Crazy Acres

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Crazy Acres is a fun, yet modern design. The design may look complex, but this quilt is made from one block and it is all pieced using basic piecing techniques.

Read all instructions before beginning.

All seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise stated.

Fabric Requirements:

14 various fat quarters3 yards of background fabric2 yards of 108" wide backing OR 4 yards of 44" wide backing1/2 yard binding fabric

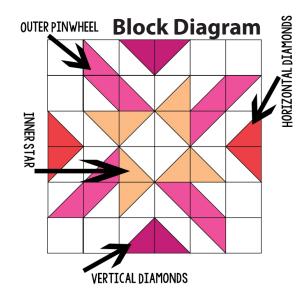
Cutting required for 12 blocks:



168 squares 3 3/4" x 3 3/4" in various colors



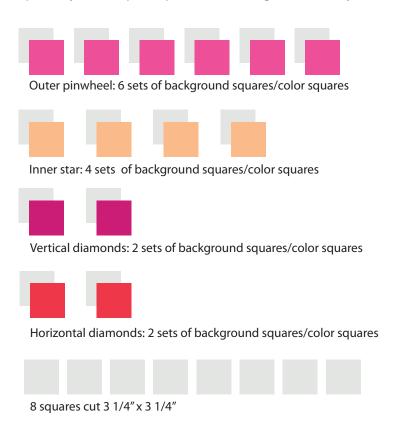




Squares needed for 1 Block



Out of your 3 3/4" squares you will pair up the following fabrics for your half square triangles:

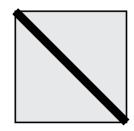


How to make a Half Square Triangle:



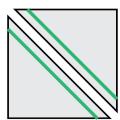
Step 1: You will need two squares cut 3 3/4" x 3 3/4"





Step 2: Place squares right sides together and then draw a diagonal line from one corner to the other.





Steps 3 & 4: Sew a seam a 1/4" on the right side of drawn line, and then flip it around and sew another seam 1/4" from on the left side of the line. Then cut across your drawn diagonal line, so that you have two triangle units.





Steps 5 & 6: Press your half square triangle units open and trim them to 3 1/4" square.

Here are all the half square units needed for each block:



Outer pinwheel: 12 half square triangles



Inner star: 8 half square triangles



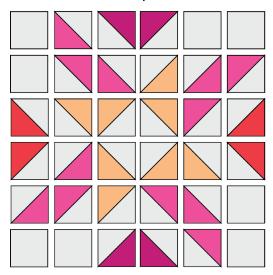
Vertical diamonds: 4 half square triangles

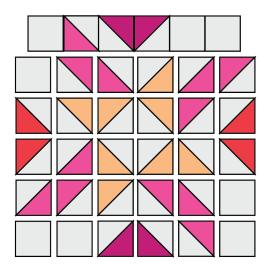


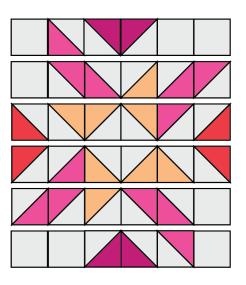
Horizontal diamonds: 4 half square triangles

Now that you have all the half square triangle unitls made, it's time to construct your block. You will want to have a diagram of the block on hand to make this easier for you. Pay close attention to each piece and where it goes!

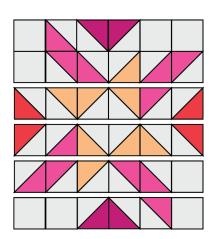
Block Layout:

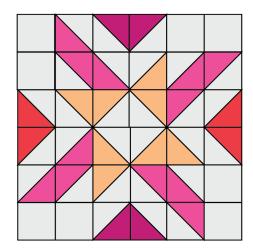






Start by sewing your units into rows. You will have 6 rows. Press each row. Press rows 1, 3, 5 to the left and rows 2, 4, 6 to the right.





Sew your rows together. You can sew them in sets of two, or you can just sew them together one at a time. Press your block.

Unfinished block size: 17"
Congratulations you made one block! Follow the same directions for each block! You can make as many or as few as you'd like!

Top Assembly

If you have your blocks arranged the way you want, you will start by sewing them into rows. I did rows of three on mine, but if you made more blocks you could do longer rows!



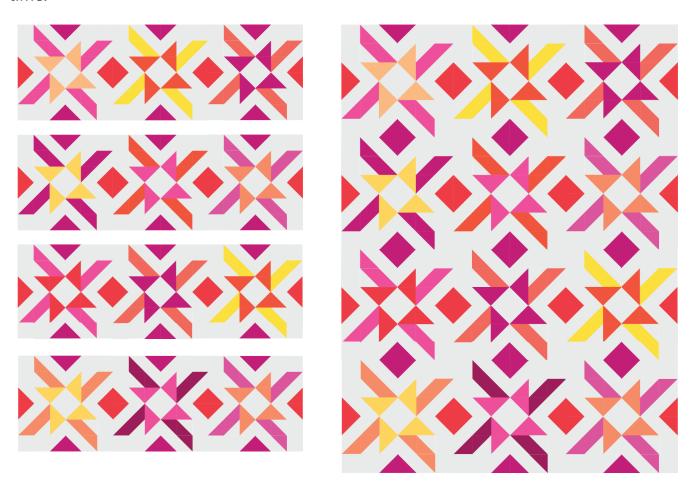
The trick to getting these blocks and more specifically the diamonds to line up is to PIN, PIN, PIN!!!

You will place your blocks right sides together and sew a 1/4" seam.

I literally pinned at each seam on my blocks, yes it took a lot of extra time, but it was worth it! Most of my blocks matched up really well. So please spend the extra time and pin your blocks together before sewing!

Now that you have your rows sewn, you will now sew them together!

Same idea here, with the pinning! You will take rows 1 and 2 place them right sides together and pin, pin, pin! Sew a 1/4" seam and then add your other rows one at at a time!



Your top is now done! You can add borders now if you'd like or you could leave it as is. Once you have your top done, you are ready to baste, quilt and bind! You can find complete tutorials for each of these steps on the Fort Worth Fabric Studio Blog: fortworthfabricstudio.blogspot.com