

# Diamond in the Rough

## Teacher's Guide

I would teach this quilt in one or two sessions, depending upon whether or not you want to spend time with detailed instruction on the setting and borders.

### Session 1

Teach them to cut the quilt and piece a block.

#### Cutting –

- If quilters fear sewing along bias edges, spray starching the fabrics prior to cutting them may help. I do not do this, but many quilters do.
- Layer the fabrics to cut more quickly.
- Do not cut the squares into their respective half-square and quarter-square triangles until the pattern directs you to do so. This will keep them organized.
- To cut the pentagon (template A), tape the top of the template to the corner of a small square, aligning the edges carefully so you can place the template on the stack of squares and safely and accurately cut away the corners. I am enclosing a page of templates that you may duplicate for use as a handout.
- If the quilters do not have an Omnigrid 96 or 96L, but they have a different brand of triangle tool, show them how to tape template B to the triangle tool to use it.

#### Piecing –

- Accurate seam allowances! No squaring up! This quilt is a prime example of why quilters should learn accurate seam allowances.
- Have everyone piece one block to learn how to do it. Then, show them how to chain-piece and mass produce the remaining seventeen blocks.

### Session 2

Schedule a second session if you need to teach them to set the quilt on point with sashing and add the border.

Feel free to call if I can answer more questions.

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