

Pattern Name: Birthstone Bling - 12 Gems set On Point  
Collection: Birthstone Series by MJ Kinman, Textile Artist

**Description:**

- Make a gemstone quilt using all 12 gems from The Birthstone Series.
- Quilt can be made in either a Double or Queen size quilt

**Dimensions:** Double - 80" x 90"; Queen - 93" x 93"



**12 Gems on Point – Double**



**12 Gems on Point – Queen**

**Materials:**

- 12 completed Birthstone gem blocks. See Birthstone gem pattern for fabric requirements and directions. Birthstone fabric bundles of Paintbrush Studio solids are available.
- Setting Triangles, Sashing and Top/Bottom Borders (borders on Double only) - Black – 3 1/2 yds (Double); 3 1/2 yds (Queen). Use the same black fabric you used in the gem blocks. If using a Birthstone fabric bundle, select Paintbrush Studio Ebony, 121-004.
- Inner Border (Light Gray): 2 1/2 yds if cut lengthwise (recommended); 3/4 yds if pieced (Queen only)
- Outer Border and Binding (Dark Gray): 2 1/2 yds (Double); 2 3/4 yds (Queen)
- Backing: 9 yds (Double); 9 yds (Queen)
- Batting: 88"x 98" or Queen batt (Double); 101" x 101" or King batt (Queen)

*Tip – Borders lay flatter when cut from the lengthwise grain. This pattern gives yardage to enable you to cut continuous borders from the lengthwise grain. You will need less fabric if you piece your border.*

**Cutting:**

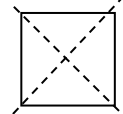
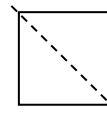
All measurements include 1/4" seams.

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Square up your Birthstone gems. They should be 17- 1/2" unfinished, but your quilt will still look lovely if they are a little smaller or larger, as long as they are all the same size. Adjust other measurements to fit the size of your blocks.

**From the Black fabric, cut:**

- Borders - Double Only – 2 strips (lengthwise), 5 1/2" by 77" for top and bottom borders
- 3 squares, 28" x 28".
  - Cut two of these diagonally to create 4 corner setting triangles.
  - Cut one into quarters for the side setting triangles
- Sashing – cut 32 strips lengthwise, 1 1/2" x 17 1/2" (Double); 2 1/2" x 17 1/2" (Queen)
- Outer Cornerstones – 8 squares, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" (Double); 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (Queen)



*TIP – Double - cut the lengthwise borders first, being careful to leave enough space for the 28" squares.  
For the Queen, cut the 28" squares first, being careful to leave space to cut the sashing*

**From the Light Gray fabric (Queen Only), cut:**

- Inner Side Borders - 2 strips (lengthwise), 2" by 81 1/2"
- Top/bottom borders - 2 strips (lengthwise), 2" by 84 1/2"
- Inner Cornerstones - 13 squares, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (Queen)

**From the Dark Gray fabric, cut:**

- Side borders - 2 lengthwise strips, 2 1/2" x 81" (Double); 5 1/2" x 84 1/2" (Queen)
- Top/bottom borders - 2 lengthwise strips, 2 1/2" x 87" (Double); 5 1/2" x 94 1/2" (Queen)
- Cornerstones (Double only) - 13 squares, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" (or from any fabric desired)
- Binding – 2 1/2" lengthwise strips to total 342" (Double); 366" (Queen)

**Directions:**

1. Stay stitch the edge of your gem blocks, approximately 1/8" all around. This will help prevent stretching and popped seams.
2. Arrange your gems in the layout you prefer.
3. Work on each row diagonally. Sew sashing strips between each gem and at the beginning and end of the diagonal row of gems. Make four rows (2 rows (Gem Rows 1 and 4) have 2 gems and 2 rows (Gem Rows 2 and 3) have 4 gems.
4. Sew rows of sashing and cornerstones. Begin and end each row (except for the middle row – Cornerstone (CS) Row 3) with a black cornerstone and sew gray cornerstones for the others. There will be 2 rows with 2 sashing strips and 3 rows with 4 sashing strips. The order is:
  - CS Row 1, 5 – Black CS, sashing strip, Gray CS, sashing, Black CS
  - CS Row 2, 4 – Black CS, sashing, Gray CS, sashing, Gray CS, sashing, Gray CS, sashing, Black CS
  - CS Row 3 – Gray CS, sashing, Gray CS, sashing, Gray CS, sashing, Gray CS, sashing, Gray CS
5. Add side setting triangles to the beginning and ending of Gem Rows 1 and 4. The four side setting triangles were cut from one 28" square and have the grain on the long end. Align a short side to the sashing so that the side of the gem that is towards the middle of the quilt is aligned.

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The setting triangle will be longer than the sashing on the side near the outer edge. The setting triangle will be trimmed down.

6. Sew the rows together: CS 1, Gem 1, CS 2, Gem 2, CS 3, Gem 3, CS 4, Gem 4, CS 5
7. Add corner setting triangles. Find the center of one of the setting triangles along the long edge. Match this center to the center of the cornerstone and pin. Continue pinning towards each edge, being careful not to stretch the setting triangle. The setting triangle should extend evenly on both sides beyond the edges of the sashing/cornerstones.
8. Repeat Step 7 on the opposite side of the quilt top. Press the seams towards the setting triangles and trim the excess corner of the setting triangles in a straight line with the remaining unsewn sides of the quilt top.
9. Repeat Step 7 on the remaining sides of the gem center. Press the seams towards the setting triangles.
10. Square up your top to take out any excess from the setting triangles. Leave  $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the points of the cornerstones for the borders.
11. Double Only – Add black top and bottom borders.
12. Queen Only – Add inner borders (sides first).
13. Add Outer borders (sides first).
14. Piece backing together
15. Layer with batting and backing.
16. Quilt as desired. Suggested quilting option – cover the surface with a textured meandering pattern. Sulky thread packs that match each gem's colors are available.
17. Sew binding strips together using a diagonal seam and bind your quilt.
18. Add a label and celebrate! Well done!

