

Luscious Luster Description and Supply List – Julia Graves, www.soquilts.com

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40" x 40" or 56" x 72" Finished Quilt 8" block

Create a quilt filled with light moving across the quilt by careful arrangement of fabrics from light to dark.

Introduction

If you have a lot of scraps, try a version in multiple colors (I used eight colors – magenta, violet, purple, blue, blue-green, green-blue, green and olive green). If not, fat quarters in a single color family also look great. Tone on tone or solid looking fabrics work best. The black background fabric sets off all the colors and makes them shine.

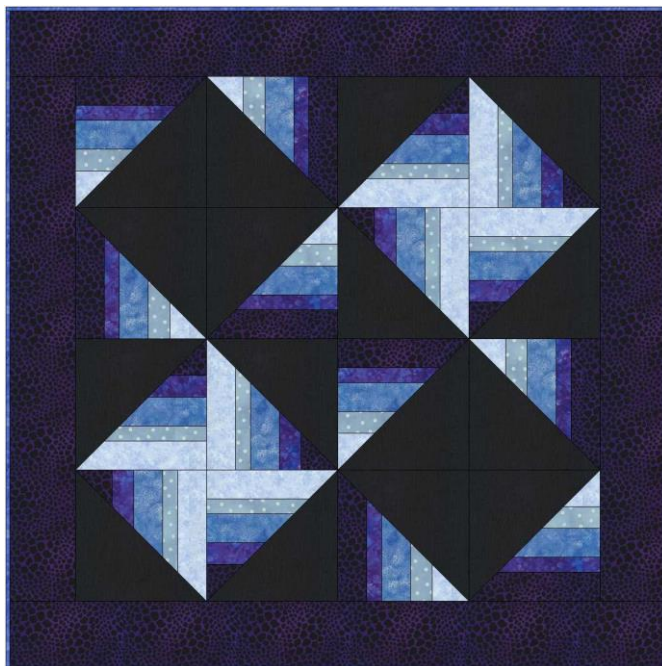
To achieve the sense of light moving across the quilt, it is very important to have a large value range in the fabrics from very light to very dark with a smooth transition in between. I recommend using 5-7 fabrics in each color family.

This quilt is made with 8 strip-pieced color blocks which are paired with a black square and cut diagonally to form 16 half square triangle (HST) blocks. Note that each strip-pieced color block yields one HST block that has more of the darker fabrics and one HST block that has more of the lighter fabrics. Because having the very light fabric is important to create luster, make this strip a little wider so that it still shows at least 1 ½" after trimming and seam allowances.

Materials – Small version

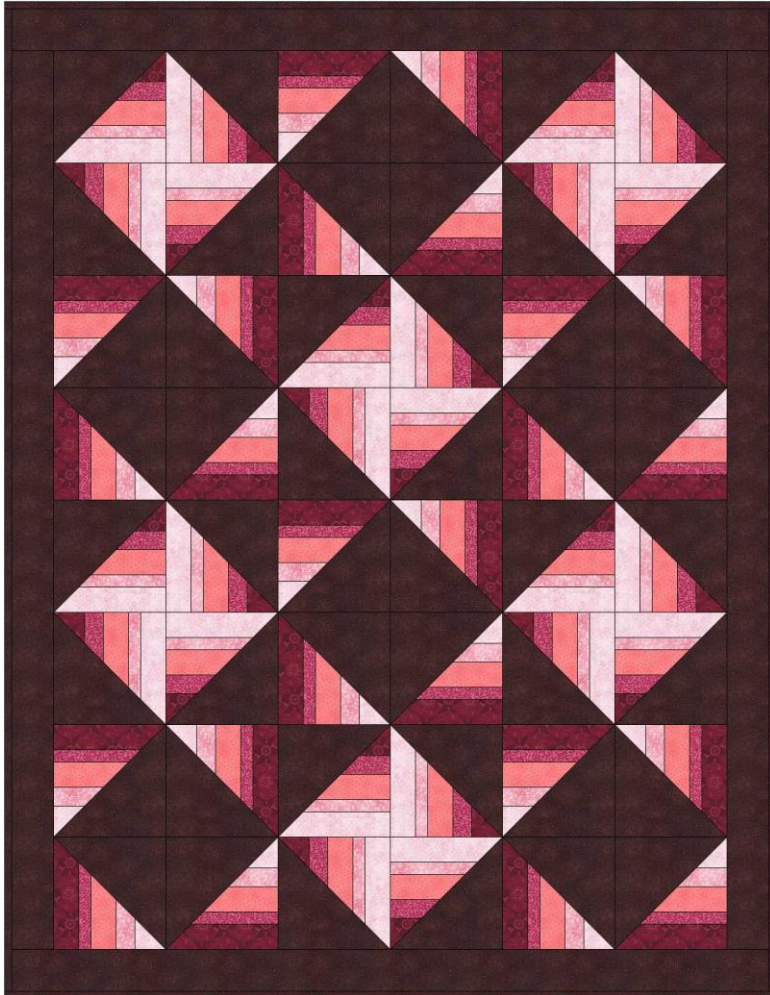
- Pattern – order at <https://soquilts.square.site/>
- Black background – 1 ¼ yards
- *If using eight color families* - for each of eight color families - 5-7 strips in a full range of value, at least 9" long by various widths between 1 ¼" - 2 ½" to total at least 9" after being sewn, so account for seam allowances.
- *If using one color family only*: select 5-7 fat quarters, one of each value to progress from light to dark
- Border fabric – 5/8 yard
- Binding fabric – 3/8 yard
- Backing fabric – 1 ¼ yards (if width of fabric is at least 44"; get extra fabric and make the backing 48" x 48" if longarming)
- Batting – 44" x 44" (this allows for 2" extra around each side; 48" x 48" if longarming)

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Pink Ribbon - Make a sofa throw version (56" x 72") by making 48 blocks (3 times as many). Borders will be cut 4 ½" x 64 ½" and 4 ½" x 56 ½"). In this version, I used dark brown instead of black for a softer look.



Materials – Sofa Throw version

- Black background – 3 3/4 yards
- Select 5-7 fat quarters, one of each value to progress from light to dark
- Border fabric – 2 yard
- Binding fabric – 5/8 yard
- Backing fabric – 4 yards (seamed across the middle; get 4 ½ yards if fabric is directional and seam lengthwise)
- Batting – 60" x 76" (this allows for 2" extra around each side; 64" x 80" if longarming)