

Hope Diamond Birthday Quilt

Instructions:

Step 1: Baste the Batting (fusible - or pin or stitch) to the wrong side of the Backing fabric.

Step 2: Find the Center of the backing/batting fabric, and draw a line from top to bottom. Repeat for Side to Side. See Diagram

Step 3: Baste the Diamond onto the batting using the cross to find the center - See Diagram

Step 4: Select 16 strips and sew a 10" piece of the same fabric to one end. Reserve these for the longest strip pieces - approximately the 8th, 9th, and 10th time around the diamond - and use the remainder of the cut strip for the smaller pieces required.

Step 5: With Right sides together, lay a strip on one side of the triangle, leaving enough fabric on each end to cover the drawn line when the strip is pressed open. Pin and sew with a 1/4" seam. Press Open.

Now, turn the diamond a 1/4 turn and sew a strip on the next side of the diamond (again ensuring that there is enough fabric on each end to cover the drawn line when pressed open) - You will also capture the first strip in this seam. See Diagram

Step 6. Continue adding strips, going around and around the diamond until the entire batting is covered. You can trim excess fabric from the strips as you go.

Step 7. Stitch 1/4" around the entire perimeter of the quilt. \ Add binding.

To make Diamond Template
- Copy triange 4x
- tape together on edges to make a 12" x 20" Diamond.

Set Diamond on fabric, and draw around the template you just made. Stay-stich in 1/8" from drawn edge to prevent the bias from stretching, and then cut out on the drawn Line.

Fabric Requirements/Cutting Instructions

~Backing & Batting

(fusible batting recommended)

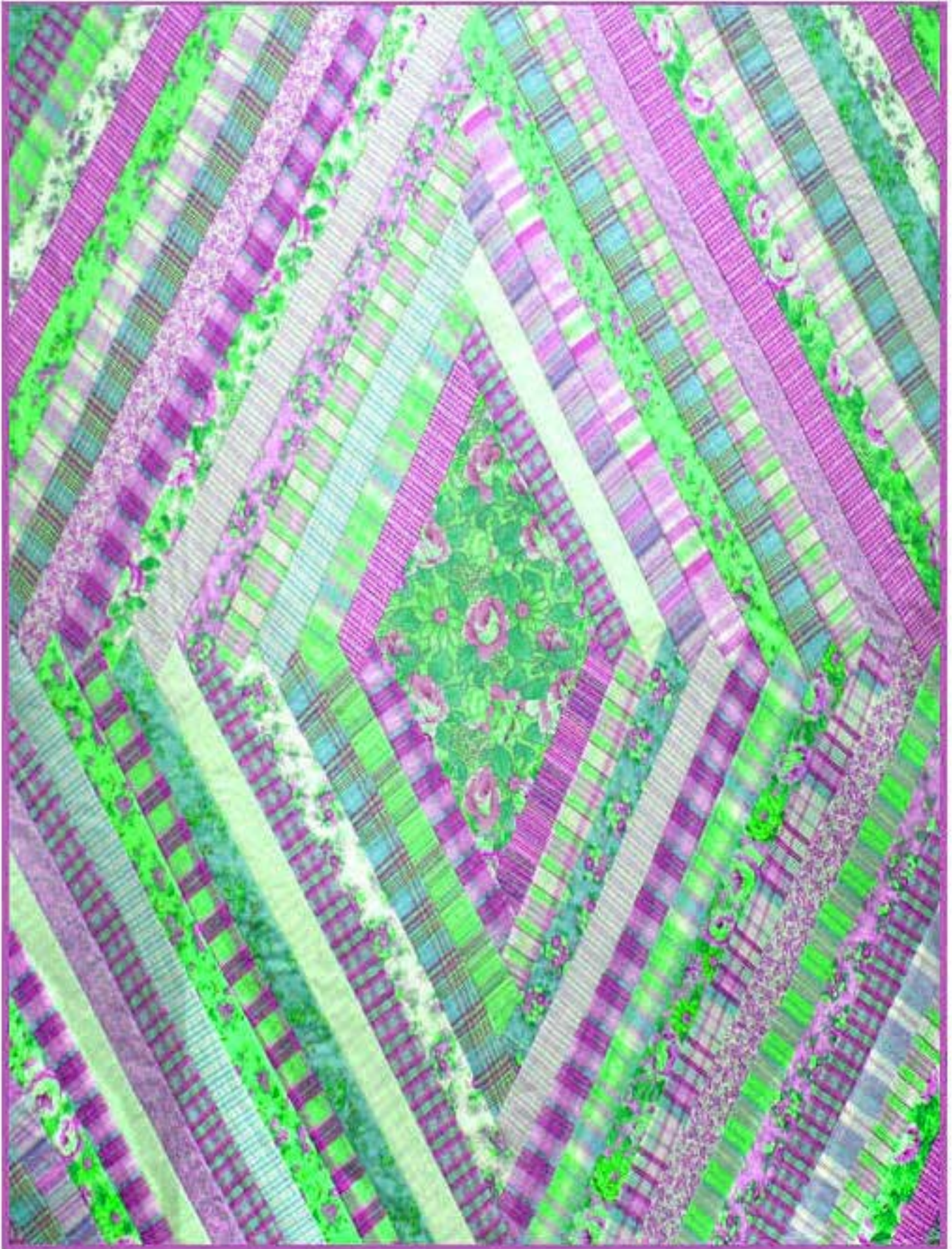
54" x 72" (Sew a 14" x 72" fabric to the long side of a 2 Yard (40" x 72") fabric)

~Approx 100) 2 1/2" x 43" Coordinating strips (or Cut a variety of fabrics into 2 1/2" strips)

~Diamond (see template) - Cut 1
Fabric is 12 1/2" x 21"

~Binding: 7 strips @ 2 1/4" x 43" each

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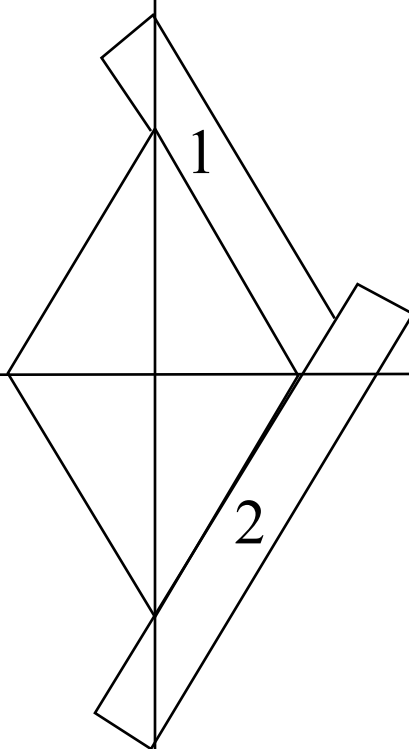
This Diagram shows the following:

Drawn lines on Batting from center top to bottom, and center side to side

Centered and basted Diamond

First Strip Sewn and pressed open

Second Strip sewn (on top of 1st strip and along diamond side) and pressed open



*** Hint: Use a Walking Foot when Sewing Layers with Batting -- It helps to prevent the fabric from bunching as you sew.

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