

Cascading Diamonds

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Inspired by my love of the color pink, and the traditional log cabin style blocks, I designed Cascading Diamonds to showcase a fun use of color with a modern twist. The use of the HP foot and plate make piecing a 1/4" seam a breeze with perfection. Finish the quilt using the HP2 walking foot to quickly and easily sew over all the seams and bulk. Machine pieced and quilted on the Janome Horizon Memory Craft 15000 and Continental M7. Fabrics are Bella Solids by Moda.

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Time: 8-10 Hours

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Janome Supplies Required:

- HP Foot Part # 865803006
- HP Plate Part #865805008
- HP2 Walking Foot Part # 202415004
- Red Tip Needle Part #990314000

Fabric and Notions Required:

- Fabric Requirements:
 - Background and Border Fabric: 1 1/4 yard
 - Fabric A: 1/2 yard (Lightest Fabric)
 - Fabric B: 1/2 yard
 - Fabric C: 3/8 yard
 - Fabric D: 3/8 yard
 - Fabric E: 1/4 yard
 - Fabric F: 3/8 yard (Darkest Fabric)
 - Binding: 1/2 yard
 - Backing: 3 yards
- Rotary Cutter/Ruler/ Mat
- Basic Sewing Supplies

Cutting Instructions:

- Background Fabric:

a. Cut 1 strip at 12 1/2" by width of fabric.

Subcut strip into 3 squares at 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".

Subcut on both diagonals of each square to make a total of 12 triangles.
12 total triangles. The triangles will be the edge triangles.

b. Cut 2 blocks at 6 1/2" square, subcut on one diagonal for a total of
4 triangles. These triangles will be the corner triangles.

- Fabrics A-E: Cut yardage down to 1 1/2" strips by width of fabric. Subcut the fabric into
the following cuts at 25 of each size:

Fabric A (lightest): 1 1/2" x 7 1/2" and 1 1/2" x 8 1/2"

Fabric B: 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" and 1 1/2" x 7 1/2"

Fabric C: 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" and 1 1/2" x 6 1/2"

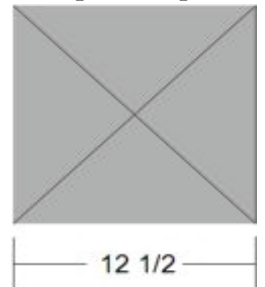
Fabric D: 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" and 1 1/2" x 4 1/2"

Fabric E: 1 1/2" x 4 1/2" and 1 1/2" x 5 1/2"

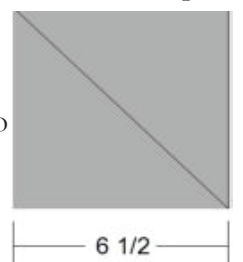
- Fabric F (darkest): Cut strips at 3 1/2" by width of fabric. Subcut strips down to a total
25 squares at 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

- Border Fabric: Borders will need to be pieced. Side borders are at 3" x 45 3/4". Top and
Bottom borders are at 3" x 50 3/4"

Edge Triangles



Corner Triangles

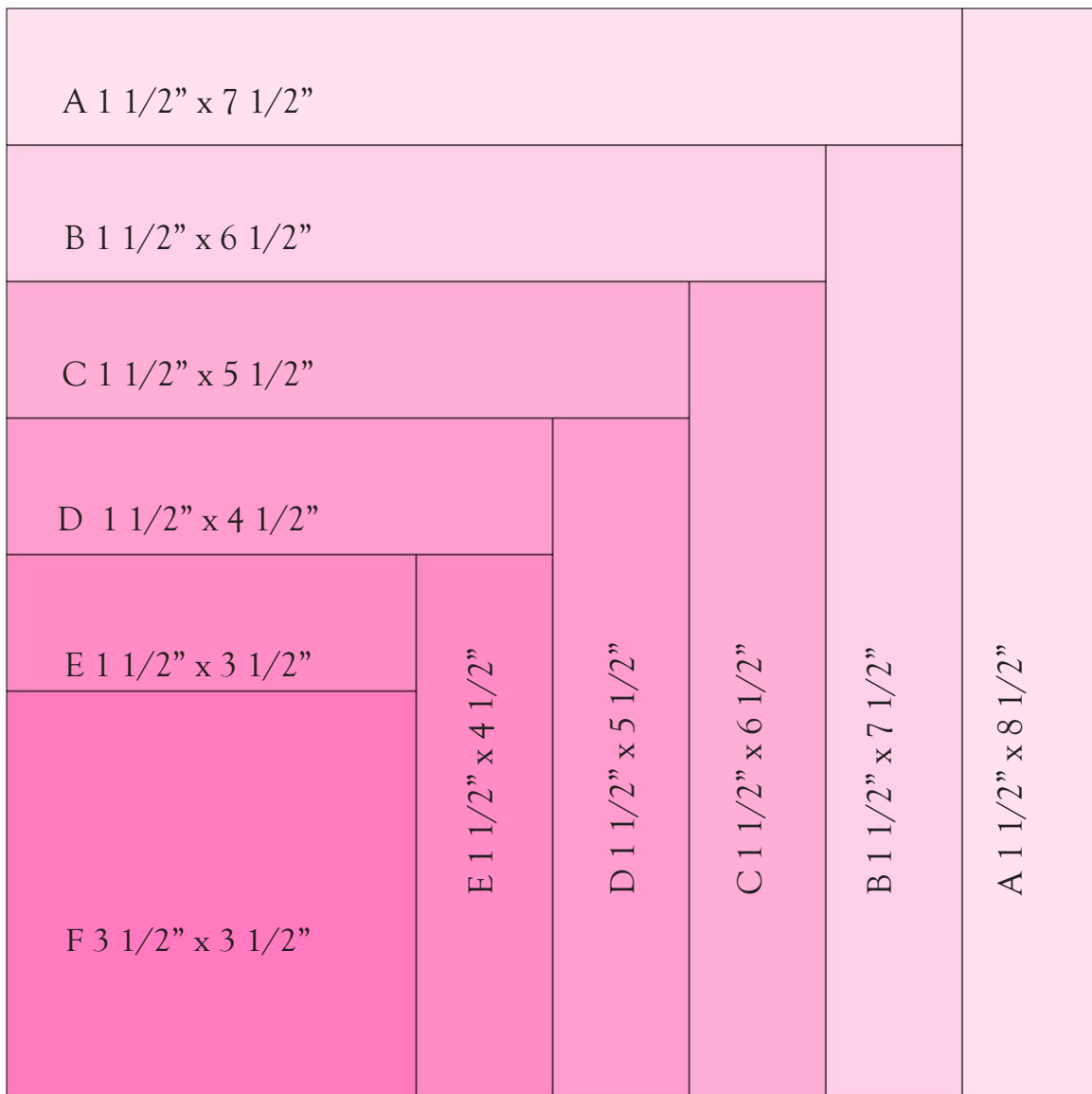


Sewing Instruction:

Block Construction

TIP: After stitching each fabric piece, press seam allowance to the 1 1/2" width pieces to help keep down the bulk and allow for flatter construction. All seams are stitched with a 1/4" seam allowance.

1. Change needle plate to the HP Plate. Attach the HP foot to the machine. Use edge of foot for perfect 1/4" piecing. Insert Pink Tip Needle for piecing.
2. Follow diagram below for stitch placement for each piece to make the diamond block. Stitch smaller length rectangle first for each color change. Begin with E stitched to F, D to E, C to D, B to C, A to B.

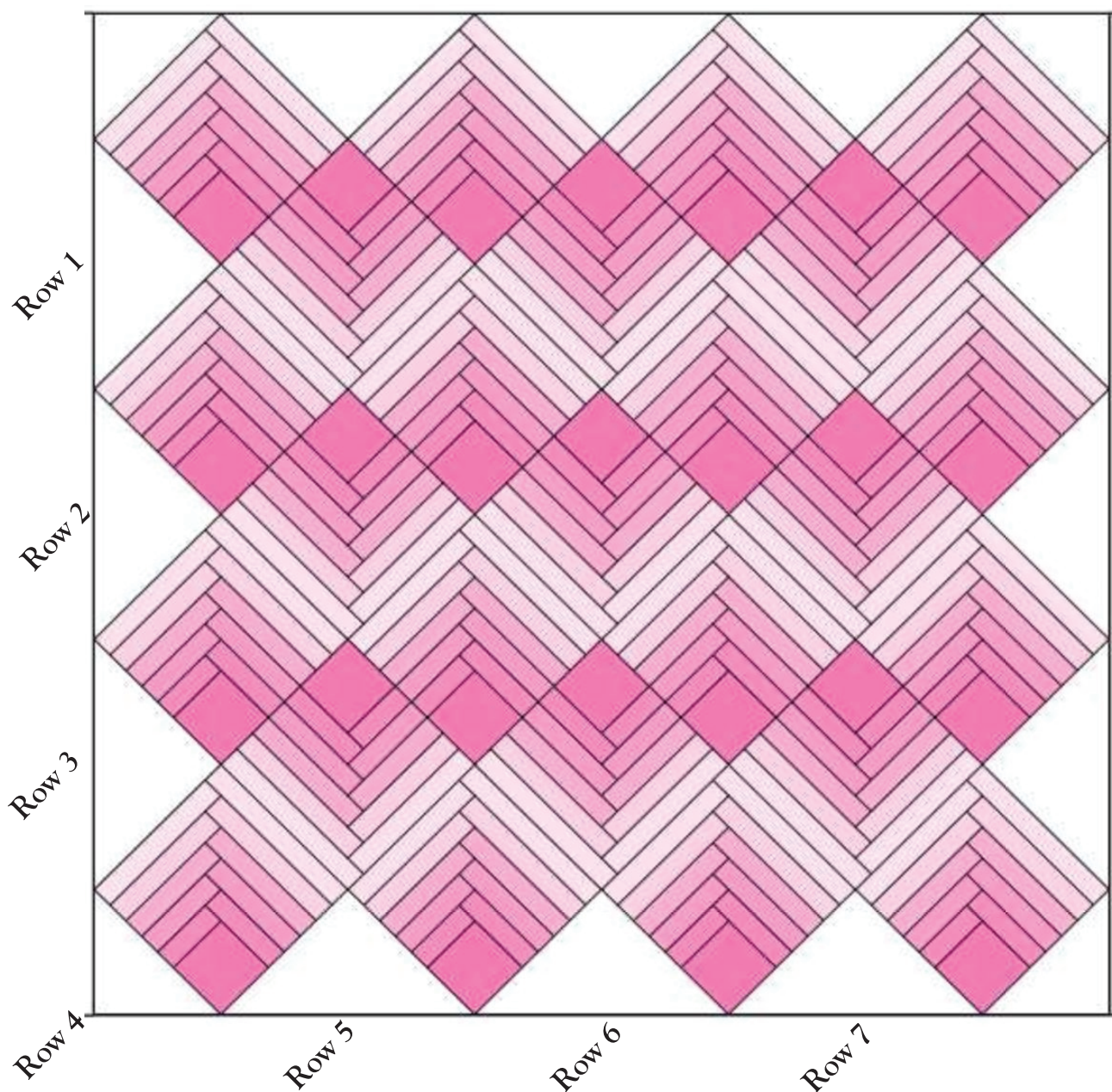


Row Construction

TIP: Rows are sewn in a diagonal direction or on-point.

- Row 1: Stitch 1 corner piece to 1 side of the Diamond Block. Press towards corner piece.
Stitch 1 edge piece on each side of Diamond Block/Corner Piece as shown below.
- Row 2: Stitch in the following order: Edge, Diamond, Diamond Flipped, Diamond, Edge
- Row 3: Stitch in the following order: Edge, Diamond, Diamond Flipped, Diamond, Diamond Flipped, Diamond, Edge
- Row 4: Stitch in the following order: Corner Piece, Diamond, Diamond Flipped, Diamond, Diamond Flipped, Diamond, Diamond Flipped, Corner
- Row 5: Stitch in the following order: Edge, Diamond, Diamond Flipped, Diamond, Diamond Flipped, Diamond, Edge
- Row 6: Stitch in the following order: Edge, Diamond, Diamond Flipped, Diamond, Edge
- Row 7: Stitch in the following order: Edge, Diamond, Edge, Corner stitched onto Diamond

Stitch Row 1 to Row 2 and continue as shown until all rows are stitched together.



Border Construction:

Measure borders for correct measurements.

Stitch on side borders first.

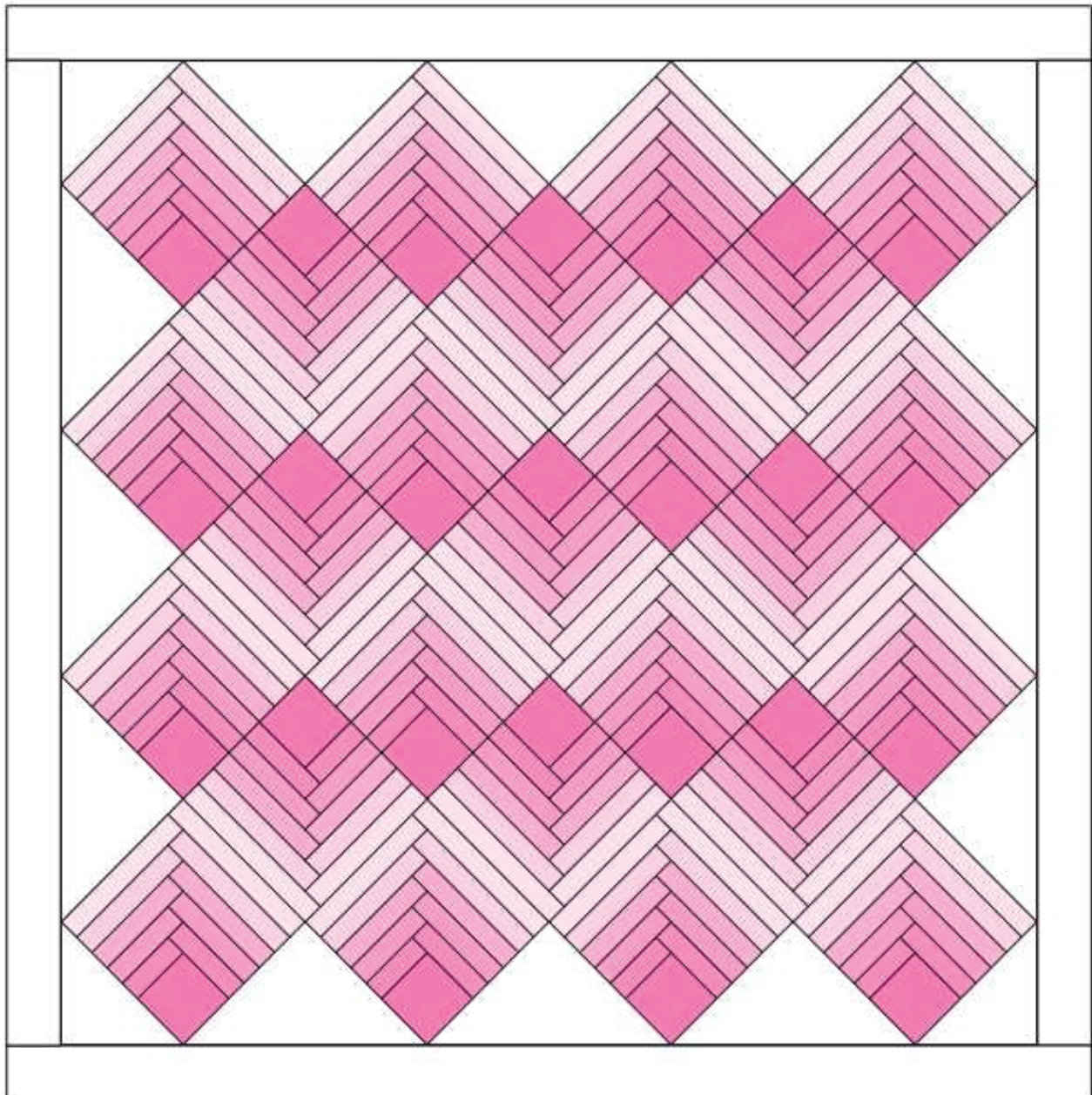
Finish with top and bottom borders to complete the quilt.

Binding Construction:

Cut 6 binding strips at 2 1/2" by width of fabric. Piece together to make one long strip for binding the bind as preferred. Method used on quilt photographed is attach binding to front of quilt, turn over and stitch down with a straight stitch using the HP2 foot.

Quilting:

Due to the direct lines and geometric shape of the quilt, quilting was done using a 3" cross hatch to keep with the modern feel of the quilt design. HP2 foot was placed on the machine with a quilt guide bar to measure out desired distance.



Have questions about the quilt construction, fabric choices,
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