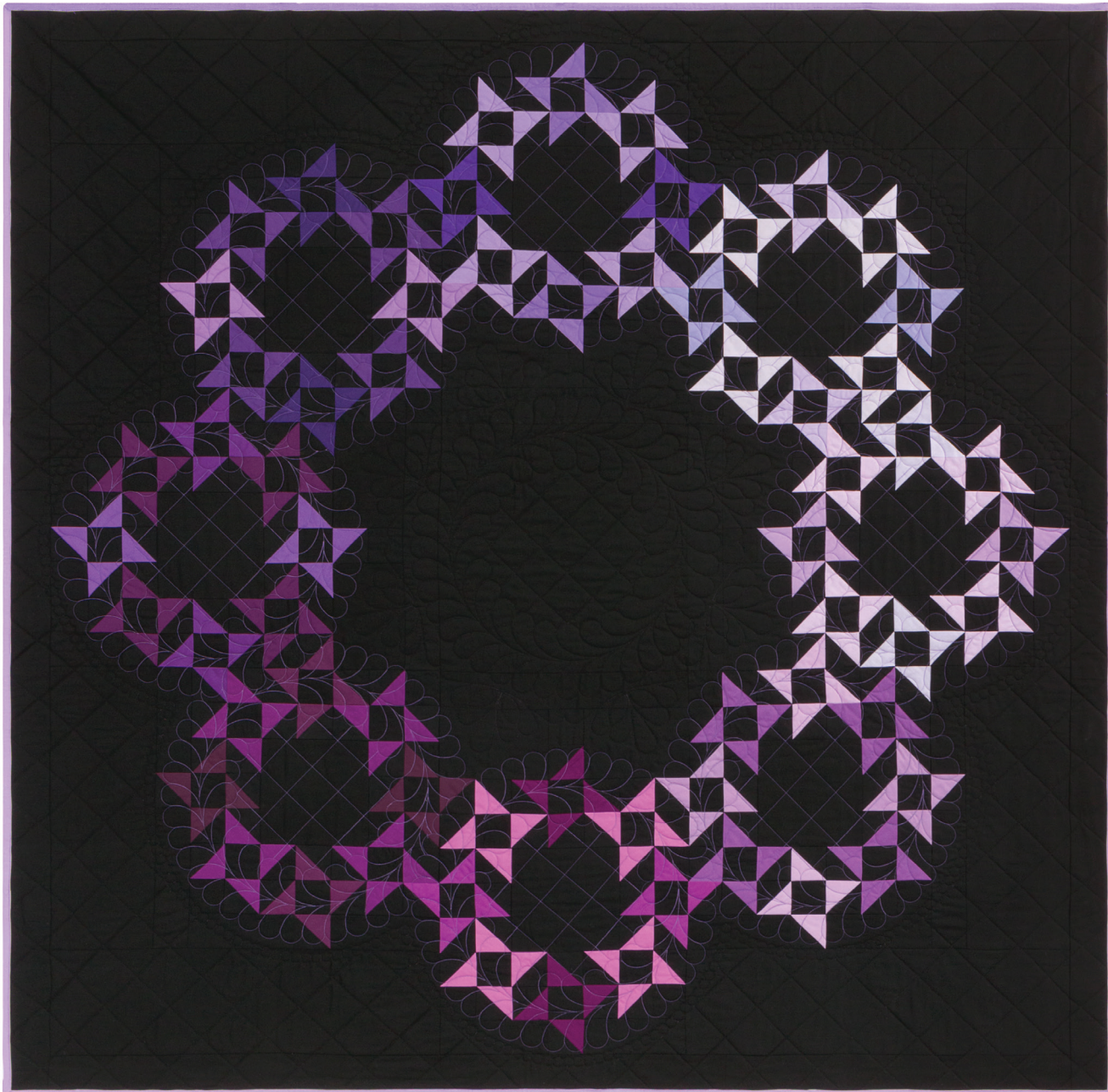


# CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

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Featuring

**KONA**<sup>®</sup>  
cotton solids



Finished quilt measures: 71" x 71"

Difficulty Rating: **Intermediate**

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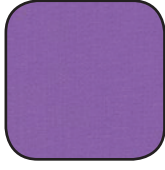


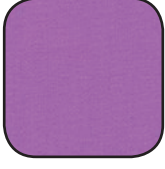
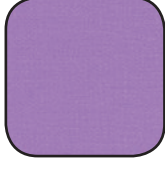

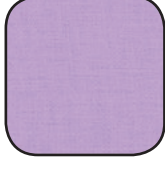
## Fabric and Supplies Needed

*Fabric amounts based on yardage that is 42" wide.*

Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage	Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage
	A	K001-1019 BLACK	4-7/8 yards		J	K001-1214 MAGENTA	1/4 yard
	B	K001-1850 ORCHID ICE	1/4 yard		K	K001-1016 BERRY	1/4 yard
	C	K001-1189 LAVENDER	1/4 yard		L	K001-473 GERANIUM	1/4 yard
	D	K001-1266 ORCHID	1/4 yard		M	K001-489 GUMDROP	1/4 yard
	E	K001-844 PRINCESS	1/4 yard		N	K001-1133 EGGPLANT	1/4 yard
	F	K001-258 PANSY	1/4 yard		O	K001-1469 RAISIN	1/4 yard
	G	K001-24 PETUNIA	1/4 yard		P	K001-1485 DK. VIOLET	1/4 yard
	H	K001-487 CORSAGE	1/4 yard		Q	K001-80 MULBERRY	1/4 yard
	I	K001-1484 LUPINE	1/4 yard		R	K001-142 CROCUS	1/4 yard

## Fabric and Supplies Needed

*Fabric amounts based on yardage that is 42" wide.*

Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage	Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage
	S	K001-188 HIBISCUS	1/4 yard		W	K001-495 MORNING GLORY	1/4 yard
	T	K001-1301 PURPLE	1/4 yard		X	K001-1857 VELVET	1/4 yard
	U	K001-488 DAHLIA	1/4 yard		Y	K001-1392 WISTERIA	1/4 yard
	V	K001-327 TULIP	1/4 yard		Binding*	K001-1850 ORCHID ICE <i>*Also used for Fabric B</i>	5/8 yard
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### Notes Before You Begin

- Read through all of the instructions before beginning.
- All of the seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.
- Press seam allowances open unless otherwise noted.
- Width of fabric (WOF) is equal to at least 42" wide.
- Right sides together has been abbreviated to RST.
- Remember to measure twice and cut once!

## Cutting Instructions

### **From Fabric A, cut:**

six 7-1/4" x WOF strips. Subcut:  
four 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" rectangles  
eight 7-1/4" squares

*Tip: Cut one rectangle and two squares from the sizes above from each of four WOF strips to maximize yardage.*

four 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" rectangles  
ten 5" x WOF strips. Subcut:  
sixty-four 5" squares  
eight 5" x 7-1/4" rectangles  
seven 3" x WOF strips. Set aside for the outer borders.  
fourteen 2-3/4" x WOF strips. Subcut:  
four 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" rectangles  
four 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" rectangles  
seventeen 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" rectangles  
six 2-3/4" x 5" rectangles  
eighty 2-3/4" squares  
one 16-1/4" square

### **From each of Fabrics B,C, E, F, H, I, K, L, N, O, Q, R, T, U, W, X, cut:**

one 5" x WOF strip. Subcut:  
two 5" squares

### **From each of Fabrics D, G, J, M, P, S, V, Y, cut:**

one 5" x WOF strip. Subcut:  
four 5" squares

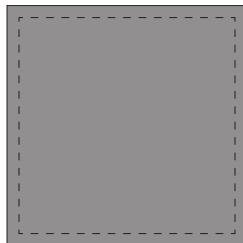
Note: Label the fabrics by name (letter) in order to make things easier to group during the assembly process.

### **From the Binding Fabric, cut:**

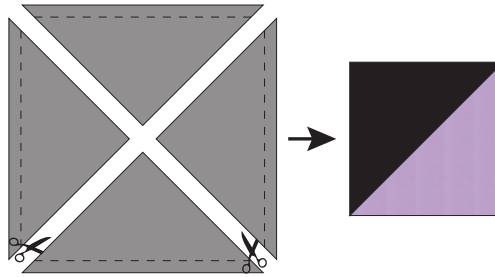
eight 2-1/2" x WOF strips

## Assemble the Half-Square Triangles

**Step 1:** Pair a 5" Fabric A square RST with a Fabric B 5" square. Sew around all four edges, using a 1/4" seam allowance.



**Step 2:** Cut along both diagonals, creating four half-square triangle (HST) units. Press, taking care to not handle the raw edges too much in order to avoid stretching once the diagonals are cut.



*Tip: Before cutting the diagonals, spray with a spray starch on each side, then press. This will stiffen the fabric slightly and can help prevent bias edges from stretching that are about to be cut.*

**Step 3:** Trim to 2-3/4" square.

**Step 4:** Repeat Steps 1-3 with all 5" Fabric B-Y squares, creating four HSTs of each of Fabrics B, C, E, F, H, I, K, L, N, O, Q, R, T, U, W, and X and eight HSTs of each of Fabrics D, G, J, M, P, S, V, and Y.

## Assemble the Blocks

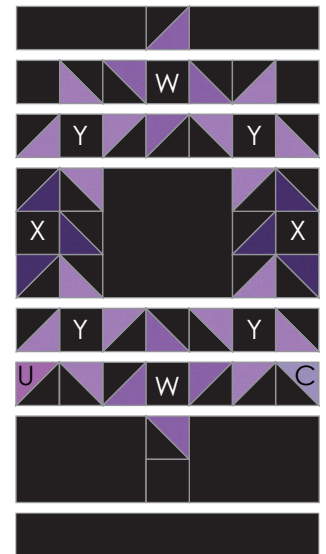
*A Note About Assembling the Blocks:*

*There are slight differences in how the blocks are constructed. Construct each block one at a time, referring to the block image often to confirm correct color placement and HST orientation, then move to the Quilt Assembly.*

### **Top Center Block**

**Step 5:** Gather

- all sixteen Fabric Y HSTs
- all eight Fabric W HSTs
- six Fabric X HSTs
- one Fabric C HST
- one Fabric U HST
- ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares
- two 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- two 7-1/4" x 5" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square



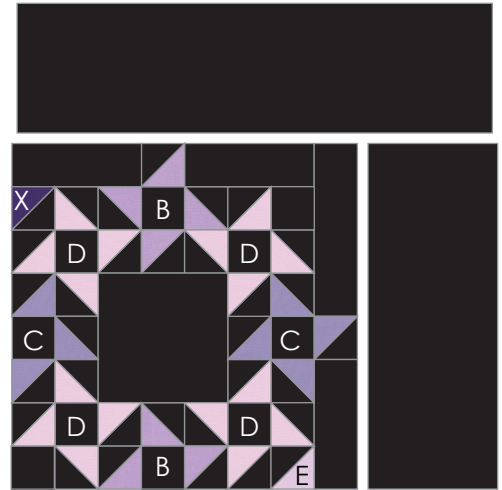
**Step 6:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs.

**Step 7:** Sew together to form rows, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows together to form the block.

### **Top Right Block**

#### **Step 8:** Gather

- all sixteen Fabric D HSTs
- seven Fabric B HSTs
- seven Fabric C HSTs
- one Fabric E HST
- one Fabric X HST
- ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares
- three 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square



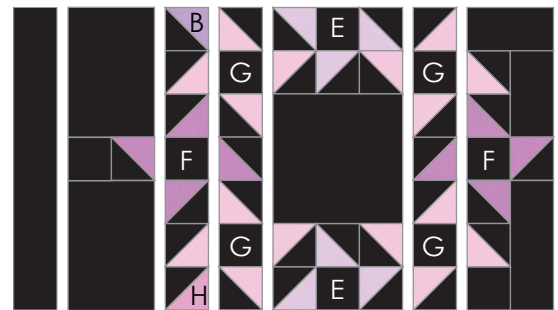
**Step 9:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs.

**Step 10:** Sew together to form rows, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows together to form the main block section, then sew the right section to the block, as shown. Sew the 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle to the top of the block.

### **Right Center Block**

#### **Step 11:** Gather

- all sixteen Fabric G HSTs
- all eight Fabric F HSTs
- six Fabric E HSTs
- one Fabric B HST
- one Fabric H HST
- ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares
- two 2-3/4" x 5" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- two 7-1/4" x 5" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square



**Step 12:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs.

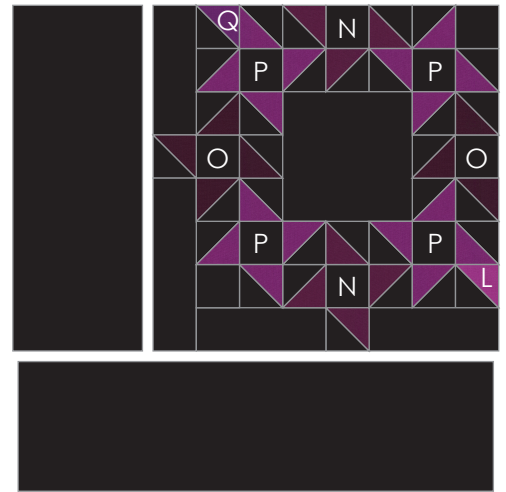
**Step 13:** Sew together to form columns, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other column. Sew the columns and sections together to form the block.



### **Bottom Left Block**

#### **Step 20:** Gather

- all Fabric P HSTs
- seven Fabric O HSTs
- seven Fabric N HSTs
- one Fabric Q HST
- one Fabric L HST
- ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares
- three 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square



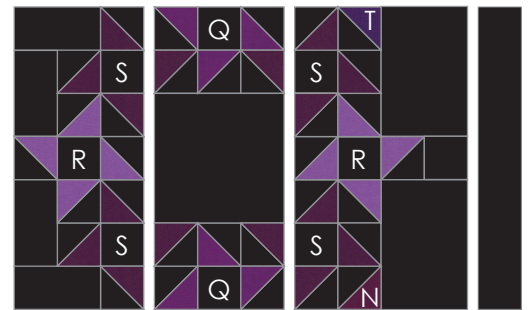
**Step 21:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs.

**Step 22:** Sew the main (HST) portion of the block together to form rows, as shown, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows and sections together to form the block. Then sew the remaining sections to the bottom and left edges. Sew the 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle to the bottom of the block.

### **Left Center Block**

#### **Step 23:** Gather

- eight purple Fabric A squares
- all Fabric S HSTs
- all Fabric R HSTs
- six Fabric Q HSTs
- one Fabric T HST
- one Fabric N HST
- eleven 2-3/4" Fabric A square
- four 2-3/4" x 5" Fabric A rectangles
- two 5" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles
- one 2-3/4" x 16-1/4" Fabric A rectangle
- one 7-1/4" Fabric A square



**Step 24:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs.

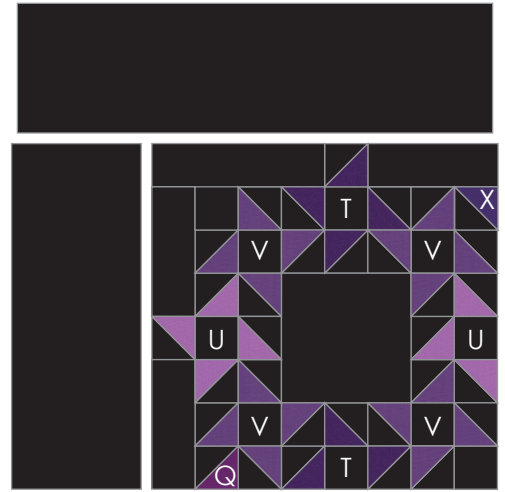
**Step 25:** Sew the main (HST) portion of the block together to form rows, as shown, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows and sections together to form the block. Then sew the remaining sections to the right edge.



## Top Left Block

### **Step 26:** Gather

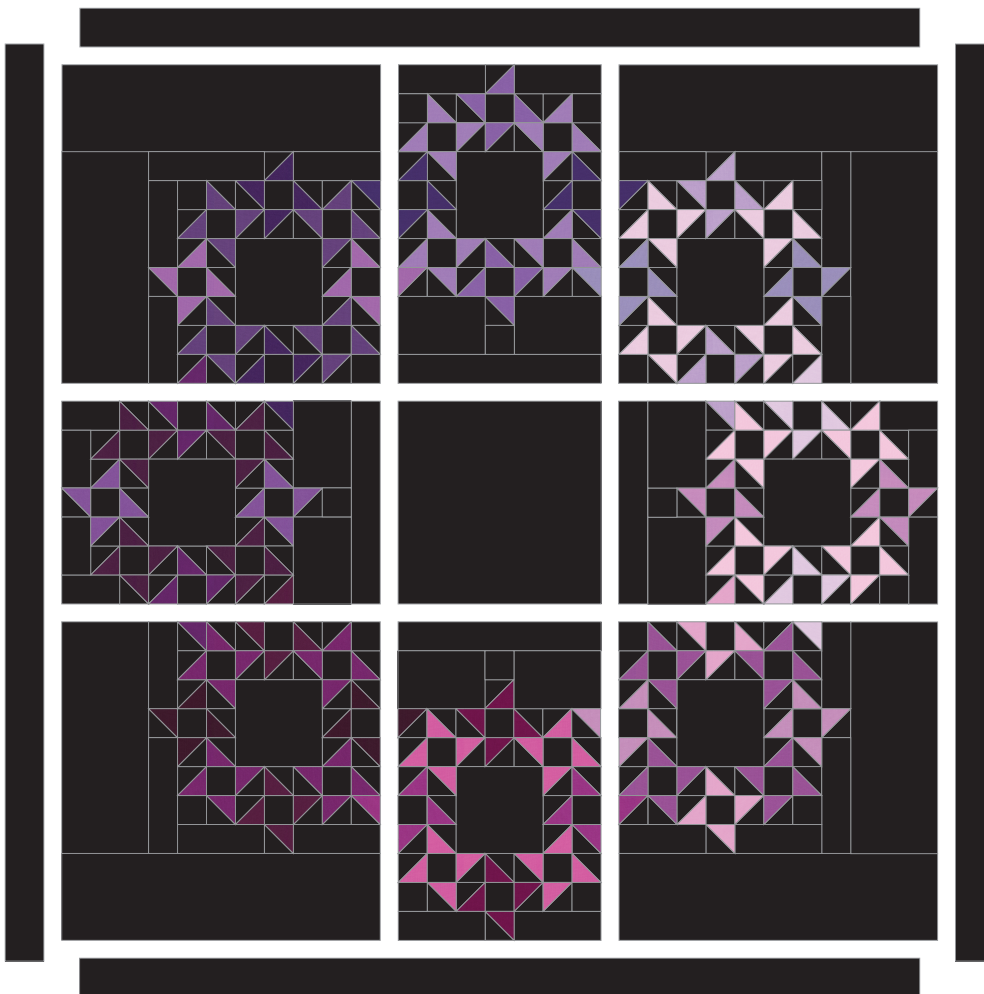
all Fabric V HSTs  
seven Fabric U HSTs  
seven Fabric T HSTs  
one Fabric X HST  
one Fabric Q HST  
ten 2-3/4" Fabric A squares  
three 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" Fabric A rectangles  
one 2-3/4" x 9-1/2" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" x 18-1/2" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle  
one 7-1/4" Fabric A square



**Step 27:** Arrange to form the block, as shown, noting the orientation of the HSTs.

**Step 28:** Sew the main (HST) portion of the block together to form rows, as shown, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows and sections together to form the block. Then sew the remaining sections to the left and top edges. Sew the 7-1/4" x 25-1/4" Fabric A rectangle to the top edge of the block.

## Assemble the Quilt



**Step 29:** Arrange all eight blocks and the 16-1/4" Fabric A center square to form the quilt center. Confirm that all colors align at the block edges and that the blocks are oriented correctly. Set the borders aside for now.

**Step 30:** Sew the Top Left, Top Center, and Top Right Blocks together to form the top row. Press toward the Light Center Block.

**Step 31:** Sew the Left Center, Fabric A center square and Right Center Blocks together to form the middle row. Press away from the center square.

**Step 32:** Sew the Bottom Left, Bottom Center, and Bottom Right Blocks together to form the bottom row. Press toward the Center Block.

**Step 33:** Sew rows together. Press.

**Step 34:** Sew the Fabric A outer border strips together, end-to-end. Measure the width of the quilt through the center. Cut two top/bottom outer border strips to this length. Sew the borders to the top/bottom of the quilt center. Press toward the border. Measure the length of the quilt through the center. Cut two side outer border strips to this length. Sew the borders to the sides of the quilt center. Press toward the border.

Your quilt top is complete. Baste, quilt, bind and enjoy!