

Seminole Patchwork Tutorial





**Design
#1**

Here is what you need to create a design like this:



Strip Set #1

- one strip of rainbow fabric 2" wide x 42" long (cut along the width of the fabric)
- two strips of solid fabric 2½" wide x 42" long (cut along the width of the fabric).

Strip Set #2

- one strip of rainbow fabric 1½" wide x 42" long (cut along the width of the fabric)
- two strips of solid fabric 2¾" wide x 42" long (cut along the width of the fabric).

NOTE

My rainbow fabric is from the *Effervescence* collection by Robert Kaufman.



For each set, piece the strips together with the rainbow strip in the center.

Sew with ¼" seam allowance and press the seam allowances away from the center strip.

Cut the long piece with narrow center strip into 1½" pieces.

Cut the long piece with wide center strip into 2" pieces.





You have to piece them as shown in this picture, alternating wide strips with narrow strips.



Sew together a wide strip with a narrow strip. Place them right sides together, nesting the horizontal seams. It is easy to do this, the seam allowances run in opposite directions.

Press the seam allowances open.



Sew pairs...



... then piece the pairs together in the desired order.

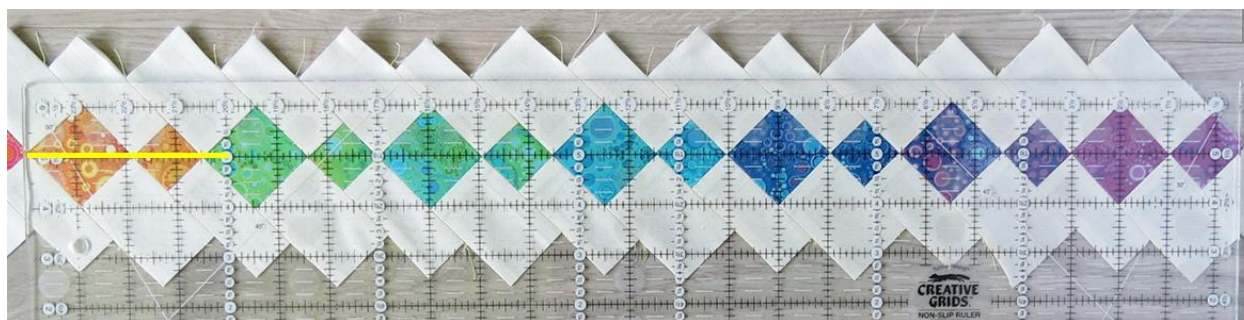


Sew together how many pairs you need.



The wrong side with all the seams pressed open.

In order to straighten the edges of the design, align the 1½" marking line of a long ruler over the center of the colored squares (see the yellow marking line).



Cut along the top edge of the ruler.

Rotate the design and do the same to straighten the other edge.



This design is 3" wide. The length of two "on point" squares is 3½". I think it would make a wonderful border for a rainbow quilt.

The distance from the top corner of the big squares to the edge is about ½". If you want this distance to be only ¼", align the ¼" marking line of the ruler with the top corners of the big squares and cut along the edge of the ruler.

If you want to make a wider border, sew additional strips to the top and bottom edges. Actually, I think this should be a must, because at this stage, the outer edges are cut on bias and adding strips cut lengthwise will stabilize the piece, which is important for a border of a quilt.

Design #2



For this design you need:

-one strip of rainbow fabric 1½" wide x 42" long (cut along the width of the fabric); you can use other fabric too, but one that offers a great variety of colors works best.

-two strips of solid fabric 2" wide x 42" long (cut along the width of the fabric).

Piece the strips together, with the rainbow strip in the center. Sew with ¼" seam allowance and press the seam allowances away from the center strip.



Cut the long strip set into 1½" (**the initial width of the center strip**) pieces as shown.



You have to piece them as shown in this picture.



Piece two strips as shown:
place them right sides
together, nesting the
horizontal seams.

Press the seam allowances
open.



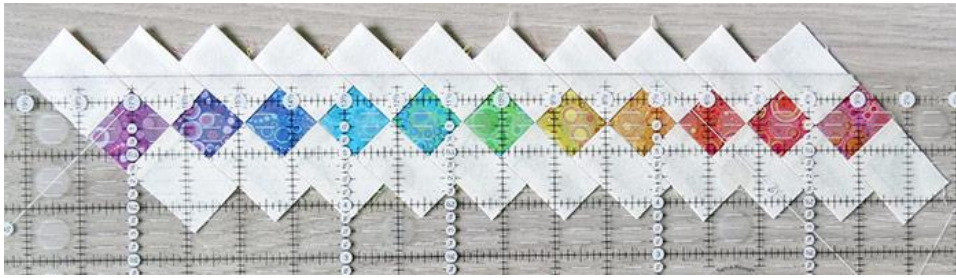
Sew pairs...



...
then piece the pairs
together.



In order to straighten the
edges of the design, you
have to cut at $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the
top and bottom corners of
the center squares (see the
black marking line).



Place a long ruler so that the $\frac{1}{4}$ " marking line touches the top corners of the colored squares.



Cut along the top edge of the ruler.

Rotate the piece and straighten the other edge.



Use this band design to create more complex designs.



**Happy sewing!
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