

# Rainbow Star

Finished approximate size: 56" square

Skill level: Beginner to intermediate



Shades of Michael Miller Cotton Couture provide this vibrant quilt a gorgeous feel and sew together beautifully. Enjoy all the colors of the rainbow in this easy to piece format. Created by Janome Educator Kelley McKenzie.

## Janome Supplies Required:

- Horizon MC8900QCP Special Edition
- 1/4" Seam foot O
- Acufeed Flex Foot
- Blue tip needle
- Bobbin

## Fabric and Notions Required:

- Michael Miller Cotton Couture Fabric Kit
- 4 yds. cotton fabric (backing)
- 9" square quilter's ruler
- 6" X 24" quilter's ruler
- Rotary cutter
- Thread for piecing
- Chalk pen
- Straight pins
- 60" square batting
- Cotton Quilting thread

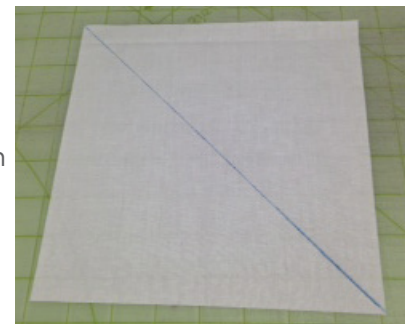
## Cutting Instructions:

Choose eight different fabrics from the kit. Kelley used Luna, Lagoon, Avocado, Gold, Lava, Lipstick, Jewel and Plum. This will be the color of your star.

- From each color you will need to cut:
  - Three 8" blocks
  - One 7 1/2" block
  - Fifteen 2 1/2" X 15" strips (total from all eight colors) for binding
- From the white fabric (background) cut:
  - Sixteen 8" blocks
  - Sixteen 7 1/2" blocks
- For backing cut:
  - Two WOF X 72" strips

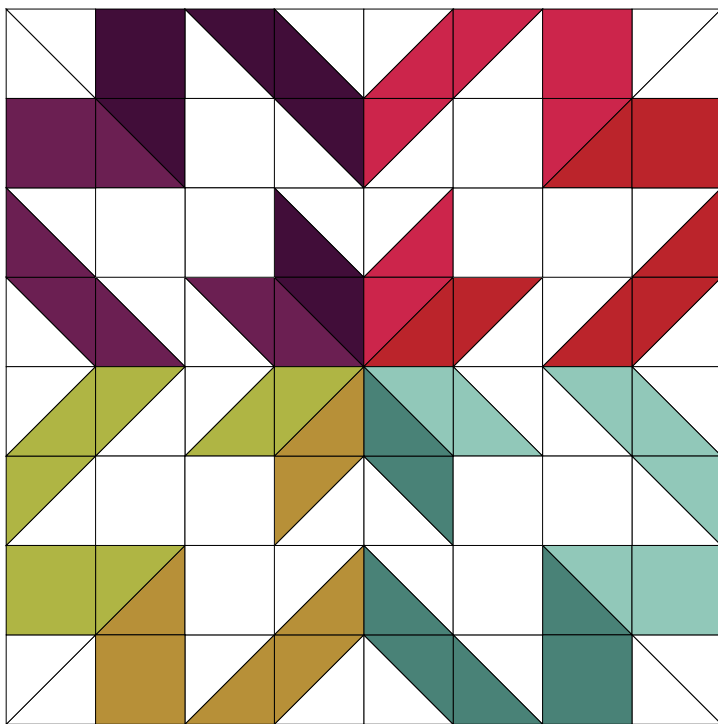
## Piecing Instructions:

1. Thread machine and wind bobbin with cotton thread.
2. Attach 1/4" Seam foot O. Sew all seams 1/4".
3. Place two of each 8" color block on top of a white 8" block, right sides together. Pin.
4. Using the chalk pen and ruler, draw a diagonal line on each set of blocks.
5. Sew a 1/4" seam on both sides of the chalk line.

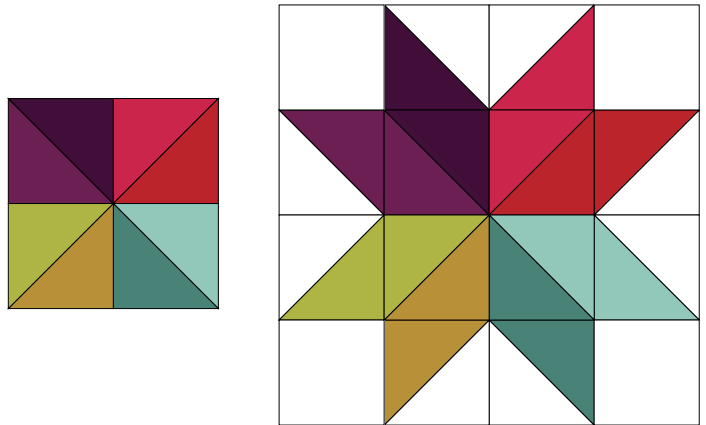


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- Using a rotary cutter and ruler, cut along the chalk line, creating two  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangles.
- Repeat steps 5 and 6 until you have completed a total of 32 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangles.
- Pair one 8" Luna and one 8" Lagoon block together. Put right sides together and pin.
- Again, using the chalk pen, draw a diagonal line and sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of it.
- Cut down the chalk line using the rotary cutter.
- Repeat with the remaining 8" blocks, pairing Avocado/Gold, Lava/Lipstick and Jewel/Plum. You will have eight  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangles when complete.
- Using the diagram, place all blocks in the star design.



- Start from the center and place the blocks accordingly. This is how the center should look.



- When you have all the pieces laid out, sew all the sections together in rows. When complete, it will be eight blocks across and eight blocks down.



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15. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing fabric together.
16. As a quilting suggestion, the finished quilt shown has straight line quilting in the center of the star, textured quilting in the background, and swirls on the larger colored part of the star.
17. When quilting is complete, trim the edges of the quilt.
18. Sew all of the 2 1/2" X 15" strips together, varying the colors, from end to end.
19. Press in half lengthwise.
20. Attach AcuFeed Flex Foot AD.
21. Attach quilt binding to the top edge of the quilt.
22. Fold over to the back, mitering the corners. Stitch in place either by sewing in the ditch or using a serpentine-type stitch.



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