

# Dreamlines 2023: March: Diamonds

a FREE monthly art project with Brenda Gael Smith



## OBJECTIVES:

- Make a 12-15in strip of dark diamonds against a dark background
- Build YOUR composition month-by-month or incorporate the strip into other design(s).
- Take it further: scale up the size of the strip design and/or make multiple strips into a large diamond- strippy composition.

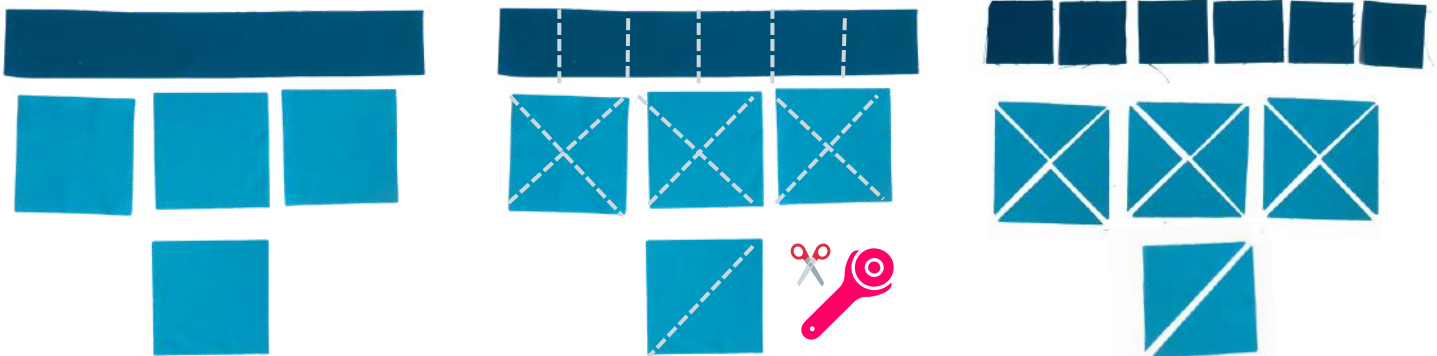


## BASIC TECHNIQUE: 12-15in STRIP

Adjust the number of diamonds and setting triangles to fit with the length of YOUR Dreamline(s)

### Cut:

- One 2in x 12½ in strip dark fabric cut into 6 "squares" for the diamonds
- Three 3½-4in squares light fabric with each square cut into 4 quarter-square triangles for the side setting triangles. (These are intentionally generous for flexibility in construction and to create a floating effect.)
- One 3½-4in square light fabric cut diagonally into two half-square triangles for the ends.

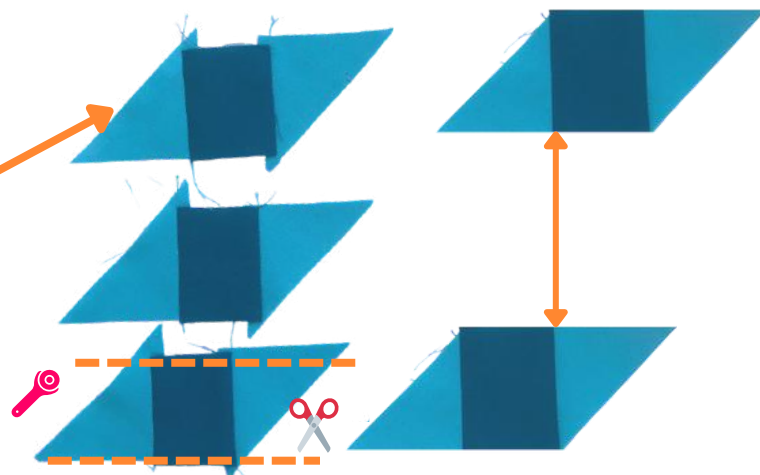


## Making Diamond Units

Sew a quarter-square triangle on either side of a dark square, keeping the long side/straight-grain on the edge.

Press towards the dark squares.

Trim straight across to neaten the upper and lower edge of your diamond units.

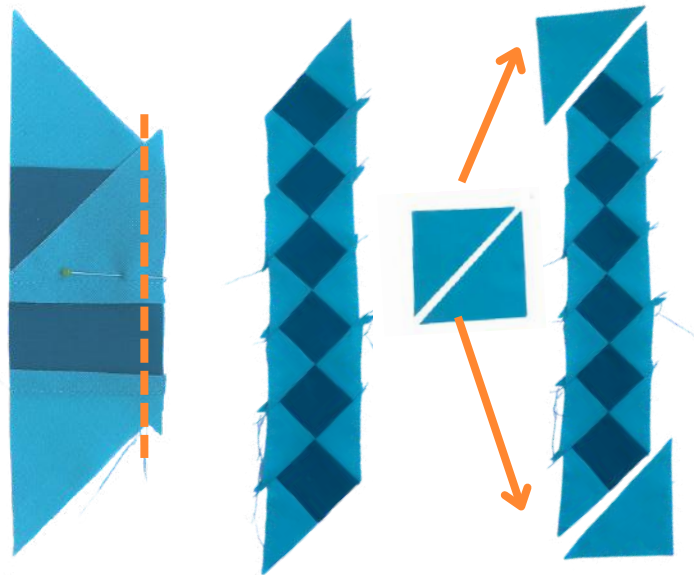


## Assembly

Join the diamond units together lining up the points of dark centres. Press seams all in the same direction.

Sew the half-square triangles to the top and bottom.

Neaten threads and ears but do not trim until you are assembling your final composition.



## TAKE IT FURTHER: 40+in Diamond Strips

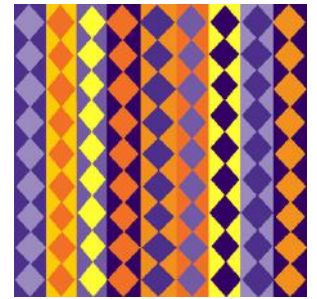
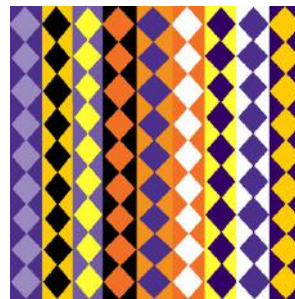
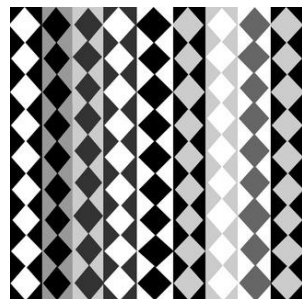
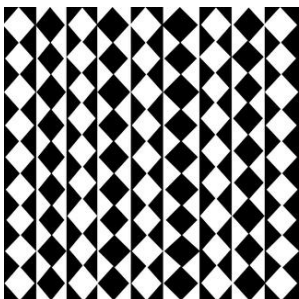
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- Eight 4x4in dark squares for the diamonds
- Four 6½in light squares cut into quarter-square triangles for the side-setting triangles.
- One 6½in square light fabric cut diagonally into two half-square triangles for the ends.



## Variations

- Swap the darks & lights -> light diamonds on a dark background.
- Vary the size of the diamonds
- Stagger the columns to vary the position of the diamonds
- Vary the colours. Mix in black & white.
- Freecut rather than precisely measure.
- Experiment with curves if that is part of your technical skill-set.



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