

AMERICA LOVES SCRAP QUILTS WEB BONUS: Diamond in the Rough



Diamond-shaped units pieced from a fifty-plus year scrap bag make up this unusual Strippy. Although string piecing was a popular way to use up strips and chunks of leftover fabric, the units were more commonly made into stars and pinwheels, rather than stitched together in long rows. Try piecing units now and then as fill-ins between other projects—you'll soon have enough for your own precious quilt!



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Finished Size
77" x 80³/₄"

Note: See end of pattern for templates.

Number of Blocks and Finished Size
529 Strippy Diamonds 3¹/₄"

Fabric Requirements

Muslin (foundation)	5 ³ / ₄ yds.
Assorted fabrics (blocks)	8-9 yds.
total	
Cream/red print (border)	3/4 yd.
Blue print (binding)	7/8 yd.
Backing (piece lengthwise)	5 ³ / ₈ yds.
Batting size	86" x 90"

Planning a Reproduction

This is a perfect project for the quilter who saves all her fabric trimmings. Everything fits here—prints and solids, plaids and stripes. Be creative because anything goes! The diamond shapes are constructed using a muslin foundation.

Cutting Instructions

(cut in order listed)

- Muslin
 - 529 Template A
 - Assorted fabrics
 - cut 24 matching sets of:
 - 1 Template B
 - 1 Template B reversed (BR)
 - Random-size strips (see Step 1)
 - Cream/red print
 - *4 strips 2¹/₂" x 80", pieced from 8 width of fabric (WOF) strips
 - Blue print
 - 9 strips 2¹/₂" x WOF (binding)
- *Strips include extra length for trimming.

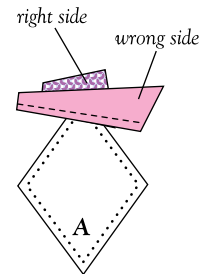


Diagram I-A

Piecing the Block

1. Referring to **Diagram I-A**, place 2 assorted strips with right sides together on muslin Template A fabric. Using 1/4" seam allowance, sew strips together onto muslin foundation. Finger-press strips open and lay a third strip right side down on open second strip (see **Diagram I-B**). Using 1/4" seam allowance, sew second and third strip together onto muslin foundation. Finger-press third strip open and continue to add strips in like manner until muslin foundation is completely covered, as shown in **Diagram I-C**. Trim to size of muslin Template A foundation. Make 529 total. **Hint:** Sew strips on muslin foundation starting in random directions and feel free to piece short strips together.

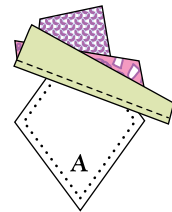


Diagram I-B

Quilt Top Assembly

Note: Refer to **Assembly Diagram** for following steps.

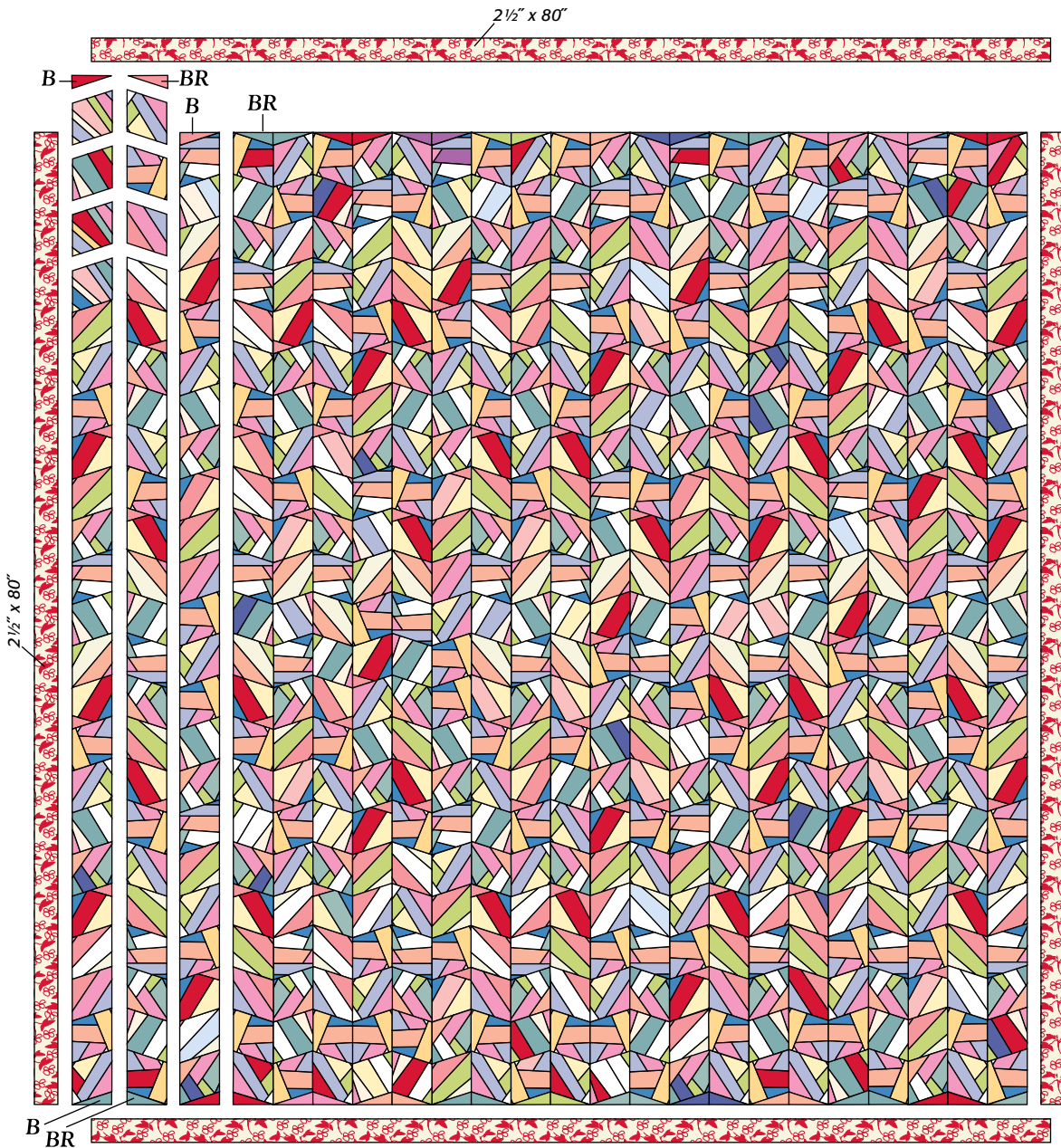
2. Stitch strip using 23 Template A and 2 Template B. Make 12. Stitch 11 strips using 23 Template A and 2 Template BR each. You will have 2 BR left over. **Hint:** Carefully plan arrangement to ensure matching pairs of B/BR in adjoining strips.
3. Alternate strips, arranging so matching B and BR adjoin. Sew strips together.
4. Stitch cream/red print 2¹/₂" x 80" strips to sides; trim even with top and bottom. Sew remaining cream/red strips to top and bottom; trim even with sides.



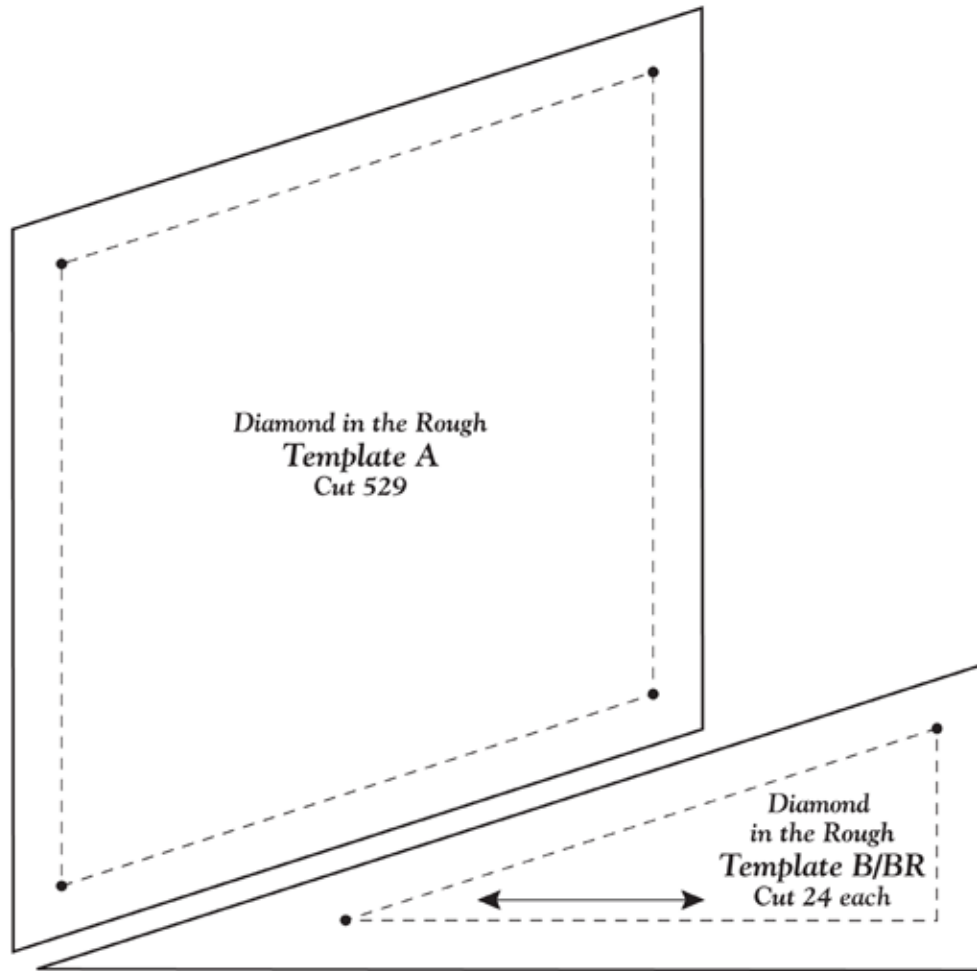
Diagram I-C

Quilting and Finishing

5. Layer, baste, and quilt. Vertical lines are quilted 1¹/₂" apart throughout the background. Bind with blue print.



Assembly Diagram



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