

Diamonds Squared!

Finished Size 69 x 92"

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Fabric requirements:

20 Fat Quarters OR 108 Honey Bun Strips

Background - 3 ½ yards

Binding - ¾ yard

Backing - 6 yards (not included)

Fat Quarters:

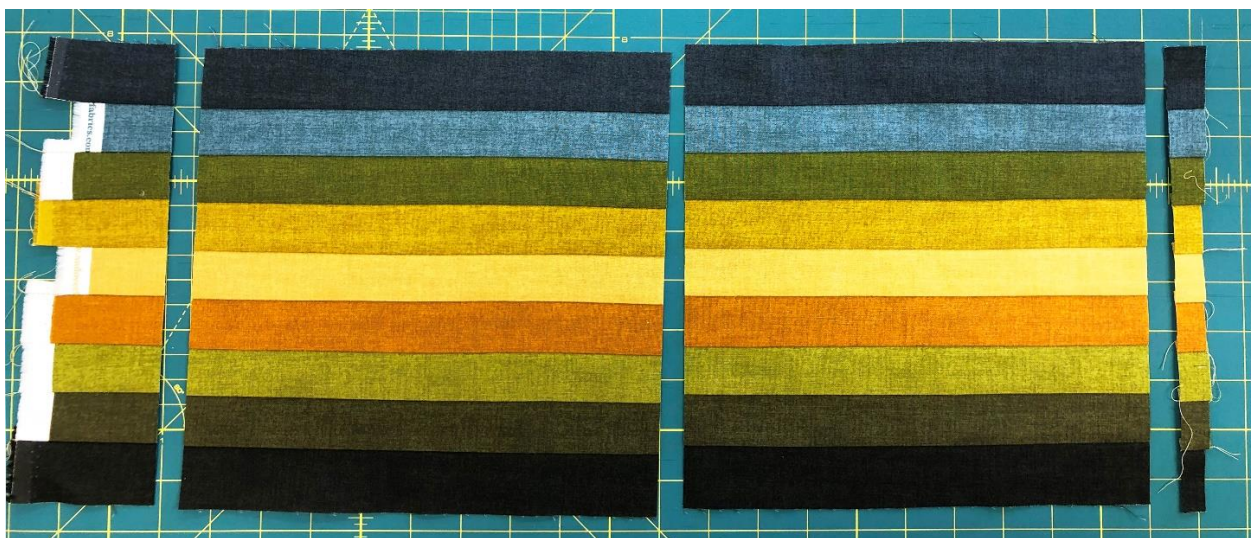
Cut each fat quarter into 11@1 ½" by about 22". You will have a total of 220 strips. If using Honey Bun strips, cut each in half along the fold.

Select 9 assorted strips to create a strip unit. Arrange your strips with your lightest/brightest strips in the middle. Your strips should become darker as you move away from the center toward each edge. Stitch the 9 strips into a strip unit using a ¼" seam, alternating the direction in which you sew. For example, if you start sewing your first 2 strips together from the top, sew the third strip on starting at the bottom. This will help your completed strip unit lay flat. Finger press each seam to the side as you go, and then steam press all seams in the same direction.

Your finished strip set should look like the photo below and should measure 9 ½" wide. Make 23 more strip units for a total of 24.



From each strip unit, cut two 9 ½" squares as shown below.



Background:

Cut 12 @ 9 ½" WOF (width of fabric). Sub-cut to 48 - 9 ½" squares. Place one strip unit square on top of one background square with right sides together. Stitch around all 4 sides ¼" from raw edges. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, cut along both diagonals.



Open each of the 4 resulting squares and iron the seam allowances toward the background, being careful not to stretch the squares out of shape because all the edges are bias. Repeat with all strip units and backgrounds to get a total of 192 blocks. Trim off "dog ears".

Select 16 squares (8 with strips perpendicular to the background and 8 with strips parallel to background) and stitch together as shown below. Repeat to make a total of 12 blocks.



Lay out the blocks in a 3 x 4 block arrangement as shown in the picture of the finished quilt. Stitch into rows, and stitch rows together.

Quilt, bind, and enjoy!

Check out a step by step tutorial for this quilt and all our other projects on **YouTube!**



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