

Pattern Name: 4 Gems set On Point
Collection: Birthstone Series by MJ Kinman, Textile Artist

Description:

- Make a gemstone quilt using four gems of your choice from The Birthstone Series. Choose family birthstones or simply use your favorites!
- Quilt can be made with or without sashing.

Dimensions: 51" x 51" WITHOUT Sashing; 52" x 52" WITH Sashing



4 Gems – WITHOUT Sashing



4 Gems – WITH Sashing

Materials:

- 4 completed Birthstone gem blocks of your choice. See Birthstone gem pattern for fabric requirements and directions. Birthstone fabric bundles of Paintbrush Studio solids are available.
- Black – 1 1/2 yds. Use the same black fabric you used in the gem blocks. If using a Birthstone fabric bundle, select Paintbrush Studio Ebony, 121-004. Black is used for setting triangles, binding and sashing.
- Backing: 3 1/4 yds
- Batting: 58" x 58"

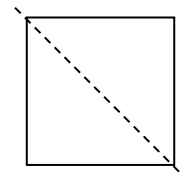
Cutting:

All measurements include 1/4" seams.

Square up your Birthstone gems. They should be 17- 1/2" unfinished, but your quilt will still look lovely if they are a little smaller or larger, as long as they are all the same size. Adjust other measurements to fit the size of your blocks.

From the Black fabric, cut:

- 2 squares, 26" x 26". Cut these diagonally to create 4 setting triangles (2 from each square).
- 4 strips, 2 1/2" x 54" (lengthwise) for the binding.
- *For WITH Sashing option – cut sashing strips lengthwise*
 - 1 sashing strip, 1 1/2" x 35 1/2"
 - 2 sashing strips, 1 1/2" x 17 1/2"



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Directions:

1. Stay stitch the edge of your gem blocks, approximately 1/8" all around. This will help prevent stretching and popped seams.
2. Arrange your gems in the layout you prefer.
3. Create your gem center. Follow the directions for WITHOUT sashing or WITH sashing.
 - WITHOUT Sashing:
 - Sew adjoining blocks together, right sides together. In the example, this would be the green (Emerald) gem and the yellow (Citrine) gem together, then the purple (Amethyst) gem and the magenta (Ruby) gem together.
 - Sew the pairs of blocks together, right sides together to form the gem center.
 - *Tip: nestle the seams so they are pointing in opposite directions. Baste the seam intersection starting approximately 1" before the intersection and continuing 1" past the intersection. Check to make sure the seams align. If they do, pin and stitch the entire seam with a regular stitch length.*
 - WITH Sashing:
 - Sew a sashing strip to the right side of the left gem, right sides together. In the example, this is the green (Emerald) gem.
 - Sew the other side of the sashing strip to the left side of the top gem, forming a pair of gems with a sashing strip in the middle. In the example, the top gem is the yellow (Citrine) gem.
 - Repeat for the bottom and right gems. In the example, this is the blue (Sapphire) gem and the magenta (Ruby) gem.
 - Sew the long sashing strip to the bottom of the left-top gem pair (Emerald and Citrine)
 - Sew the other side of the long sashing strip to the top of the bottom-right gem pair (Sapphire and Ruby).
 - *Tip – pin this seam, carefully aligning the short sashing strips directly across from each other. Baste, starting approximately 1" before the short sashing and continuing 1" past the short sashing. Check to make sure the seams align. If they do, pin and stitch the entire seam with a regular stitch length.*
4. Find the center of one of the setting triangles along the long edge. Match this center to the center of your pieced gem center unit and pin. Continue pinning towards each edge, being careful not to stretch the setting triangle. The setting triangle should extend evenly on both sides beyond the edges of the gem center – this will "float" your gems.
5. Repeat Step 4 on the opposite side of the gem center. Press the seams towards the setting triangles and trim the excess corner of the setting triangles in a straight line with the remaining unsewn sides of the gem center.
6. Repeat Step 4 on the remaining sides of the gem center. Press the seams towards the setting triangles.
7. Square up your top if necessary or to adjust for the amount of float (distance between the gems and edge of the quilt) you desire. Leave at least 1/4" beyond the gems for the binding.
8. Piece backing together.
9. Layer with batting and backing.
 - Quilt with a clear monofilament thread or light gray thread in the gems and black thread in the setting triangles and sashing. Suggested quilting option – cover the surface with a meandering pattern.
10. Sew binding strips together using a diagonal seam and bind your quilt.