

## GROUP A FOUNDATION PAPERS AND TEMPLATES: DIAMOND AA

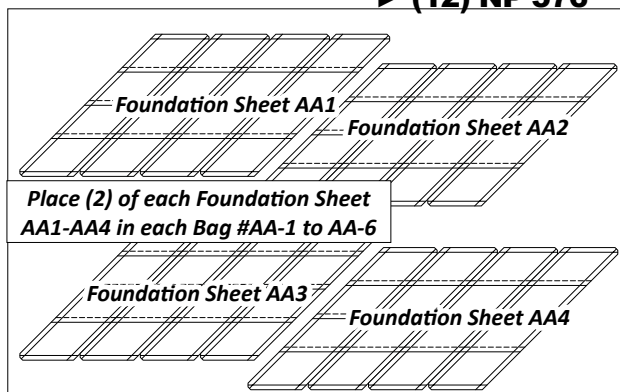
**Ziploc Storage Bags:** You will need (7) Bags to complete the organization for these instructions. Label each Bag for Group A as follows

- Bag #AA-1, Strip Set #1, Round-A
- Bag #AA-2, Strip Set #2, Round-B
- Bag #AA-3, Strip Set #3, Round-B
- Bag #AA-4, Strip Set #4, Round-C
- Bag #AA-5, Strip Set #5, Round-C
- Bag #AA-6, Strip Set #6, Round-C
- Bag #AA-7, Sashing, T-Template Layout Sheets (A,B,& C)

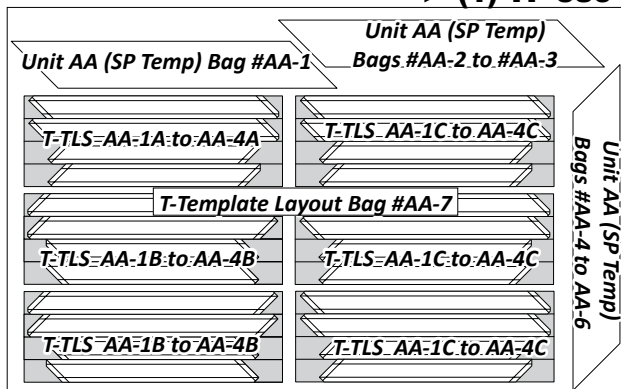
### ► Preparing the Foundation Papers:

Cut out (12) of each **Foundation Sheet AA1, AA2, AA3, and AA4** found on [NP 576]. Place (2) each of Foundation Sheet AA1, AA2, AA3, AA4 in each Bag #AA1-#AA6 along with (1) **Unit AA Strip Piecing Template** from [TP 380]. Place the T-Template Layout Sheets (A, B, & C) into Bag #AA7. See the newsprint graphics below for information on how to organize your units and templates into bags. \*Refer back to General Information under Foundation Papers and templates for additional instructions on how to prepare your foundation papers and templates. Note: Templates assigned to more than 1 Bag are transferred to the next bag after the cutting is completed in the previous bag.

#### ► (12) NP 576



#### ► (1) TP 380

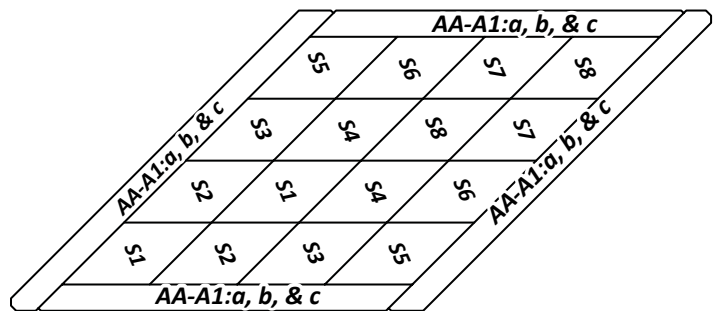


### ► Fabric Information: Group A, Diamond AA

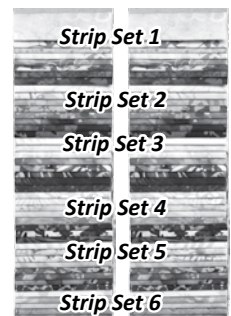
**Fabrics:** A Unit Block Fabric layout is included at the top of the next column that shows you need (8) 2-1/2" strips for each diamond, which makes (4) blocks, and also sashing strips labeled as AA-A1:a, :b, and :c. The cover quilt requires (8) diamonds be made from each Strip Set #1 to #6, so you will have (2) identical strip sets of (8) fabrics (S1 to S8) to complete the design.

### ► Unit Block Fabric Layout

\*Unit Block Layouts are referenced on Page 6 for each Strip Set.



**Cutting Your Strips:** If you have not already cut your 2-1/2" strips, please refer to the back page of the pattern for the # of strips to cut from each fabric and how to label and sort them. We recommend sorting them into (2) identical sets, by Strip Set #1 to #6, and then Fabric S1 to S8 as shown to the right. To keep track of what your diamonds will look like, you can paste a small swatch of fabric into each of the diamonds in the first column on Page 6 if you like. Or, use the table on the 2nd column of Page 6 for pasting swatches if you like.



**Fabric AA-A1:** We used (3) different colors for Fabric #AA-A1. The (3) colors are referenced as Fabric AA-A1:a, AA-A1:b, and AA-A1:c. Reference the unit chart below for the total yardage of each color.

Diamond AA, Sashing Unit Chart, Fabric AA-A1 (Make 48 total Diamonds)			
FABRIC #	INCH	YDS	ASSIGNED COLOR
Option 1: Sashing, Fabric AA-A1:a, :b, & :c Place Strips in Bag #AA-7			
FABRIC AA-A1:a (24 Units) (8) T-TLS AA-1A to AA-4A (8) T-TLS AA-1B to AA-4B (24) T-TLS AA-1C to AA-4C	Cut (8) Strips 5" by 42"	1-1/8	FABRIC SWATCH
FABRIC AA-A1:b (8 Units) (8) T-TLS AA-1A to AA-4A	Cut (8) Strips 5" by 42" to for AA-A1:b & AA-A1:c	1	FABRIC SWATCH
FABRIC AA-A1:c (16 Units) (16) T-TLS AA-1B to AA-4B			

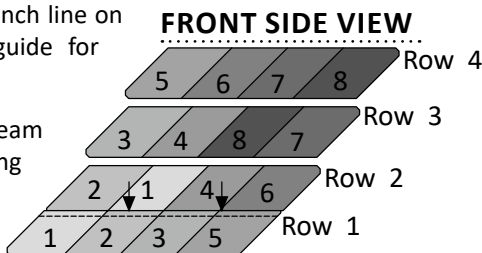
### STRIP COLOR SET 1 CUTTING AND STACKING INSTRUCTIONS

**Strip Set #1:** The following instructions assume that you are working with (2) identical stacks of (6) different Strip Sets, Numbered SS #1 to SS #6, each with (8) fabrics labeled as S1 to S8. Strip Set #1 goes in Bag #AA-1, SS #2 goes in Bag #AA-2, and so on.

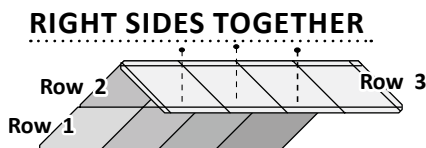
The instructions reference the Strip Sets in each bag as Fabrics #S1-S8. Repeat the instructions for each unique ring color set you have. Open and press each strip in your first color group. Arrange the fabric strips facing **right-side-up** in numerical order. Repeat for each Strip Set. See the top of Page 6 for a graphic.

**Step 4:** At your machine, place Row-1 on the bottom next to the feed dogs, leaving Row-2 on top. Both strips are sewn together using the quarter-inch line on the paper as a guide for stitching.

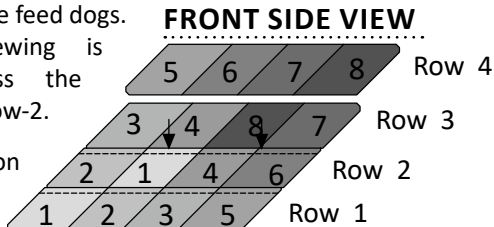
**Step 5:** The seam is pressed facing towards Row-1 as shown with the arrows.



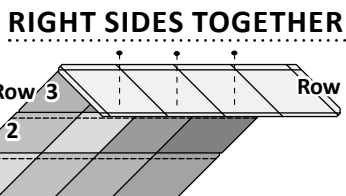
**Step 6:** Position Row-3 onto the top of Row-2 with right-sides-together. Match and pin both pieces at each quarter-inch intersection.



**Step 7:** Once again, remove the foundation papers under Row-2 without disturbing the pins. Sew both strips together, position Row-2 next to the feed dogs. When the sewing is complete, press the seam towards Row-2.

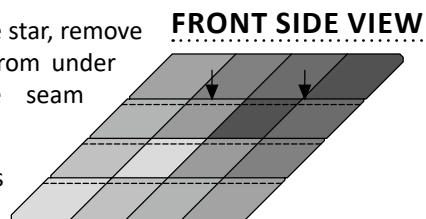


**Step 8:** Position Row-4 onto the top of Row-3 with right-sides-together. Match and pin both pieces together at each cross-section.



**Step 9:** Remove the foundation papers from under Row-3 without disturbing the pins. Sew both strips together with Row-3 next to the feed dogs. Press the seams toward Row 3.

**Step 10:** To finished the star, remove the foundation papers from under Row-4 and press the seam towards Row-3.



**Bags 2-6:** Repeat Steps 1-10 for Bags 2 to 6.

## CUTTING: BAG #7: SASHING

### ► Option 1, Fabric AA-A1:a, AA-A1:b, AA-A1:c

In the Fabric Chart on Page 5 under Option 1, Fabric AA-A1:a, AA-A1:b & AA-A1:c it told you how many 5" by 42" strips to cut from each fabric. These fabrics should have been cut and placed in Bag #7. If you have not cut these strips please do so at this time.

- Fabric AA-A1:a: Cut (8) 5" by 42" strips.
- Fabric AA-A1:b & AA-A1:c: Cut (8) 5" by 42" strips.
- Fabric AA-A1:c: Cut (6) 5" by 42" strips.

**Step 1:** Stack the strips in each color family facing *right-side-up*.

*Fabric AA-A1:a: Cut (8) 5" by 42" strips.*

*Fabric AA-A1:b & AA-A1:c: Cut (8) 5" by 42" strips.*

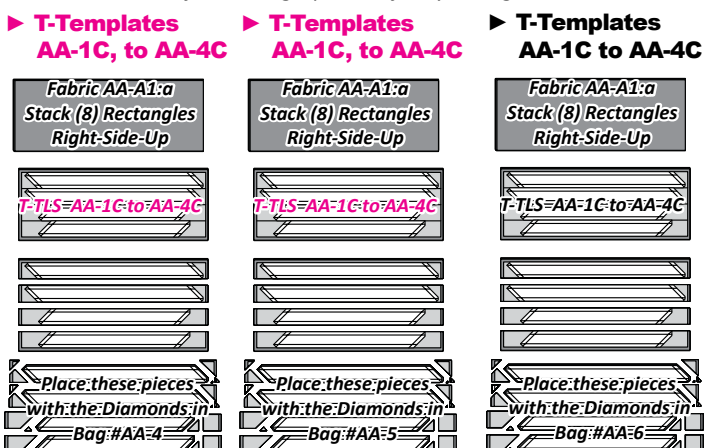
**Step 2:** Each 5" x 42" strip yields (3) 5" x 14" rectangles. The strips are now sub-cut into the following pieces. (The pieces from AA-A1:b and AA-A1:c will come from the same (8) strips. Cut (24) 5" x 14" rectangles, then divide them as described below).

- Fabric AA-A1:a: Subcut (24) 5" by 14" rectangles.
- Fabric AA-A1:b: Subcut (8) 5" by 14" rectangles.
- Fabric AA-A1:c: Subcut (16) 5" by 14" rectangles.



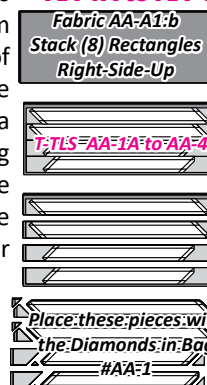
**Step 3: Fabric AA-A1:a:** Count and stack (8) fabric pieces under the (3) T-Template Layout Sheets T-TLSs shown below. Trim the excess fabric around the perimeter of each T-TLS to ensure the proper width. Large paper clips are used to secure the T-TLS to your fabric before you cut. Use your rotary cutter to separate the templates on Cut Lines 1 through 3. Trim the shaded area of the paper and excess fabric away along both ends to complete the cutting for the length. Then, trim the smart corners. Accurate trimming is necessary to preserve the Smart Corners. Place the pieces with each T-Template into the Bags as noted below.

**NOTE - Study the T-TLSs:** The T-TLSs for the sashing strips are not all the same. The T-TLSs used to cut the sashings for Bags #AA-1, AA-4, AA-5, & AA-6 are mirror images of the layout sheets used to cut the pieces in Bags #AA-2 & AA-3. \*Refer to the graphics before you begin to cut.



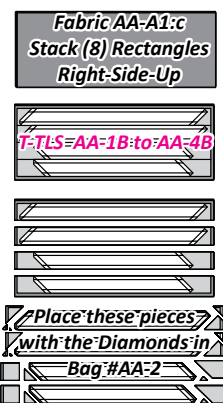
### ► T-Templates AA-1A to AA-4A

**Step 4:** Fabric AA-A1:b: Stack (8) pieces under the T-TLS shown to the right. Trim the excess fabric from around the edges of each T-TLS. Cut on Lines 1-3 to separate the individual templates. Trim the shaded area of the paper and excess fabric away along both ends to complete the cutting for the length. Then, trim the smart corners. Place the pieces cut with each (T)LS with their assigned bags.

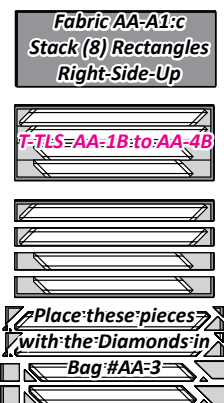


**Step 5: Fabric AA-A1:c:** Count and stack (8) pieces under each of the following T-TLSs. Trim the excess fabric from around the edges of each T-TLS, then cut on Lines 1-3 to separate the individual templates. Trim the shaded area of the

► **T-Templates AA-1B to AA-4B**



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paper and excess fabric away along both ends to complete the cutting for the length. Then, trim the smart corners. Place the pieces cut with each (TLS) with their assigned bags.

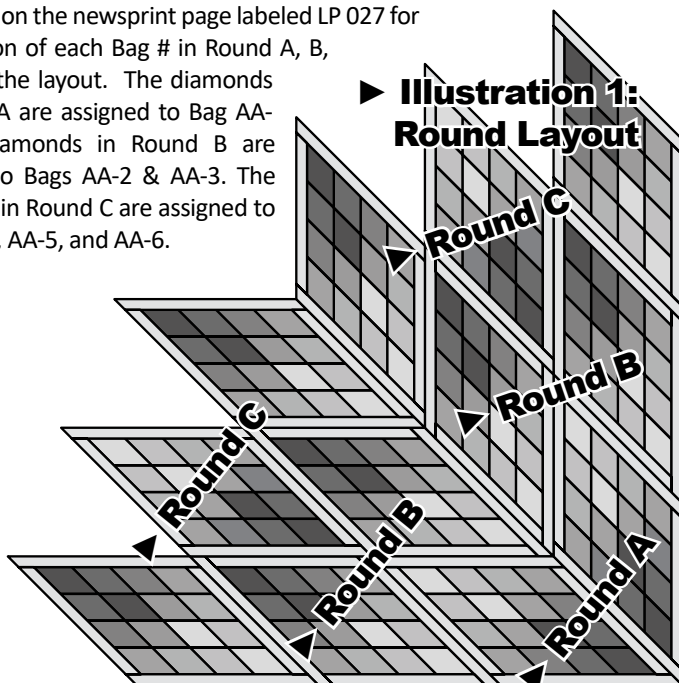
► **Sewing the Sashing**

Sewing the Sashing onto your Diamond Blocks depends on where each Diamond block will be located in the finished quilt. Therefore, before sewing the sashing strips onto the diamond blocks, arrange the diamond blocks onto a design wall to make sure you like the color layout. As you lay the blocks out on the wall, take note that you are now working with blocks that will belong to a "Round" in the layout. The Rounds in the Prismatic Star Queen layout are referred to as Round A, Round B, and Round C. (See Illustration 1). If you don't like the color placement of the blocks according to how we have placed them on the coversheet, now would be the time to re-arrange the colors to your own liking. This can be done very easily by swapping places with the diamonds assigned to Bags AA-1 to AA-6.

**NOTE - Caution!!:** Do not move the sashing strips cut with the T-Templates, only the diamond blocks can be moved.

Once you are happy with the color placement, re-assign the Bag #s to the blocks in their new location. Reference Assembly Graphic 1, on the newsprint page labeled LP 027 for the location of each Bag # in Round A, B, and C on the layout. The diamonds in Round A are assigned to Bag AA-1. The diamonds in Round B are assigned to Bags AA-2 & AA-3. The diamonds in Round C are assigned to Bags AA-4, AA-5, and AA-6.

► **Illustration 1: Round Layout**



**Step 6:** The sewing order for the sashing template pieces changes between Rounds A, B, and C, so pay attention to the graphics on Page 12 as you complete the sewing for each bag. The reason for the change is to minimize the number of matched seams in the assembly process. Also, pay attention to the position of your Fabric #s before sewing the sashing strips onto the diamonds. It is important that you begin the sewing rotation when adding the sashing with Fabric #1 at the bottom on the left hand corner.

**Round A:** Reference the *Sashing Assembly Graphic, Illustration 2* on Page 12.

**Step 1:** The short sashing strips, T-Template AA-1A and AA-2A, are sewn onto the Row 1 and Row 4 edges of each diamond.

**Step 2:** Position the sashing pieces wrong-side-up on the right side of each diamond, matching both ends of the diamond block (use the Smart Corners!). Use a glue pen to secure the edges.

**Step 3:** Sew the strips onto each edge. After the strips are sewn, press both seams towards the sashing.

**Step 4:** The long sashing strips, T-Template AA-3A and AA-4A, are sewn on both sides. Position the sashing pieces wrong-side-up on the right side of each diamond matching both ends of the diamond block.

**Step 5:** Sew the long strips to the remaining two sides and press both seams toward the sashing.

**Round B:** Reference the *Sashing Assembly Graphic, Illustration 3*.

- The short sashing strips, T-Template AA-1B and AA-2B, are sewn on the left and right side of each diamond.
- Place the strips wrong-side-up on the front side of the seams, secure with a glue pen.
- Sew the sashing strips to the diamond and press both seams towards the sashing.
- The long sashing strips T-Template AA-3B and AA-4B are sewn onto the top and bottom edge (Rows 1 and 4) of each diamond.
- Press both seams toward the sashing.

**Round C:** Steps 1 to 5 for Round C are shown in the Sashing Assembly Graphic, Illustration 4. The Steps are identical to that for Round A. The Templates used, however, are T-Template AA-1C and AA-2C on the top and bottom edges (Rows 1 and 4). The Templates for the sides are T-Template AA-3C and AA-4C. Press all seams towards the sashing strips.