

Forty-Eight Carats (66" X 84")

They say diamonds are a girl's best friend,
And these are soft and cuddly...made from fabric!

Based on a swap of 46 each 8" squares*

Supply List: (Don't Forget Backing and Batting!)

Background 2 1/2 yards

Inner Border, Binding and a Block 1 1/4 yard

Outer Border and a Block 2 1/2 yards

Cutting:

Background: 3 each 7 3/4" Width of Fabric (WoF) strips

Subcut into 48 each A rectangles 7 3/4" x 2 1/4"

3 each 9 1/2" WoF strips

Sub cut into 48 each B rectangles 9 1/2" x 2 1/4"

6 ea 4 1/2" WoF Strips

Sub cut into 48 ea 4 1/2" Squares

Inner Border- 1 each 8" square**

8 each 1 1/2" WoF strips for inner border

8 ea 2 1/2" WoF strips binding

Outer border. 1 each 8" square**

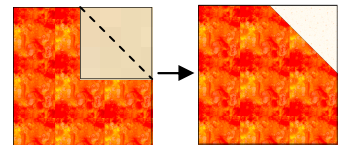
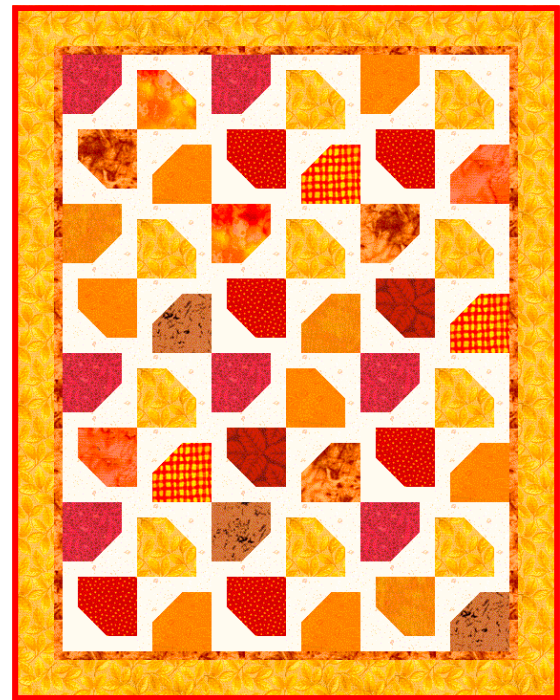
Cut from length. 4 each 5 1/2" strips

**Could also be made from a set of 12 Fat Quarters or 10 long quarters or scraps!*

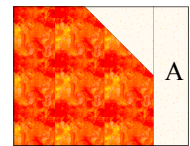
*** Add these border squares to swap squares*

Assembly:

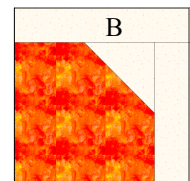
1. Trim all swap squares to 7 3/4".
2. Snowball top right corner of each swap square with a 4 1/2" background square as shown using diagonal seam method. Trim excess away. Make 48.
3. Add the A rectangle to the right hand side of each square as shown. Complete the block by adding the B rectangle to the top of the square as shown. (Do you see the gemstone?) Block should measure 9 1/2". Make 48 Blocks.
4. Assemble a row as shown turning every other block 180 degrees. Be sure to vary value and color. Make 8 Rows.
5. Assemble quilt center by turning alternate rows 180 degrees.
6. Add inner border using good border techniques as shown on next page. Add outer border using same techniques.
7. Layer top with backing and batting.
8. Quilt as desired.



Snowball the 4 1/2" Square onto trimmed Swap Square



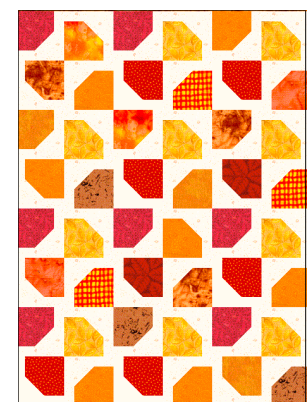
Add the A strip to RHS



Add the B strip to Top. Make 48



Make 6 blocks rows turning every other block



Assemble quilt center by turning alternate rows 180 degrees