

Kaleidoscope Quilt

This 56" square quilt is NOT done by layering fabric while trying to match it perfectly! We will be using a template method instead and keeping our sanity. You can make the sample size with 9 blocks or a larger size using 16 blocks with the same amount of featured fabric. With the larger size you will need to buy separate backing fabric. Amounts for the larger block will be in ().

Supplies:

- sewing machine – ¼" foot is recommended
- thread to match the background fabric
- scissors, pins, and seam ripper
- rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
- one (two) 12" squares and one (two) 6" squares of clear template plastic
- ultra fine tip black Sharpie
- Frixion pen
- batting – depends on the finished size of your quilt – a 64" square is good for the 9 block quilt

Fabric:

The featured fabric will be used to create the kaleidoscopes. You are looking for a busy fabric with a medium to large print that has very little empty space between designs. The crazier the fabric the more interesting the kaleidoscopes become. The fabric's repeat needs to be at least 13". Because we have to keep all of the block cutting along one selvage, we need the size of the repeat times 8 plus a half yard. So if the repeat is 20" that would be 20 X 8 plus 18 which equals approximately 5 yards. This gives you enough for the border and the backing.

If you are making the larger quilt we will cut blocks along the other selvage as well. It will still give you enough for the border, but not enough for the backing.

- 2 ½ yards (5 yards) for the background of the blocks and the binding
- 1 yard (1 ½ yards) for the sashings
- 1 (2) 2 ½" X WOF strips for the cornerstones