

# “MIDNIGHT JEWELS”

Quilt Design by Laura Blanchard of Plum Tree Quilts  
Featuring the Bursting with Color Collection by Hoffman California Fabrics



J8660 Grape #45



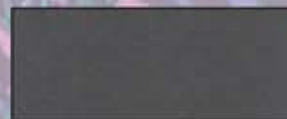
J8661 Wild Berry #405



J8662 Grape #45



J8664 Pink #12



J9000 Black #4



J9000 Green #8



J9000 Lavender #70



J9000 Leaf #178

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Quilt Size 50" x 70"

Style	
J8660 Grape #45	3/8 yards
J8661 Wild Berry #405	3/4 yard
J8662 Grape #45	3/8 yard
J8664 Pink #12	3/8 yard
J9000 Black #4	1 7/8 yard
J9000 Green #8	1/8 yard
J9000 Lavender #70	1/3 yard
J9000 Leaf #178	1 yard*
Backing (Your favorite "Bursting with Color" Fabric) (horizontal cut)	3 3/8 yards

\*Includes binding yardage.

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Fabrics from the "Bursting with Color" collection by Hoffman Fabrics

Finished quilt size: 50½" x 70½"

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS: *Yardage is based on 40" of useable width.*

J8660-Grape-45. . . . .	5/8 yard
J8661-Wild Berry-405. . . . .	3/4 yard
J8662-Grape-45. . . . .	5/8 yard
J8664-Pink-12. . . . .	5/8 yard
J9000-Black-4. . . . .	1 7/8 yards
J9000-Dark Green-8. . . . .	1/8 yard
J9000-Lavender-70. . . . .	1/3 yard
J9000-Leaf-178. . . . .	1 yard (includes binding)
Backing of choice. . . . .	3 3/8 yards (with horizontal seam)
Batting. . . . .	58" x 78"

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS: *All fabrics are cut from selvage to selvage.*

A. J8660-Grape-45:

- Cut (2) 8 7/8" strips. Crosscut (6) 8 7/8" squares for Block I.

B. J8661-Wild Berry-405:

- Cut (4) 5 7/8" strips. Crosscut (22) 5 7/8" squares for Block III.

C. J8662-Grape-45:

- Cut (2) 8 7/8" strips. Crosscut (6) 8 7/8" squares for Block II.

D. J8664-Pink-12:

- Cut (2) 8 1/2" strips. From (1) strip, crosscut (23) 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" sashing strips. Reserve the remaining strip for additional sashing.

E. J9000-Black-4:

- Cut (3) 8 7/8" strips. Crosscut (12) 8 7/8" squares for Blocks I and II.
- Cut (4) 5 7/8" strips. Crosscut (22) 5 7/8" squares for Block III.
- Cut (3) 2" strips for Border #1 side strips.
- Cut (2) 2 1/2" strips for Border #1 top and bottom strips.

F. J9000-Dark Green-8:

- Cut (1) 1 1/2" strip for cornerstones.

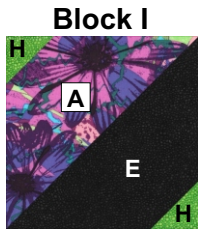
G. J9000-Lavender-70:

- Cut (3) 1 1/2" strips for Border #2 side strips.
- Cut (2) 2" strips for Border #2 top and bottom strips.

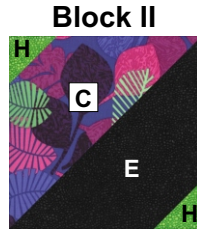
H. J9000-Leaf-178:

- Cut (3) 2 1/2" strips. Crosscut (48) 2 1/2" squares for Blocks I and II.
- Cut (4) 1 3/4" strips. Crosscut (88) 1 3/4" squares for Block III.
- Cut (7) 2 1/4" strips for binding.

## PIECING THE BLOCKS:



Finished size: 8" square  
Make 12.

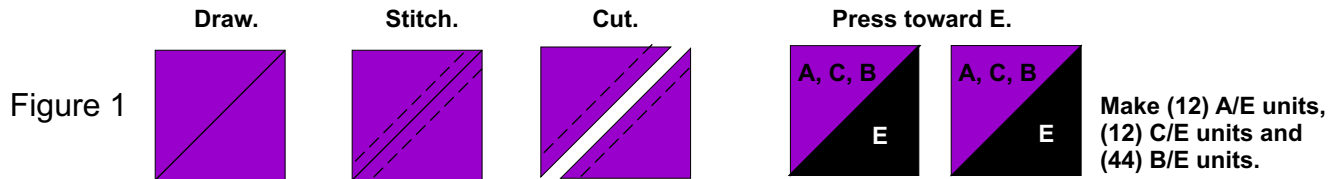


Finished size: 8" square  
Make 12.

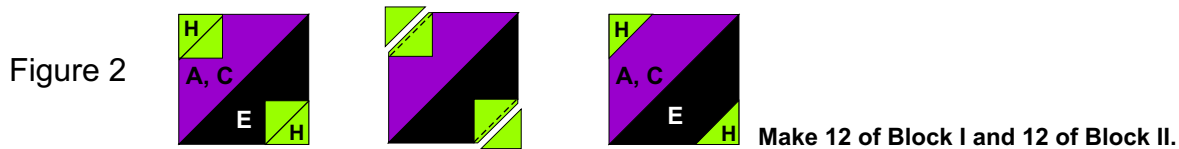


Finished size: 5" square  
Make 44.

1. Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of each A, C and B square (Figure 1). Pair each square, right sides together with an E square of the same size. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from each side of drawn line. Cut on line to yield (2) half-square-triangle units from each pair. Press toward E. Make (12) A/E units, (12) C/E units and (44) B/E units.



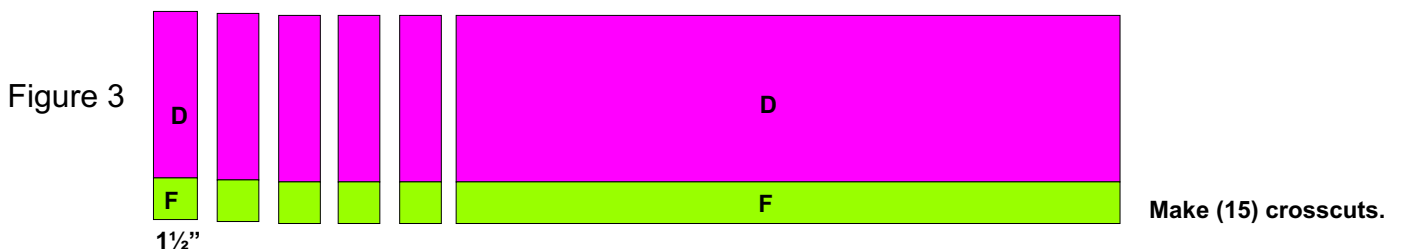
2. Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of each  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " H square for Blocks I and II. Position a square, right sides together, on opposite corners of each A/E and C/E unit as shown (Figure 2). Stitch on drawn line. Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from seam line. Press toward H. Make (12) of Block I and (12) of Block II. Blocks should measure  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



3. Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of each  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " H square for Block III. Repeat step 2 above, sewing the H squares to the B/E units, to complete (44) of Block III. Blocks should measure  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

## QUILT ASSEMBLY

1. Referring to the Quilt Diagram, arrange (6) rows of (4) blocks each, alternating blocks and positioning as shown.
2. Place a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " D sashing strip between each block. Sew blocks and sashing strips together into rows. Press toward sashing strips. There will be (5) sashing strips left over for the next step.
3. For the sashing rows, sew the reserved  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " D sashing strip to the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " F cornerstone strip (Figure 3). Press toward sashing strip. Crosscut (15)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " D/F units. Sew (3)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " D/F units together end to end (Figure 4), adding a leftover  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strip at the end of each row. Press toward D. Make (5) sashing rows.





4. Place a sashing row between the block rows. Sew block rows and sashing rows together, matching seams. Press toward sashing rows.
5. Border #1:
  - a. Side strips: Sew the (3) 2" Border #1 E strips together, end to end. Press seams open. Cut (2) lengths equal to length of quilt. Sew to sides of the quilt. Press toward strips.
  - b. Top and bottom strips: Cut (2) lengths from the 2½" Border #1 E strips equal to width of quilt. Sew to top and bottom of quilt. Press toward strips.
6. Border #2: Follow steps for Border #1 to sew Border #2 strips to quilt, using the 1½" G strips for side borders and the 2" G strips for top and bottom borders. Press toward Border #2.
7. Pieced outer border: *Refer to Quilt Diagram and quilt image.*
  - a. Side borders: Sew (12) of Block #3 together in the position shown. Press. Make (2) side border strips. Sew border strips to sides of quilt in correct position. Press toward Border #2.
  - b. Top and bottom borders: Sew (10) of Block III together in position shown. Press. Sew border strips to top and bottom of quilt in correct position. Press toward Border #2.

## FINISHING

1. Prepare backing with a horizontal seam to measure 58" x 78". Press seam open.
2. Layer quilt top, batting and backing. Baste layers together.
3. Quilt as desired.
4. Trim layers even with quilt top.
5. Join binding strips (H) with diagonal seams. Press seams open. Sew binding to quilt using your favorite method.
6. Make a label and sew to back of quilt.

# QUILT DIAGRAM

