

Supply List for 45° Diamond “Magic Stack-n-Whack” Quilt

We will be using the book “Magic Stack-n-Whack Quilts” by Bethany S. Reynolds

No sewing machine for the first class:

Main fabric (see below on how to choose)	Pencil
Large cutting mat	Spray size or starch
Large rotary cutter with NEW blade	Good fabric scissors
6” x 24” rotary cutting ruler	
Flat flower pins (These long pins are a must. They have flat heads so the ruler can be placed on top of them and still allow for accurate cutting.)	

Please pre-wash, spray size or starch and press your fabric before coming to class.

Hints for choosing the main fabric:

1. Look for a print that has a medium to large scale. You can get an idea if it's large enough by laying your hand flat on the fabric along the selvage. If your hand covers more than one particular motif, the print is probably too small to be effective.
2. Disregard color and study the lines and shapes. Do they vary in size? Do they combine geometric lines with more rounded shapes? Floral stripes and border prints can be effective if they have varying scales and prints. Fabric with motifs that contrast with the background help define the kaleidoscope effect.
3. Now consider the color. A variety of colors make each block seem very different, whereas a few colors tend to make the blocks look similar. Either options works. This is a matter of personal taste.

How much fabric to purchase?

This varies according to the length of the repeats in the fabric you choose. Measure repeats along the selvage edge from the beginning of one motif to the beginning of the next identical motif. **BEGIN COUNTING #1 WITH THE SECOND TIME THE REPEAT OCCURS.** You need **8 COMPLETE** repeats.

1. The minimum length of a repeat must be more than 10”. Again, start counting repeats with the second time the motif appears, otherwise you'll get only 7 repeats.
2. If the repeat is less than 10”, the length should include 16 repeats (2 times 8).

For Classes 2 and 3

Don't choose background fabric until you have cut and previewed your diamond stars.

Main fabric leftover from stars will be used for the outer border

2 1/2 yards of background fabric	1 yard of 2 fabrics for sashing (if desired)
½ yard for binding	3 ½ yards for backing

Wash and press fabrics for the second and third classes. In addition to the above supplies, please bring:

Cut-out diamonds and leftover main fabric	Neutral color thread
Sewing machine with a new needle	Background fabric
¼” presser foot	Sashing fabric