"Effervescence" Quilt Pattern

Grab a fun jelly roll and some contrasting yardage and get set to make our single bed sized "Effervescence" quilt. This quilt block is quite straightforward to piece, and when laid out all together, you get a wonderful secondary pattern with the diamond grid.

Our quilt measures 59 x 72½ inches.

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You Will Need:

Minimum of 36 jelly roll strips (strips are 2½ inches wide x width of fabric). Keep the unused strips from your jelly roll and any offcuts to use for your quilt binding.

We used "Speckled" by Rashida Coleman-Hale for the Ruby Star Society.

1¾ yards / 1½ metres plain dark blue fabric for blocks and borders

½ yard / metre plain mid blue fabric for blocks

¼ yard / metre feature fabric for the centre square of each block

Backing fabric measuring at least 65 x 80 inches

Batting measuring at least 65 x 80 inches

Blocks:

There are a total of 12 blocks in this quilt, and all are exactly the same. Just vary the jelly roll strips in each block to change the colours around. The finished size of each block is 17 inches square.

Note – you can extend the size of this quilt simply by adding more blocks. A Queen-sized quilt would be 5 x 5 blocks (25 in total), which means you would need to double the fabric requirements for this quilt.

Likewise, you could reduce the number of blocks easily to make a lap or crib sized quilt instead.

Refer to the photo above as a guide and for EACH BLOCK, cut the following:

From your feature fabric, cut 1 square measuring 4½ x 4½ inches.

From your jelly roll 2½ inch strips, cut:

* 4 squares measuring 2½ x 2½ inches – dark orange in our block

* 4 strips measuring 2½ x 4½ inches – salmon pink in our block

* 2 strips measuring 2½ x 8½ inches AND 2 strips measuring 2½ x 12½ inches – white in our block

* 4 strips measuring 2½ x 8½ inches – green in our block

From your plain mid blue fabric, cut 4 strips measuring 2½ x 4½ inches

From your plain dark blue fabric cut:

* 2 squares measuring 3 5/8 x 3 5/8 inches, and crosscut diagonally **once**, so you have a total of 4 large triangles for the corners of the block.

* 4 squares measuring 4 x 4 inches, and cross cut diagonally **twice,** so you have a total of 16 small triangles for the sides of the block.

Note – multiply the numbers of pieces you need, based on the size quilt you are making. For example, for our quilt, you would need to cut a total of 12, 4½ inch squares from your feature fabric for the centre squares.
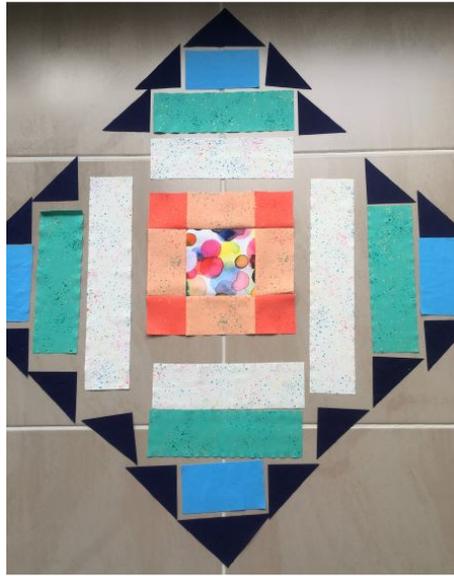

Lay out your pieces for each block as pictured.

Start with the centre 9 patch unit.

Join the orange squares to each end of the top and bottom pink strips, and join the remaining pink strips to either side of the centre square.

Press seams so they are in opposite directions between rows.

The join the rows to complete your centre 9 patch unit.

Add the short white strips to opposite sides of the centre unit and press, then add the longer strips to top and bottom and press well.

Next, make the corner units.

As shown, sew the small triangles to the ends of the green, and mid blue strips and press.

Join those two pieced strips together.

And add the large triangle to the top.

Press well.

Make the remaining three corner units in exactly the same way.

Sew two opposite corner units to the centre block and press.

Finally, add the remaining corners and press well to finish your block.

Make the remaining 11 blocks in exactly the same way, varying the jelly roll strip colours between blocks.

Assembly:

Lay out your blocks in a 3 x 4 block grid as shown.

When you are happy with your arrangement, join the blocks into rows, taking care with matching the seams.

Press seams in alternating directions between rows to help with nesting the seams when you join the rows.

Sew your rows together, again taking care with matching the seams, so that you end up with lovely clear diamonds along the seams.

Press well.

We added a plain dark blue border next.

Cut dark blue strips 4½ inches wide, and you will need to join strips to reach the required lengths.

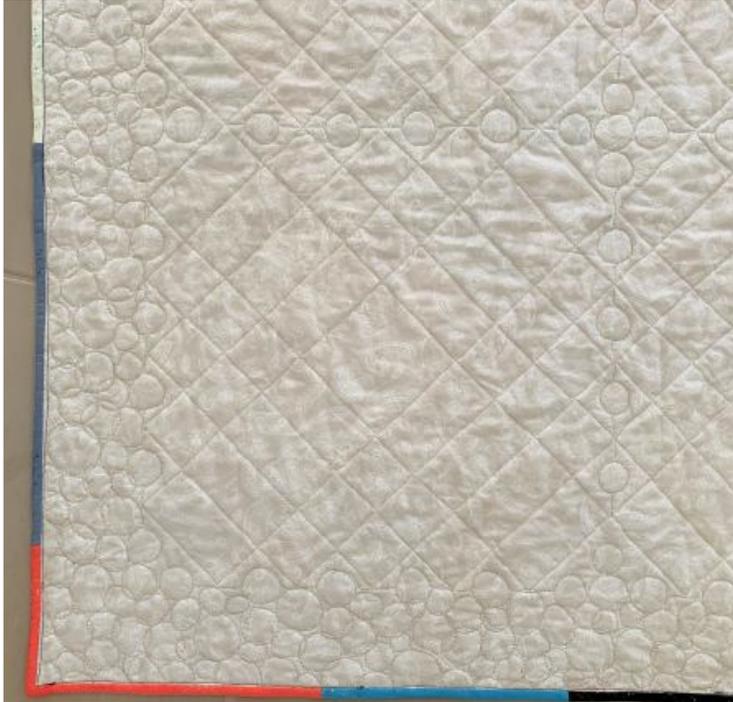Measure the long sides of your quilt top and cut two border strips to match. Ours were about 67½ inches long.

Sew the strips to the sides of your quilt top and press.

Measure again across top and bottom of your quilt for those borders. Cut and join strips 4½ inches wide to match. Ours were 59½ inches long.

Sew, and press well to finish your quilt top.

Finishing:

Place your backing fabric face down on a flat surface, then smooth the batting on top. Put your quilt on top of that, centred and smoothed flat. Pin the layers together in preparation for quilting.

We quilted in the ditch, following the diagonal lines of the blocks.

The dark blue diamonds were quilted with a row of pebbles / bubbles to echo our feature fabric, and we quilted overlapping bubbles in the border as well.

Quilt yours as you like.

We used our jelly roll leftovers for our binding. Cut any strips or longer lengths into shorter pieces, so you can mix up the colours for the binding.

Join together sufficient jelly roll strips for your binding length. We used straight seams to join the pieces. Press the ¼ inch seams open, then fold the strip in half, right sides out and press.

Join the binding to the right side of the quilt edge with a quarter inch seam, mitring each corner as you go. Turn the folded edge of the binding to the back and slip stitch it in place with dark blue thread to finish.

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