QUILT ALONG – CENTER BLOCK



Drum roll please! Here is our center!

I love this color wheel block. The block finishes at 14".

Construction of this block is very similar to the Kaleidoscope block since they're both 8 pointed stars with square corners. Although I've labeled the corners A8, you can easily start with the corner as your first piece. Your rainbow colors will go in the same positions in all 8 wedges. The cutting chart below assumes right different rainbow colors, but you could use two or four and repeat the fabrics. Watch your values, especially on the blue and purple wedges so you don't lose your points dues to lack of contrast.

If you look at the quilt diagram, we have four blocks along each side, but the center star only has three colors. I'm going to repeat the fabrics from my corner blocks in the corners of this block, and then pick a fabric that is in between the two other colors on the side (instead of red-orange or yellow-orange, I'm splitting the difference and using orange).

I used my left over pieces of the black and white dots to cut for this block -- I want to save my yardage for the pieced sashing where possible.

Corner foundation -- print 4

Sides foundation -- print two (four wedges total)

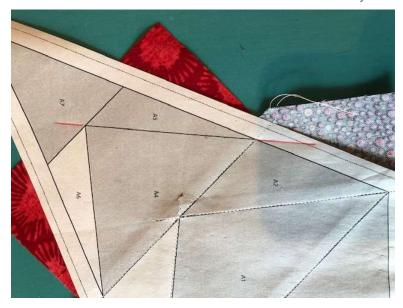
Cutting for one 12" finished block.

Cutting:

Rainbow fabrics	(eight different fabrics, one per wedge)
Cut one 3" strip	Cut one 3" x 6 1/2" rectangle (A1, B1, C1))
	Cut one 3" x 4 1/2" rectangle (A4, B4, C4)
	Cut one 3" square (A7, b7, c7))
Focus Fabric (black dots)	
	Cut two 5 1/2" squares Cut each square once on the diagonal to yield four triangles (A8)
	Cut four 2" x 4 1/2" rectangles (A2, B2, C2)
	Cut four 1 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles (A5, B5, C5)
Fabrics 2 and 3 (star points)	
	Cut four 2" x 4 1/2" rectangles (A3, B3, C3)
	Cut four 1 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles (A6, B6, C6)

Piecing:

Paper piece four corner wedges and four side wedges. The trickiest part of the wedges is placement of A6/B6/C6 and A7/B7/C7. The seam line extends all the way to the edge of the paper on the right.



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Place the rectangles as shown to make sure you will have fabric all the way out to the edge of the seam allowance.



Completed corner wedge:



Sew wedges together in pairs with one corner and one side. Press seams open. Sew pairs together into halves, and then sew the halves together.

Here is where we are after step 10. I will give updated yardage for pieced sashing next week.

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