

Morning Star

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Featuring

Kona Cotton Solids

Supplies Needed

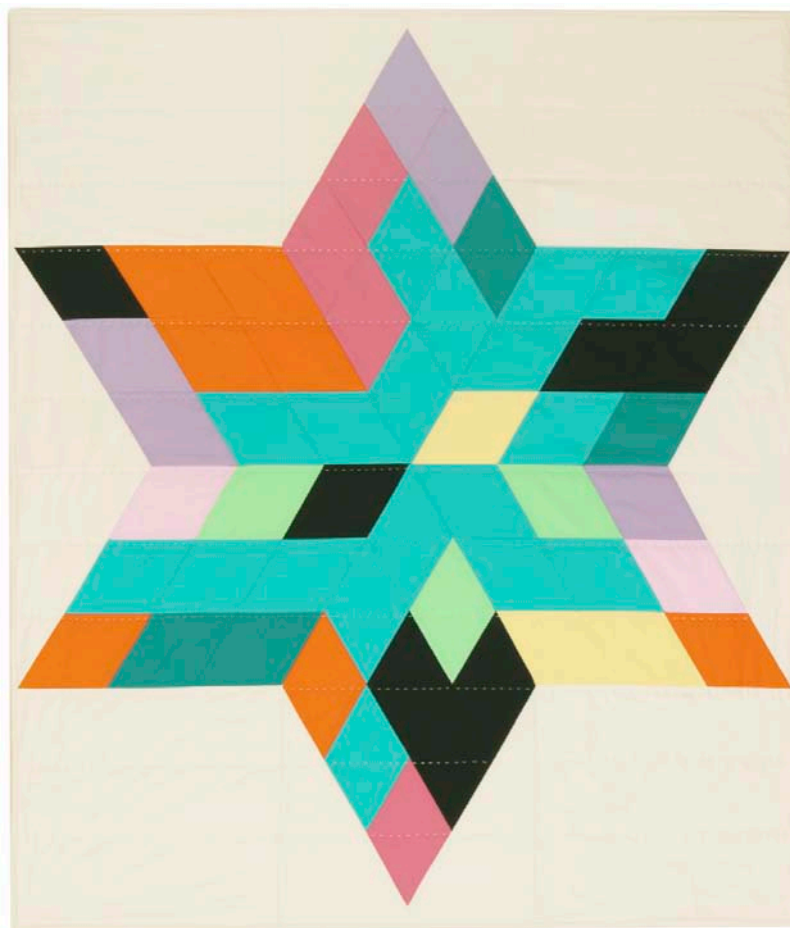
1 1/2 yards Kona Natural
1/2 yard Kona Pool
1/8 yard Kona Evergreen,
Kona Jade Green,
Kona Tangerine,
Kona Blush Pink,
Kona Lilac,
Kona Petal,
Kona Banana,
Kona Pear
1 1/2 yards Backing
Crib-sized Batting

Pattern Level: Experienced Intermediate

"I know the ropes and would like to test my skills!"

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Finished size of quilt: 41" x 49-1/2"

Notes Before You Begin

- All of the seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.
- Remember to measure twice and cut once!
- Please read through all of the instructions before beginning.

Cutting Instructions

Tip: Use a 60° acrylic diamond ruler to make perfectly symmetrical 60° diamonds. The diamonds should be cut at the 4-1/2" mark on the ruler.

From all 1/8 yard cuts of Kona:

- Cut 1 strip 4-1/2" x WOF (Width of Fabric) from each fabric, then subcut into 60° diamonds (the number of diamonds from each fabric is listed below):

Tip: Once you cut the 4-1/2" strips, lightly starch them. This will help to keep your diamonds from stretching along the bias edges.

Kona Fabric	# of 60° diamonds	Kona Fabric	# of 60° diamonds
Evergreen	8	Jade Green & Blush Pink	4
Tangerine	7	Banana & Pear	3
Lilac	5	Petal	2

Kona Pool

Cut 3 strips 4-1/2" x WOF, then subcut into 18 60° diamonds.

Kona Natural

- Cut 4 rectangles 8" x 14", and then subcut diagonally into half-square rectangles.

Note: The diagonal for this rectangle is 60°

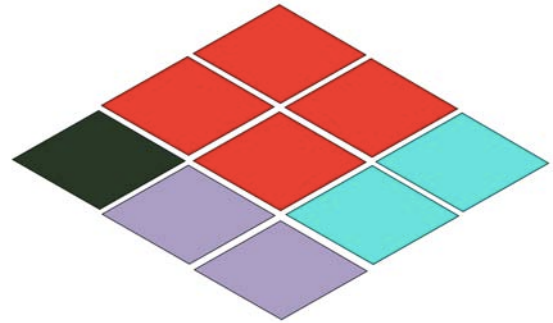
- Cut 4 squares 14-1/2" x 14-1/2"

Piecing Instructions

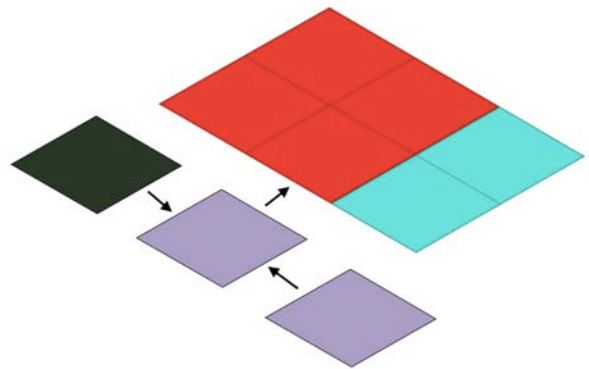
Step 1: Assemble the Diamond Panels

- Lay out the diamonds as shown.

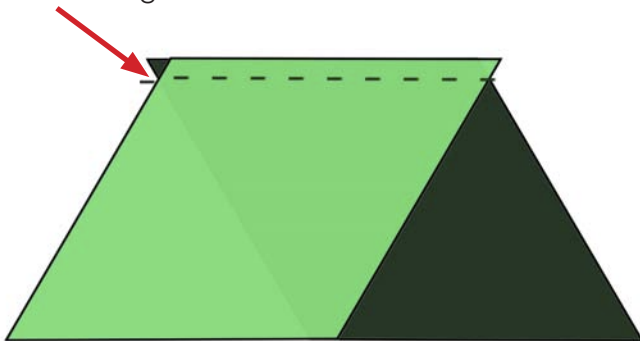
Note: You can follow the assembly diagram on page 4 for color placement, or choose your own layout.



- Piece three diamonds to make a row, then sew each row together to make a complete nine patch diamond. Press seams open as you go.



Seam is sewn at "V" where the fabrics align.



- When piecing diamonds, arrange them so the points are offset 1/4". Pay special attention to this offset- there should be a small triangle point that sticks out.

- The seam should be sewn 1/4" from the edge, in the 'V' where the two fabrics align.

This 1/4" staggering will also be used when piecing the rows of diamonds.

Repeat step 1 until all 6 diamond panels are pieced.

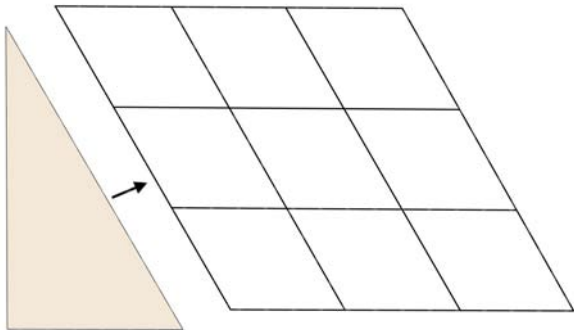
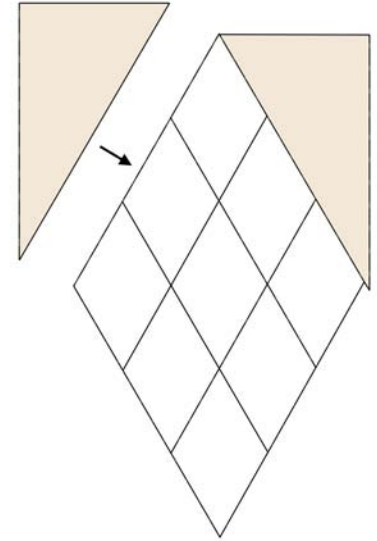
Step 2: Sew the Background Half-Square Rectangles to the Diamond Panels

You will piece the top half and the bottom half of the star separately and your final seam will be the center seam of the quilt.

- Arrange your diamond panels on a design wall in the arrangement that you like (or follow the assembly diagram). It will also help to lay out your background pieces, so you can better visualize how they will oriented on the quilt top.

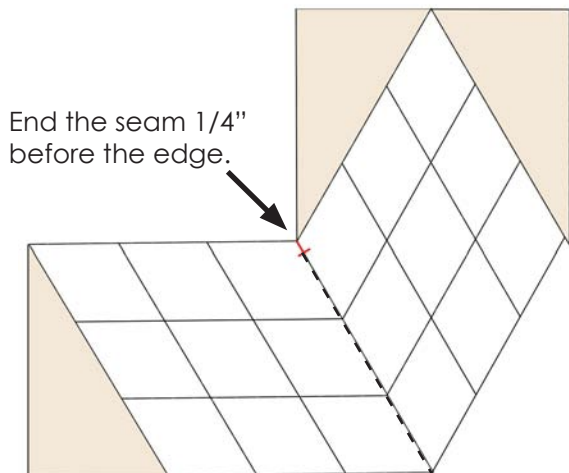
- Begin with the top center diamond panel and sew the two 8" x 14" triangles to the diamond. Offset the background triangle 1/4", like you offset the diamonds themselves in step 1.

- Repeat with the bottom center diamond panel.



- Sew an 8" x 14" triangle to the top left and the top right diamond panel. Note the different orientation of the triangle for the left and right diamond panels vs. the center diamond panels.

- Repeat Step 1 with the bottom left and bottom right diamond panels.



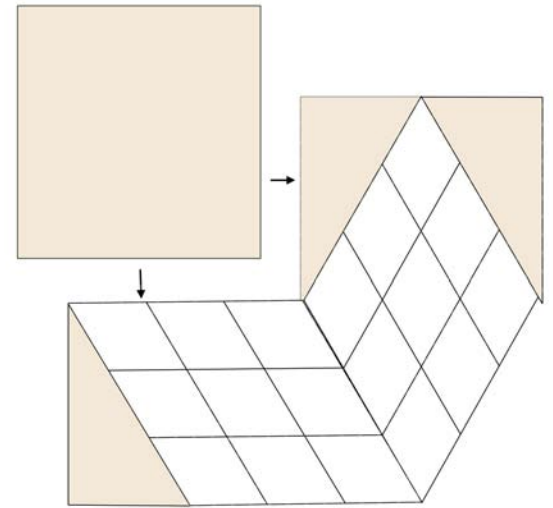
Step 3: Sew Diamond Panels Together

- Sew the top left diamond panel to the top center diamond panel, stopping 1/4" before the edge. Press seams open.

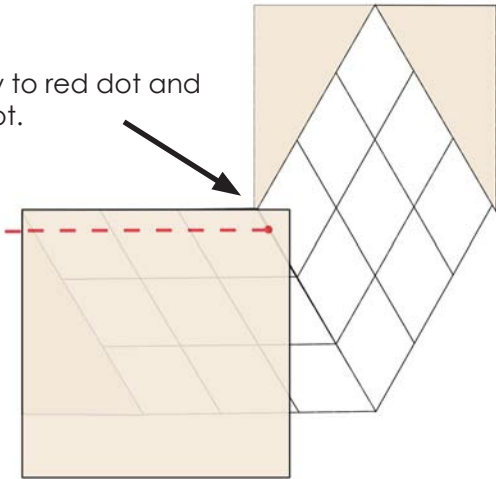
Step 4: Sew a Background Square to the Diamond Panels.

Now that your left diamond panel is sewn to the center diamond panel, there is a 90° angle where you can piece your 14.5" square. Sewing the square into this angle is called an **inset seam**.

The most important thing to remember when setting in pieces is that you must stop all stitching at the spot where the seam allowances on the pieces will cross (at 1/4"). This allows an opening so the diamond patches can be set in smoothly.



Sew to red dot and pivot.



- With right sides together, sew the background square to the left panel. You will stop 1/4" from the edge (right where your two diamond panels meet, but not into the seam allowance).
- With your needle still in the down position, lift your presser foot and pivot your fabric to line up the background square with the top center panel. Continue sewing to complete your Y seam.

- Repeat steps 3 & 4 to sew the upper right panel to the star. Then repeat step 3 & 4 on the bottom panels to complete the lower half of the star.

Step 5: Assemble and Finish Quilt

- Line up seams of the top half of the quilt with the bottom half of the quilt and sew. Press seams open.
- Your quilt top is complete. Baste, quilt, bind and enjoy!

