necessary (**Diagram 3**). Repeat to make a second orange 3½×10½" pieced strip and two orange 3½×16½" pieced strips.

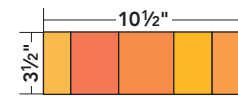


DIAGRAM 3

5. Using assorted prints, repeat Step 4 to make and trim the following:

- 2–3½×26½" yellow strips
- 2–3½×20½" yellow strips
- 2–3½×36½" green strips
- 2–3½×30½" green strips
- 2–3½×46½" aqua strips
- 2–3½×40½" aqua strips
- 2–3½×56½" purple strips
- 2–3½×50½" purple strips
- 2–3½×66½" red strips
- 2–3½×60½" red strips

6. Referring to **Diagram 4**, sew orange 3½×10½" pieced strips to opposite edges of quilt center. Join 3½×16½" pieced strips to remaining edges to add orange band. The quilt center should now be 16½" square including seam allowances.

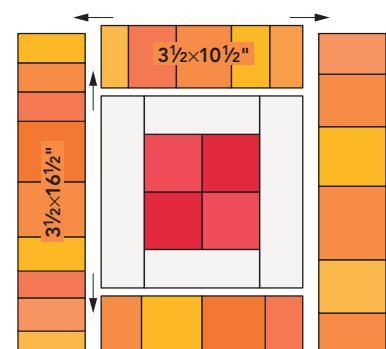


DIAGRAM 4

