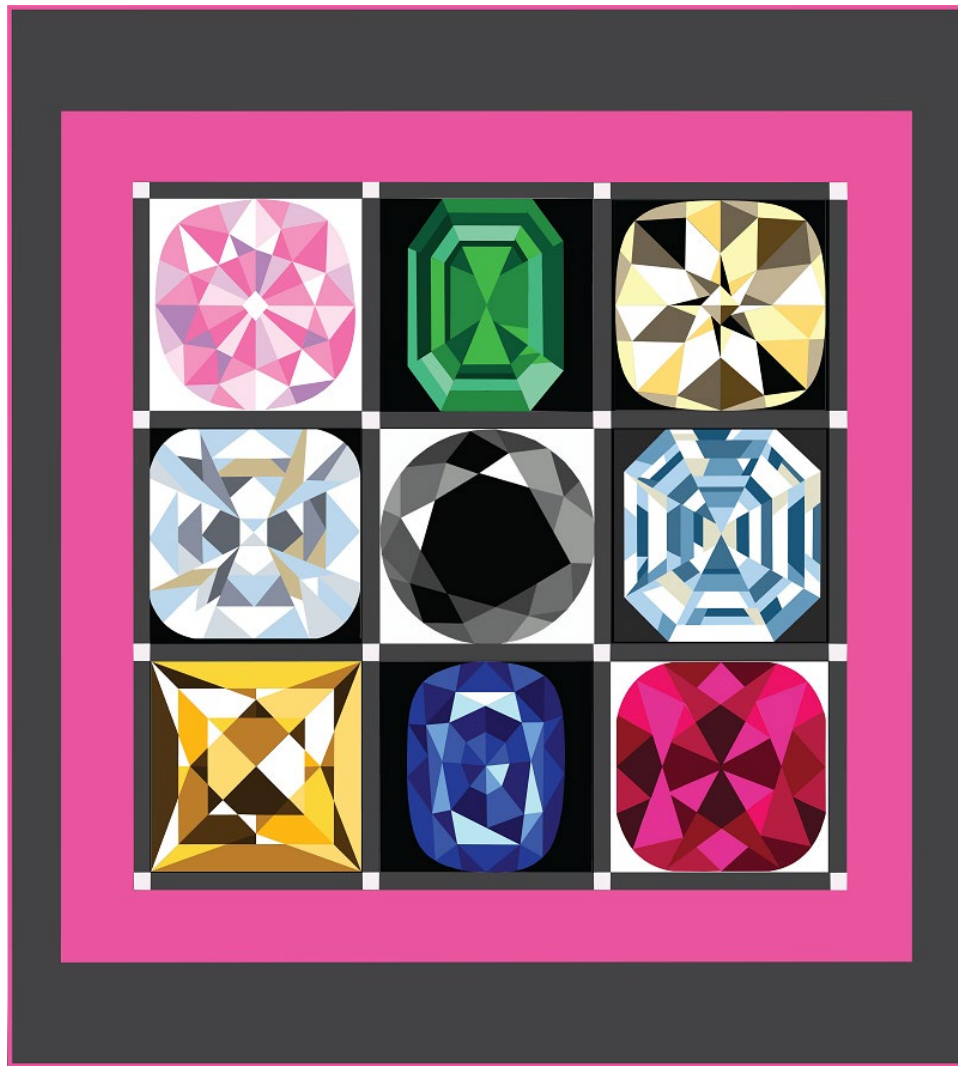


TREASURE TROVE

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A Full-Size Quilt Featuring Gem Blocks of the
2022 Diamonds & Drama Queens Block-of-the Month



Finished Size: 81" x 90"

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Double-Size Quilt Using Diamonds & Drama Queens Gem Blocks

Congratulations on creating your 9 Diamonds & Drama Queens gem blocks! I've created this set of instructions to transform those individual blocks into a sparkling, full-sized quilt. When you've finished your glowing quilt, don't forget to post an image of it on Instagram tagging it with [#diamondsanddramaqueensbom](#). Shine on!

-- MJ

Materials (Finished Quilt: 81" x 90")

Description	Yardage/Size
Block #1: The Clark Pink	18 ½" x 18 ½"
Block #2: Maximilian's Folly	18 ½" x 18 ½"
Block #3: Polaris	18 ½" x 18 ½"
Block #4: Evelyn's Envy	18 ½" x 18 ½"
Block #5: The Rembrandt Black Diamond	18 ½" x 18 ½"
Block #6: Peggy's Skating Rink	18 ½" x 18 ½"
Block #7: The Duke Diamond	18 ½" x 18 ½"
Block #8: The Bismarck	18 ½" x 18 ½"
Block #9: The Red Star	18 ½" x 18 ½"
Sashing	¾ yard
Cornerstones	1/8 yard
Inner Border	1 ½ yards
Outer Border	1 ¾ yards
Backing	7 ½ yards (allows for plenty of overhang for longarm quilting)
Binding	½ yard for a 2" binding; 2/3 yard for a 2 ½" binding
Batting	Double or Full (96 x 93)

Cutting

- * All measurements include 1/4" seams
- *WOF = Width of Fabric (at least 42", selvedge-to-selvedge)

From Sashing Fabric:

- Cut 12 strips, 2" x WOF. Cut into 24 strips of 18 ½" length.

From Cornerstone Fabric:

- Cut 1 strip, 2" x WOF. Cut this strip into 2" squares. You will need 16 cornerstone squares to complete your quilt.

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From Inner Border & Binding Fabric:

- Cut 8 strips, 6 ½" x WOF for the inner border.
- Cut 9 strips, 2" x WOF for the binding.

From Outer Border Fabric:

- Cut 4 strips, 9 ½" x WOF
- Cut 4 strips, 5" x WOF

From Backing Fabric:

- Cut backing fabric into 3 equal lengths of 2 ½ yards (90")

Overview

"Treasure Trove" is comprised of the 9 gem blocks that will be featured in the 2022 Diamonds & Drama Queens Block-of-the-Month club. Each 18" block is sashed with 1 ½" strips and 1 ½" cornerstones (finished size). The sample arrangement on the pattern cover places the 3 gems with white backgrounds on a diagonal. However, arrange them in any configuration that delights you!

The resulting 60" center gem panel is surrounded by 2 borders. The first border is 6" wide (finished size). The second border has 9" strips at the top and bottom of the quilt and 4 ½" strips on the sides (finished sizes).

Directions

1. Set gem blocks together in 3 rows of 3 blocks with sashing strips between each block and on either side of the first and last block. Press seams toward the gem blocks.
2. Sew together 4 sashing rows, each comprised of 3 sashing strips and 4 cornerstones beginning and ending with a cornerstone. Press seams to the cornerstones.
3. Sew a strip of sashing/cornerstones to the top of each row. Sew the last strip of sashing/cornerstones to the bottom of Row #3. Press seams to one side.
4. To complete the inner border:
 - a. Sew 2 strips of the inner border fabric to create a strip 6 ½" x 84" (assuming width of fabric is 42"). Trim to 60 ½". Sew to the top of the center gem panel. Press seam to the inner border.

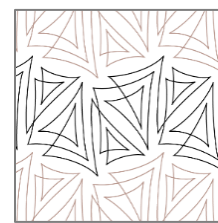
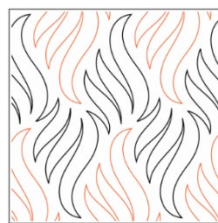
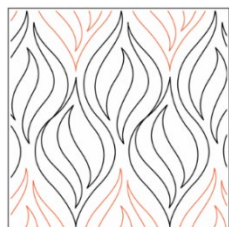
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- b. Sew 2 strips of the inner border fabric to create a strip 6 ½" x 84". Trim to 60 ½". Sew to the bottom of the center gem panel. Press seam to the inner border.
 - c. Sew 2 strips of the inner border fabric to create a strip 6 ½" x 84". Trim to 72 ½". Sew to the left of the center gem panel. Press seam to the inner border.
 - d. Sew 2 strips of the inner border fabric to create a strip 6 ½" x 84". Trim to 72 ½". Sew to the right of the center gem panel. Press seam to the inner border.
5. To complete the outer border:
- a. Sew 2 strips of the outer border fabric to create a strip 5" x 84". Trim to 72 ½". Sew to the left of the quilt. Press seam to the outer border.
 - b. Sew 2 strips of the outer border fabric to create a strip 5" x 84". Trim to 72 ½". Sew to the right of the quilt. Press seam to the outer border.
 - c. Sew 2 strips of the outer border fabric to create a strip 9 ½" x 84". Trim to 81 ½". Sew to the top of the quilt. Press seam to the outer border.
 - d. Sew 2 strips of the outer border fabric to create a strip 9 ½" x 84". Trim to 81 ½". Sew to the bottom of the quilt. Press seam to the outer border.
6. Piece the backing by sewing together the 3 segments of the backing fabric lengthwise. The final backing will measure approximately 90" x 126". (The width may vary depending on the width of the backing fabric you selected. These instructions are based on a width of fabric of 42".)
7. Layer backing, batting and quilt top. Baste with the technique of your choice. I prefer to pin-baste using large safety pins spaced roughly 6-8" apart.
8. To quilt, use a light gray or neutral thread. You may also choose to use a clear monofilament thread which gives the quilt a subtle sparkle.

Quilting options include:

- a. Long-arm professionals have a wide variety of edge-to-edge patterns that look lovely on the gem blocks. Here are some of my favorites:

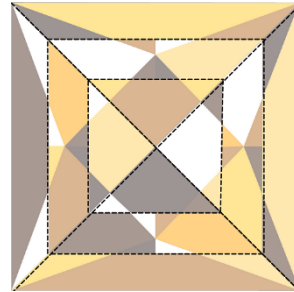
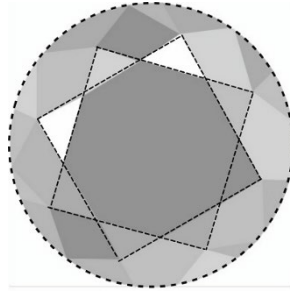
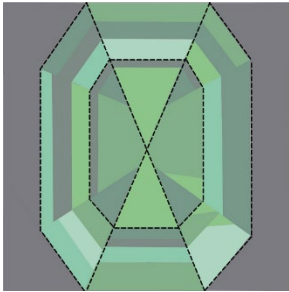


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b. If using a domestic machine, consider a meandering, non-directional pattern like a stippling stitch across the entire quilt top.

c. Stitch parallel diagonal lines in the inner and outer borders, while outlining the major facets of each gem block. (See examples below.)



9. Sew together the 9 strips of binding to create one continuous strip approximately 350" running inches. You'll find many wonderful articles and videos on the web about binding a quilt. And don't forget to put a label on your quilt!

Congratulations on your sparkling quilt!