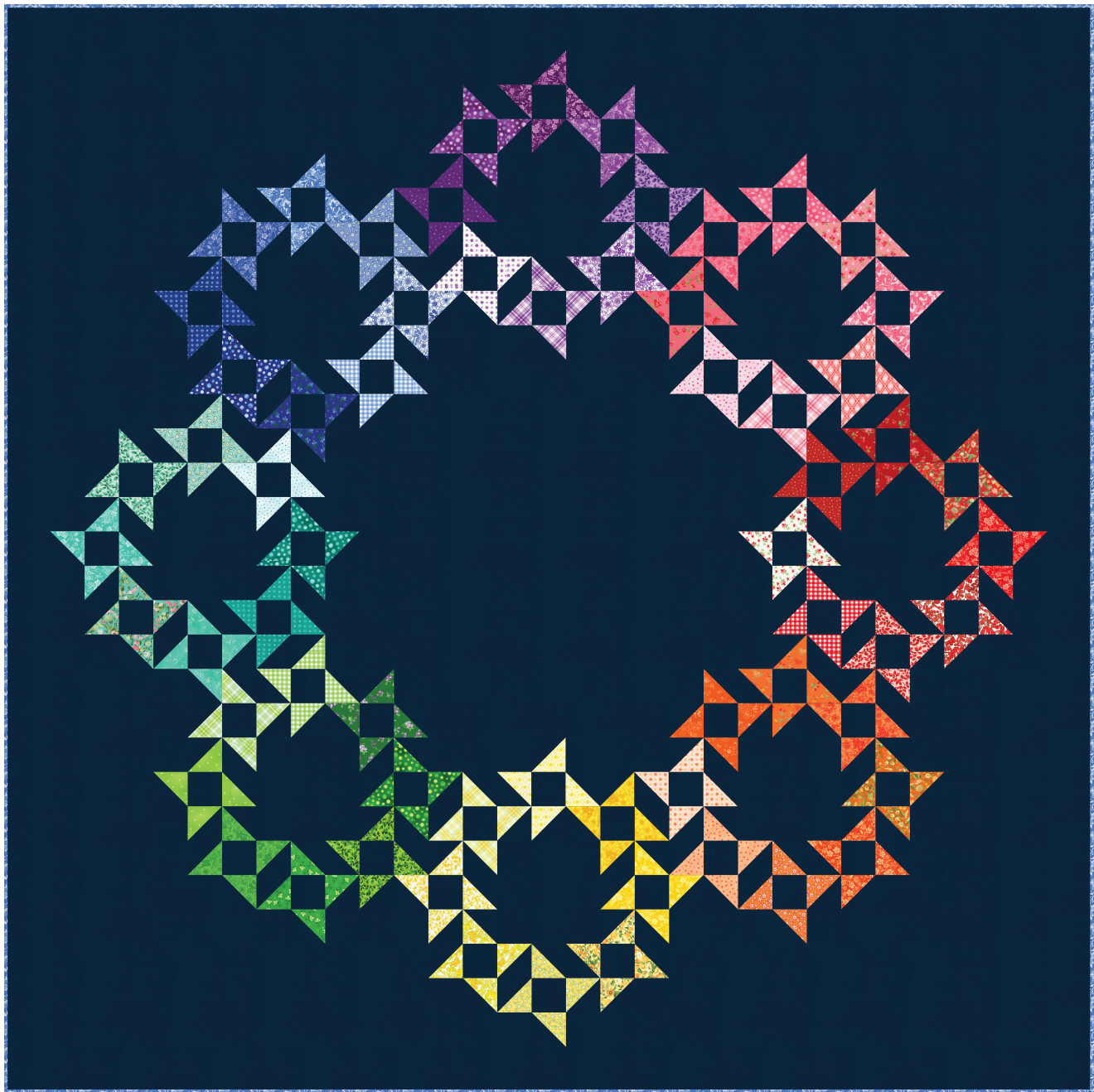


# CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

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Featuring



Finished quilt measures: 71" x 71"




Difficulty Rating: **Intermediate**

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## Fabric and Supplies Needed

Fabric amounts based on yardage that is 42" wide.

Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage	Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage
	A	K001-454	4-7/8 yards		Binding	FLHD-24142-394	5/8 yard
	B	C2631416	one charm pack	<p>You will also need: 4-1/2 yards for backing</p>			
<p><b>TIP:</b> The remaining charms from the pack can be used by adding a scrappy border of choice.</p>				<p>Copyright 2018, Robert Kaufman For individual use only - Not for resale</p>			

## Notes Before You Begin

- Read through all of the instructions before beginning.
- All of the seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.
- Press seam allowances open unless otherwise noted.
- Width of fabric (WOF) is equal to at least 42" wide.
- Right sides together has been abbreviated to RST.
- Remember to measure twice and cut once!

## Cutting Instructions

### From Fabric A, cut:

six 7-1/4" x WOF strips. Subcut:

four 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" rectangles

eight 7-1/4" squares

*Tip: Cut one rectangle and two squares from the sizes above from each of four WOF strips to maximize yardage.*

four 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" rectangles

ten 5" x WOF strips. Subcut:

sixty-four 5" squares

eight 5" x 7-1/4" rectangles

seven 3" x WOF strips. Set aside for the outer borders.

fourteen 2-3/4" x WOF strips. Subcut:

four 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" rectangles

four 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" rectangles

seventeen 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" rectangles

six 2-3/4" x 5" rectangles

eighty 2-3/4" squares

one 16-1/4" square

**From the Fabric B charm pack:**

Select eight 5" squares each, from each of these color groupings:

- purples
- pinks
- red
- oranges
- yellows
- greens
- aquas
- blues

Leave in stacks according to color groupings.

**From the Binding Fabric, cut:**

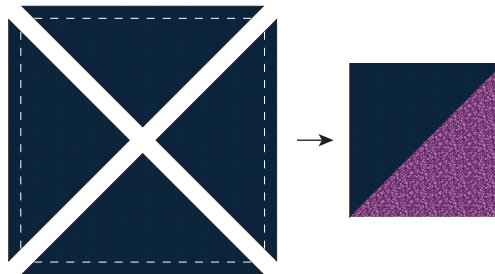
eight 2-1/2" x WOF strips

## Assemble the Half-Square Triangles

**Step 1:** Pair a 5" Fabric A square RST with a purple 5" square. Sew around all four edges, using a 1/4" seam allowance.



**Step 2:** Cut along both diagonals, creating four half-square triangle (HST) units. Press, taking care to not handle the raw edges too much in order to avoid stretching once the diagonals are cut.



**Tip:** Before cutting the diagonals, spray with a spray starch on each side, then press. This will stiffen the fabric slightly and can help prevent bias edges from stretching that are about to be cut.

**Step 3:** Trim to 2-3/4" square.

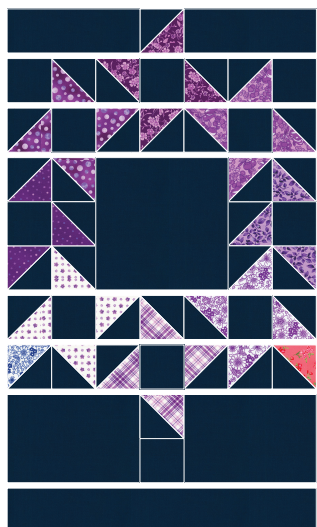
**Step 4:** Repeat Steps 1-3 with all 5" charm squares, creating four HSTs of each print (a total of thirty-two HSTs in each color grouping).

## Assemble the Blocks

### *A Note About Assembling the Blocks:*

*There are slight differences in how the blocks are constructed. Construct each block one at a time, referring to the block image often to confirm correct color placement and HST orientation, then move to the Quilt Assembly.*

### **Purple Block**



#### **Step 5:** Gather

- all purple HSTs\*
- one blue HST
- one pink HST
- ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares
- two 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- two 7-1/4" x 5" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

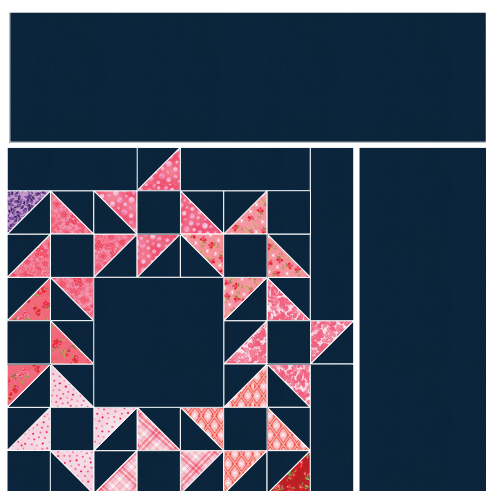
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Blue Block and one will end up in the Pink Block, but they are used here for planning.

**Step 6:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing.

Note the placement of the blue HST and the pink HST within the block and place the remaining two purple HSTs in their respective piles: one will be used in the Blue Block and one will be used in the Pink Block.

**Step 7:** Sew together to form rows, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows together to form the block.

### **Pink Block**



#### **Step 8:** Gather

- all pink HSTs\*
- one purple HST
- one red HST
- ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares
- three 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

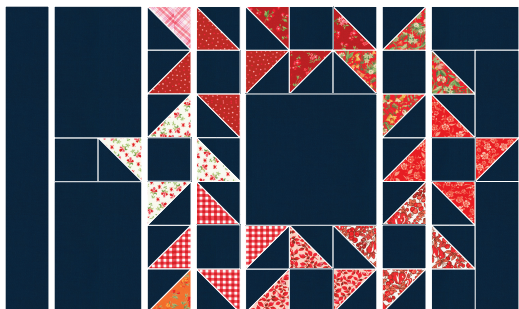
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Red Block and one will have already been used in the Purple Block.

**Step 9:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the purple HST. Be certain that it will align with the matching HSTs in the Purple Block.

Place the extra pink HST in the stack for the Red Block.

**Step 10:** Sew together to form rows, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows together to form the main block section, then sew the right section to the block, as shown. Sew the 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric B rectangle to the top of the block.

### Red Block



**Step 11:** Gather  
all red HSTs\*  
one pink HST  
one orange HST  
ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares  
two 2-3/4" x 5" Fabric A rectangles  
one 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangle  
two 7-1/4" x 5" Fabric A rectangles  
one 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

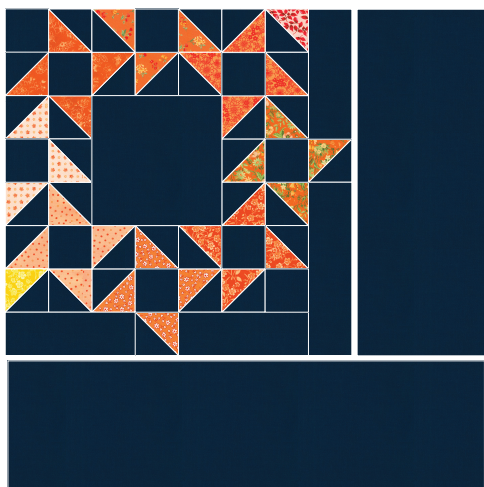
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Orange Block and one will have already been used in the Pink Block.

**Step 12:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the pink HST. Be certain that it will align with the matching HSTs in the Pink Block.

Place the extra red HST in the stack for the Orange Block.

**Step 13:** Sew together to form columns, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other column. Sew the columns and sections together to form the block.

### Orange Block



**Step 14:** Gather  
all orange HSTs\*  
one red HST  
one yellow HST  
ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares  
three 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles  
one 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

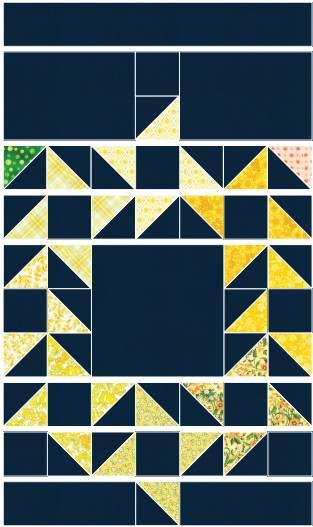
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Yellow Block and one will have already been used in the Red Block.

**Step 15:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the red HST. Be certain that it will align with the matching HSTs in the Red Block.

Place the extra orange HST in the stack for the Yellow Block.

**Step 16:** Sew together to form columns, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other column. Sew the columns and sections together to form the block. Sew the 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric B rectangle to the bottom of the block.

### Yellow Block



**Step 17:** Gather

- all yellow HSTs\*
- one green HST
- one orange HST
- eleven 2-3/4" Fabric A squares
- two 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- two 5" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

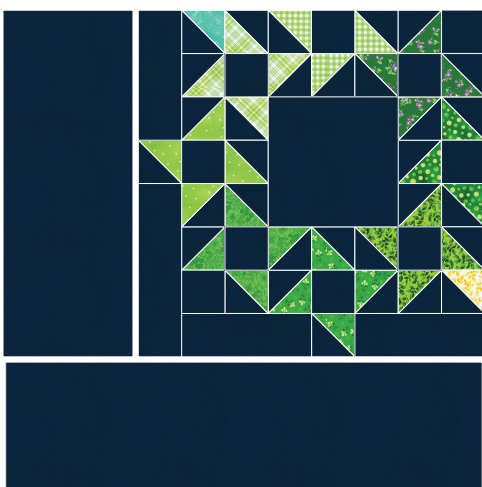
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Green Block and one will have already been used in the Orange Block.

**Step 18:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the orange HST. Be certain that it will align with the matching HSTs in the Orange Block.

Place the extra yellow HST in the stack for the Green Block.

**Step 19:** Sew together to form rows, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows and sections together to form the block.

### Green Block



**Step 20:** Gather

- all green HSTs\*
- one aqua HST
- one yellow HST
- ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares
- three 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

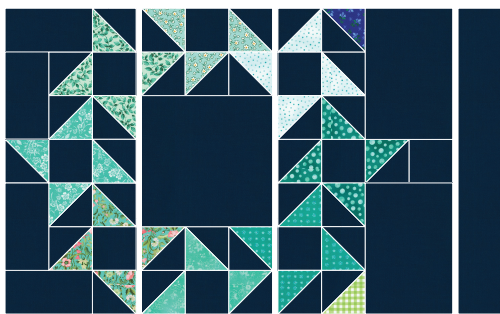
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Aqua Block and one will have already been used in the Yellow Block.

**Step 21:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the yellow HST. Be certain that it will align with the matching HSTs in the Yellow Block.

Place the extra green HST in the stack for the Aqua Block.

**Step 22:** Sew the main (HST) portion of the block together to form rows, as shown, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows and sections together to form the block. Then sew the remaining sections to the bottom and left edges. Sew the 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric B rectangle to the bottom of the block.

### **Aqua Block**



**Step 23:** Gather  
all aqua HSTs\*  
one blue HST  
one green HST  
eleven 2-3/4" Fabric A square  
four 2-3/4" x 5" Fabric A rectangles  
two 5" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles  
one 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

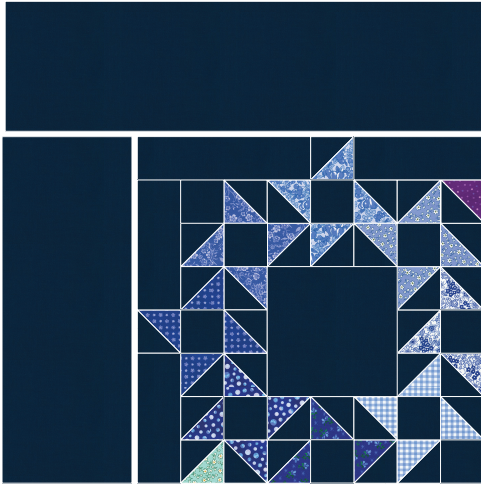
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Blue Block and one will have already been used in the Green Block.

**Step 24:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the green HST. Be certain that it will align with the matching HSTs in the Green Block.

Place the extra aqua HST in the stack for the Blue Block.

**Step 25:** Sew the main (HST) portion of the block together to form rows, as shown, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows and sections together to form the block. Then sew the remaining sections to the right edge.

## **Blue Block**



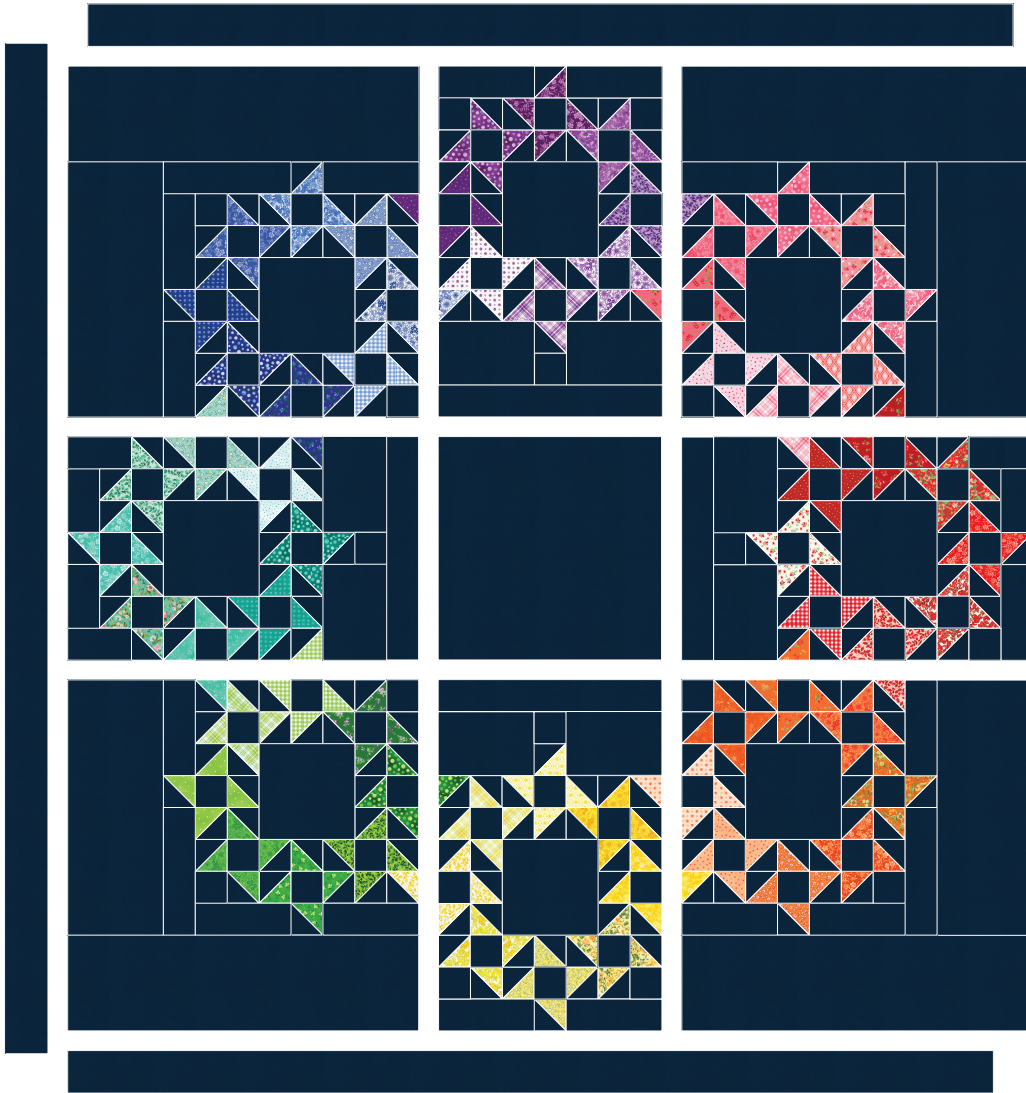
**Step 26:** Gather  
all blue HSTs\*  
one purple HST  
one aqua HST  
ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares  
three 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles  
one 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

\*Note that one will have already been used in the Purple Block and one will have already been used in the Aqua Block.

**Step 27:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the purple HST and Aqua. Be certain that these will align with the matching HSTs in the Purple Block and Aqua Block.

**Step 28:** Sew the main (HST) portion of the block together to form rows, as shown, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows and sections together to form the block. Then sew the remaining sections to the left and top edges. Sew the 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric B rectangle to the top edge of the block.

## Assemble the Quilt



**Step 29:** Arrange all eight blocks and the 16-1/4" Fabric A center square to form the quilt center. Confirm that all colors align at the block edges and that the blocks are oriented correctly. Set the borders aside for now.

**Step 30:** Sew the Blue, Purple and Pink Blocks together to form the top row. Press toward the Purple Block.

**Step 31:** Sew the Aqua, Fabric A center square and Red Blocks together to form the middle row.

Press away from the center square.

**Step 32:** Sew the Green, Yellow and Orange Blocks together to form the bottom row. Press toward the Yellow Block.

**Step 33:** Sew rows together. Press.

**Step 34:** Sew the Fabric A outer border strips together, end-to-end. Measure the width of the quilt through the center. Cut two top/bottom outer border strips to this length. Sew the borders to the top/bottom of the quilt center. Press toward the border. Measure the length of the quilt through the center. Cut two side outer border strips to this length. Sew the borders to the sides of the quilt center. Press toward the border.

Your quilt top is complete. Baste, quilt, bind and enjoy!

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