

### 3.5 Inch -60 degree Diamond Quilt

1. Iron the fabric that you have selected.
2. Look for repeat patterns in your fabric. Remember you need to cut 6 of the exact same diamond.
3. Using 2 mirrors taped together, audition the different possible stars from your fabric.
4. Cut out 6 diamonds exactly the same using your template and rotary cutter.
5. Using the 6 diamonds that you have just cut out, audition them turning them around from outside to inside of your circle.
6. Now, turn over all the diamonds to the wrong side of fabric and mark all the 1/4 inch spots in the corners of the diamond. Each spot is measured 1/4 in from both sides. Use your fabric markers.
7. Now you are ready to start sewing. Pick up two of the diamonds with right sides together, and pin in place. Now you are only going to start sewing on your marked spot. You are sewing from dot to dot. Hand drop your needle in place on the dot, stitch forward 3 or 4 stitches and then reverse 1 stitch to lock in place. Finish sewing to the next dot. Press seam open, and sew the 3<sup>rd</sup> diamond in place. Press all of your seams in the same direction. Sew two half circles, so you have two - 3 sections of diamonds for each side.
8. Next is the background of the set of 3 diamonds. Audition different colours of your fabrics, to pop your diamond star in the middle. The background fabrics are also the SAME template as your inside diamonds. Cut 8 of the same templates for the outer star.
8. Also turn over and mark the spots on all four corners as you did on your inner star.
9. Now lay out your star. You have 2 sections sewed of 3 diamonds. Place together and add your background diamonds in. If you are happy with the fabrics selected, you are ready to add the background diamonds. Carefully pick up the background diamond and fold over onto your inner star. Line up the outside of the star and you will see that the inside end lines up with the sewed seam of the inner star. Pin in place. Sew from dot to dot. Press seam in same direction. Pick up the next seam, and fold over like you did with the first seam. Carefully maneuver the fabric to sew the next seam. Pin in place. The inner section folds into the next seam you are about to sew. Sew from dot to dot. Press seam in the same direction as all the others.
10. Once you have sewn the two background diamonds in, now it is time for the 1/2 diamonds to be added. Sew a diamond to the remaining 2 sides of the 1/2 diamond section, using the dot to dot method.
11. Now you need to cut the sewn diamonds in 1/2 with your rotary cutter. Place on cutting mat,

line your ruler up with the center line. Your ruler should add a 1/4 inch on to the outsides of the diamond you are cutting, that sets up the seam when you sew the two halves together.

12. Once you have added all the backgrounds and side diamonds to your star, you can now sew the two halves together. Make sure you use the added 1/4 inch from the 1/2 diamonds on the outside of the diamond star.

13. You are now finished your first star hexagon. Arrange these on your design wall, so they are pleasing to the eye. You will notice on the sides of your quilt that you need 1/2 hexagons as well, to line up the outer part of the quilt.

This quilt will not be made in a day. It takes quite a while to make a star, which is the whole point of this quilt.

It not only makes you use your rotary cutter carefully, but also teaches you the importance of clear marking, with your marking pens. Also using a template is different, with the use of mirrors.

The sewing of a perfect 1/4 inch seam, from dot to dot, which is also a different way to sew a seam.

If you have any questions about this pattern, please do not hesitate to call me at 604-704-6471. I will try and help you as best I can over the phone. Also please bring your diamond hexagons to the guild meetings, to show for inspiration for all others, and if you need help, I can help you at the guild meetings as well as.

I hope you all enjoy the making of this quilt. You have about 2 years before our next quilt show. Maybe we could display all of these diamond quilts in the chapel like we did the Bali Batik Challenge.

Happy sewing, you should always enjoy what you are making, smile every now and then. You will be amazed as you look at your own works of art.