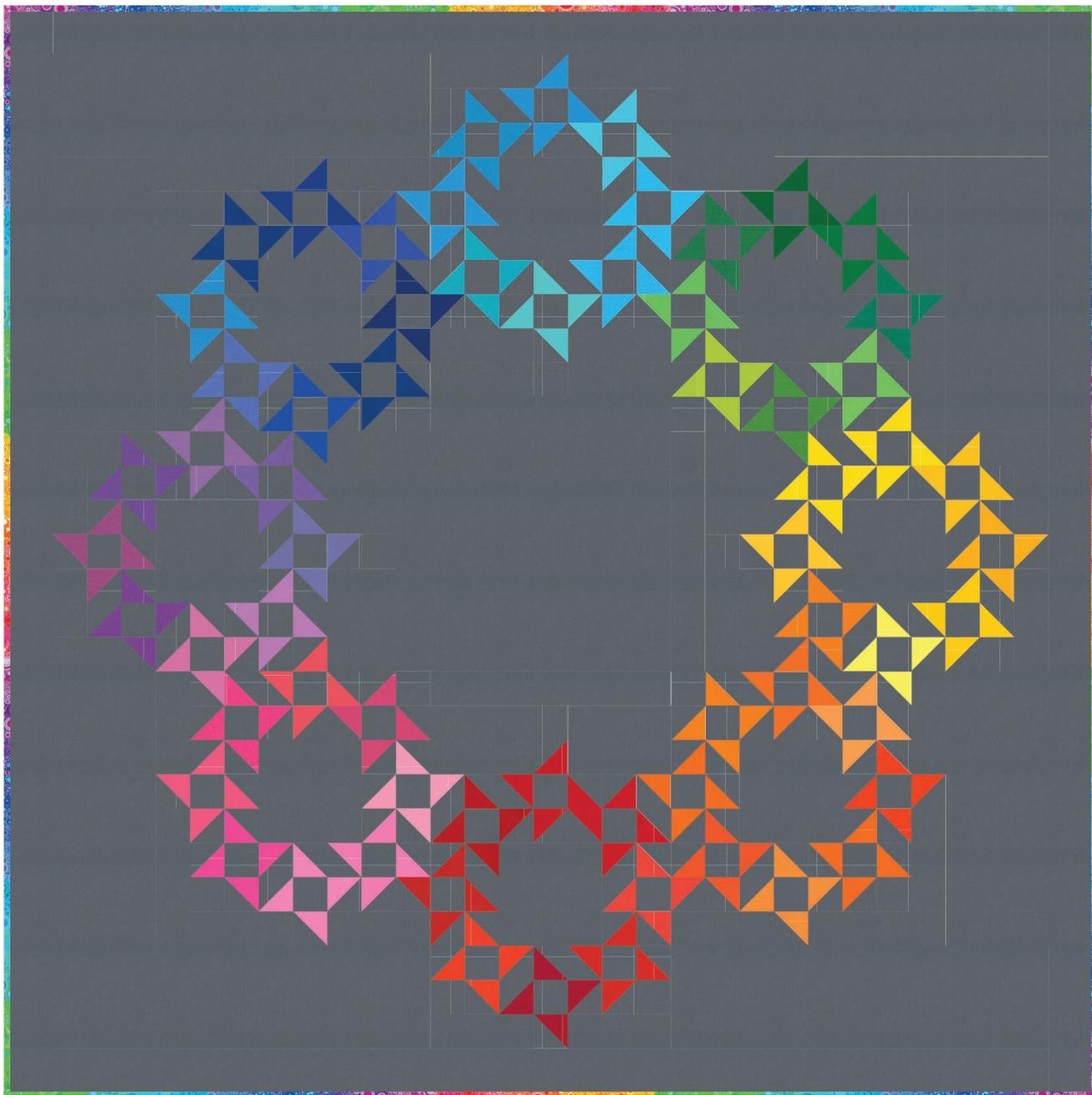


# CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

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Featuring

**KONA**<sup>®</sup>  
cotton solids



Finished quilt measures: 71" x 71"

Difficulty Rating: **Intermediate**

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## Fabric and Supplies Needed

Fabric amounts based on yardage that is 42" wide.

Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage	Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage
	A	K001-106 METAL	4-7/8 yards		Binding	AAQ-17061-263 RAINBOW	5/8 yard
	B	CHS-693-85 BRIGHT	one charm pack	You will also need: 4-1/2 yards for backing			
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## Notes Before You Begin

- Read through all of the instructions before beginning.
- All of the seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.
- Press seam allowances open unless otherwise noted.
- Width of fabric (WOF) is equal to at least 42" wide.
- Right sides together has been abbreviated to RST.
- Remember to measure twice and cut once!

## Cutting Instructions

### From Fabric A, cut:

six 7-1/4" x WOF strips. Subcut:

four 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" rectangles

eight 7-1/4" squares

*Tip: Cut one rectangle and two squares from the sizes above from each of four WOF strips to maximize yardage.*

four 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" rectangles

ten 5" x WOF strips. Subcut:

sixty-four 5" squares

eight 5" x 7-1/4" rectangles

seven 3" x WOF strips. Set aside for the outer borders.

fourteen 2-3/4" x WOF strips. Subcut:

four 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" rectangles

four 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" rectangles

seventeen 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" rectangles

six 2-3/4" x 5" rectangles

eighty 2-3/4" squares

one 16-1/4" square

**From the Fabric B charm pack:**

Select eight 5" squares each, from each of these color groupings:

- light blue/aquas
- greens
- yellows
- oranges
- reds
- pinks
- purples
- blue/dark blues

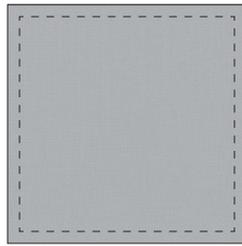
Leave in stacks according to color groupings.

**From the Binding Fabric, cut:**

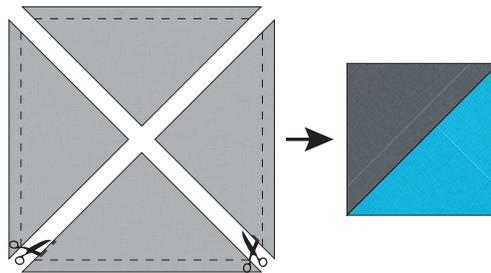
eight 2-1/2" x WOF strips

## Assemble the Half-Square Triangles

**Step 1:** Pair a 5" Fabric A square RST with a light blue/aqua 5" square. Sew around all four edges, using a 1/4" seam allowance.



**Step 2:** Cut along both diagonals, creating four half-square triangle (HST) units. Press, taking care to not handle the raw edges too much in order to avoid stretching once the diagonals are cut.



*Tip: Before cutting the diagonals, spray with a spray starch on each side, then press. This will stiffen the fabric slightly and can help prevent bias edges from stretching that are about to be cut.*

**Step 3:** Trim to 2-3/4" square.

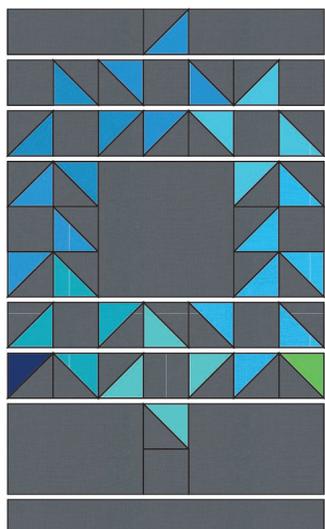
**Step 4:** Repeat Steps 1-3 with all 5" charm squares, creating four HSTs of each color (a total of thirty-two HSTs in each color grouping).

## Assemble the Blocks

### *A Note About Assembling the Blocks:*

*There are slight differences in how the blocks are constructed. Construct each block one at a time, referring to the block image often to confirm correct color placement and HST orientation, then move to the Quilt Assembly.*

### **Light Blue/Aqua Block**



#### **Step 5:** Gather

- all light blue/aqua HSTs\*
- one blue HST
- one green HST
- ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares
- two 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- two 7-1/4" x 5" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

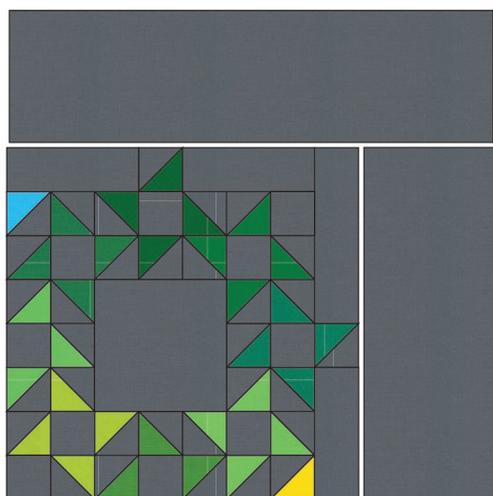
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Blue Block and one will end up in the Green Block, but they are used here for planning.

**Step 6:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing.

Note the placement of the blue HST and the green HST within the block and place the remaining two light blue/aqua HSTs in their respective piles: one will be used in the Blue Block and one will be used in the Green Block.

**Step 7:** Sew together to form rows, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows together to form the block.

### **Green Block**



#### **Step 8:** Gather

- all green HSTs\*
- one light blue/aqua HST
- one yellow HST
- ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares
- three 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

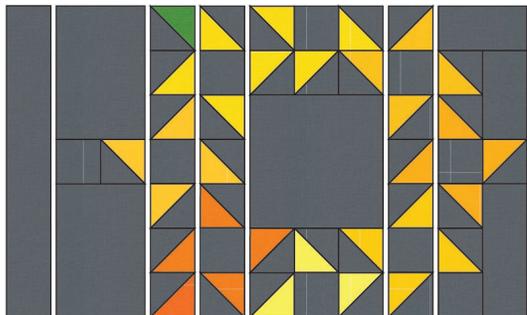
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Yellow Block and one will have already been used in the Light Blue Block.

**Step 9:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the light blue HST. Be certain that it will align with the matching HSTs in the Light Blue Block.

Place the extra green HST in the stack for the Yellow Block.

**Step 10:** Sew together to form rows, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows together to form the main block section, then sew the right section to the block, as shown. Sew the 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric B rectangle to the top of the block.

### Yellow Block



**Step 11:** Gather  
 all yellow HSTs\*  
 one green HST  
 one orange HST  
 ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares  
 two 2-3/4" x 5" Fabric A rectangles  
 one 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangle  
 two 7-1/4" x 5" Fabric A rectangles  
 one 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" Fabric A rectangle  
 one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

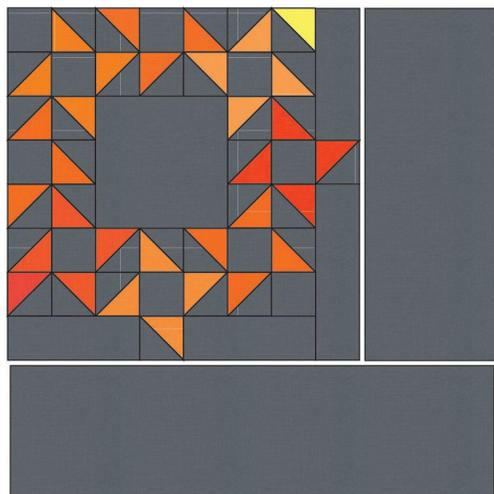
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Orange Block and one will have already been used in the Green Block.

**Step 12:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the green HST. Be certain that it will align with the matching HSTs in the Green Block.

Place the extra yellow HST in the stack for the Orange Block.

**Step 13:** Sew together to form columns, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other column. Sew the columns and sections together to form the block.

### Orange Block



**Step 14:** Gather  
 all orange HSTs\*  
 one yellow HST  
 one red HST  
 ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares  
 three 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles  
 one 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" Fabric A rectangle  
 one 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" Fabric A rectangle  
 one 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle  
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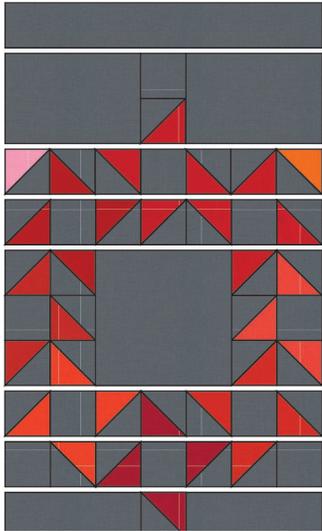
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Red Block and one will have already been used in the Yellow Block.

**Step 15:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the yellow HST. Be certain that it will align with the matching HSTs in the Yellow Block.

Place the extra orange HST in the stack for the Red Block.

**Step 16:** Sew together to form columns, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other column. Sew the columns and sections together to form the block. Sew the 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric B rectangle to the bottom of the block.

### **Red Block**



#### **Step 17:** Gather

- all red HSTs\*
- one orange HST
- one pink HST
- eleven 2-3/4" Fabric A squares
- two 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- two 5" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

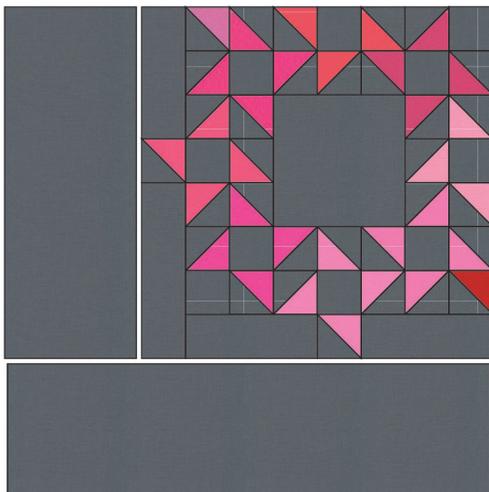
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Pink Block and one will have already been used in the Orange Block.

**Step 18:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the orange HST. Be certain that it will align with the matching HSTs in the Orange Block.

Place the extra red HST in the stack for the Pink Block.

**Step 19:** Sew together to form rows, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows and sections together to form the block.

### **Pink Block**



#### **Step 20:** Gather

- all pink HSTs\*
- one red HST
- one purple HST
- ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares
- three 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

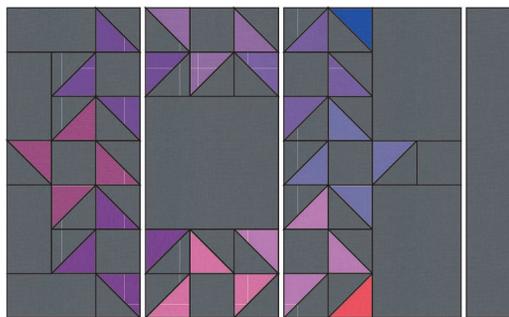
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Purple Block and one will have already been used in the Red Block.

**Step 21:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the red HST. Be certain that it will align with the matching HSTs in the Red Block.

Place the extra pink HST in the stack for the Purple Block.

**Step 22:** Sew the main (HST) portion of the block together to form rows, as shown, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows and sections together to form the block. Then sew the remaining sections to the bottom and left edges. Sew the 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric B rectangle to the bottom of the block.

### **Purple Block**



**Step 23:** Gather  
eight purple Fabric A squares  
all purple HSTs\*  
one pink HST  
one blue HST  
eleven 2-3/4" Fabric A square  
four 2-3/4" x 5" Fabric A rectangles  
two 5" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles  
one 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

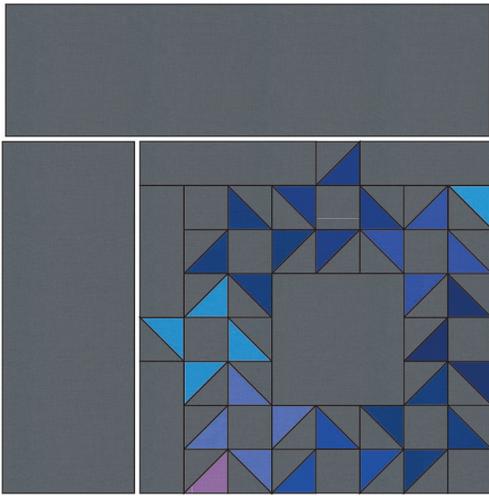
\*Note that one of these will end up in the Blue Block and one will have already been used in the Pink Block.

**Step 24:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the pink HST. Be certain that it will align with the matching HSTs in the Pink Block.

Place the extra blue HST in the stack for the Blue Block.

**Step 25:** Sew the main (HST) portion of the block together to form rows, as shown, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows and sections together to form the block. Then sew the remaining sections to the right edge.

## **Blue Block**



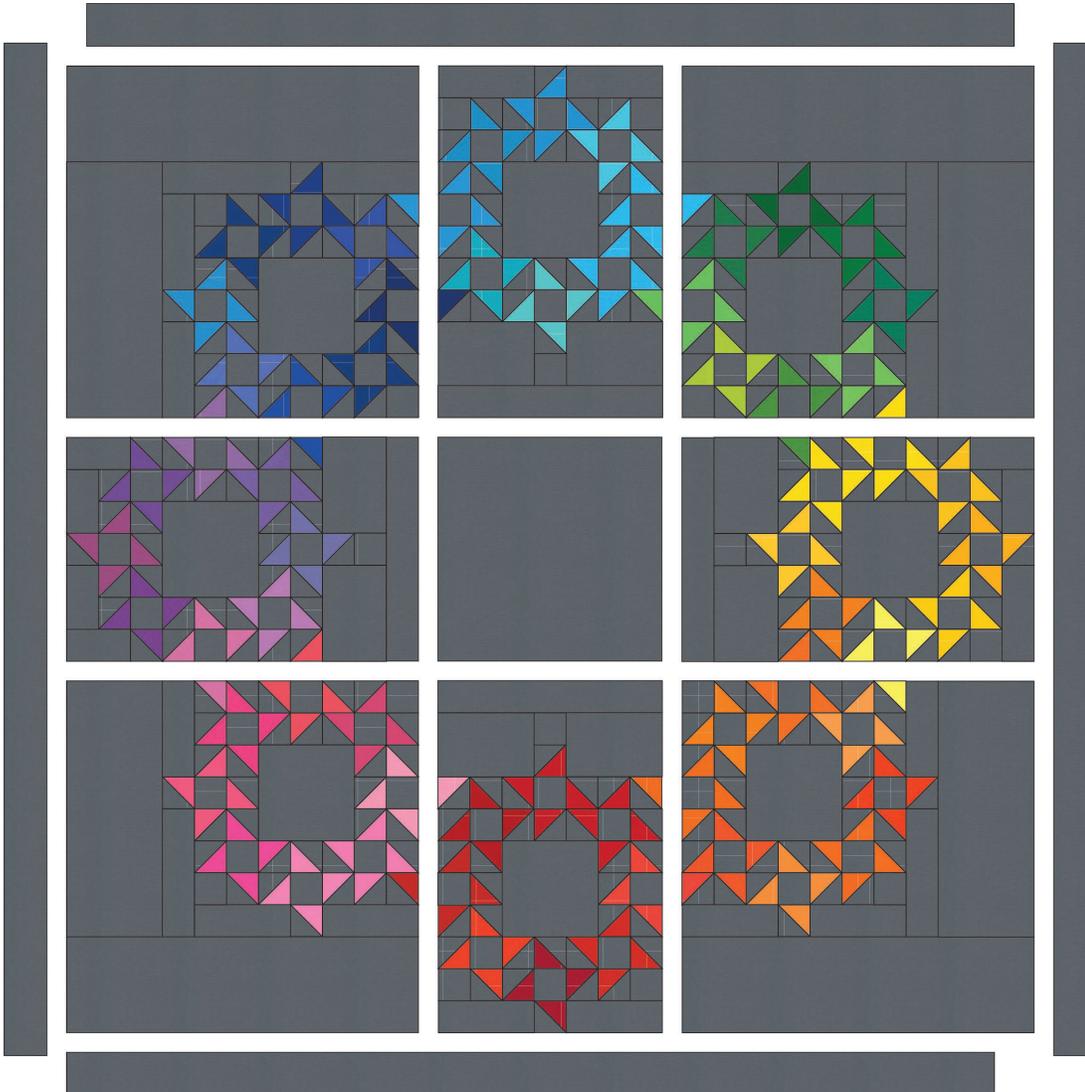
**Step 26:** Gather  
all blue HSTs\*  
one light blue/aqua HST  
one purple HST  
ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares  
three 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles  
one 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" Fabric A square

\*Note that one will have already been used in the Purple Block and one will have already been used in the Light Blue/Aqua Block.

**Step 27:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs. Arrange each set of four matching HSTs together in a placement of your choosing. Note the placement of the purple HST and Light Blue. Be certain that these will align with the matching HSTs in the Purple Block and Light Blue Block.

**Step 28:** Sew the main (HST) portion of the block together to form rows, as shown, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows and sections together to form the block. Then sew the remaining sections to the left and top edges. Sew the 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric B rectangle to the top edge of the block.

## Assemble the Quilt



**Step 29:** Arrange all eight blocks and the 16-1/4" Fabric A center square to form the quilt center. Confirm that all colors align at the block edges and that the blocks are oriented correctly. Set the borders aside for now.

**Step 30:** Sew the Blue, Light Blue and Green Blocks together to form the top row. Press toward the Light Blue Block.

**Step 31:** Sew the Purple, Fabric A center square and Yellow Blocks together to form the middle row. Press away from the center square.

**Step 32:** Sew the Pink, Red and Orange Blocks together to form the bottom row. Press toward the Red Block.

**Step 33:** Sew rows together. Press.

**Step 34:** Sew the Fabric A outer border strips together, end-to-end. Measure the width of the quilt through the center. Cut two top/bottom outer border strips to this length. Sew the borders to the top/bottom of the quilt center. Press toward the border. Measure the length of the quilt through the center. Cut two side outer border strips to this length. Sew the borders to the sides of the quilt center. Press toward the border.

Your quilt top is complete. Baste, quilt, bind and enjoy!

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