

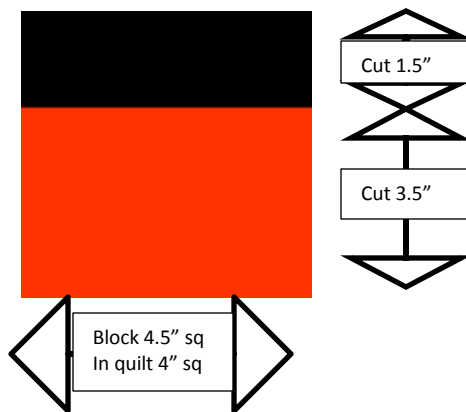
Rodanthe Rainbow ROUGH design directions!



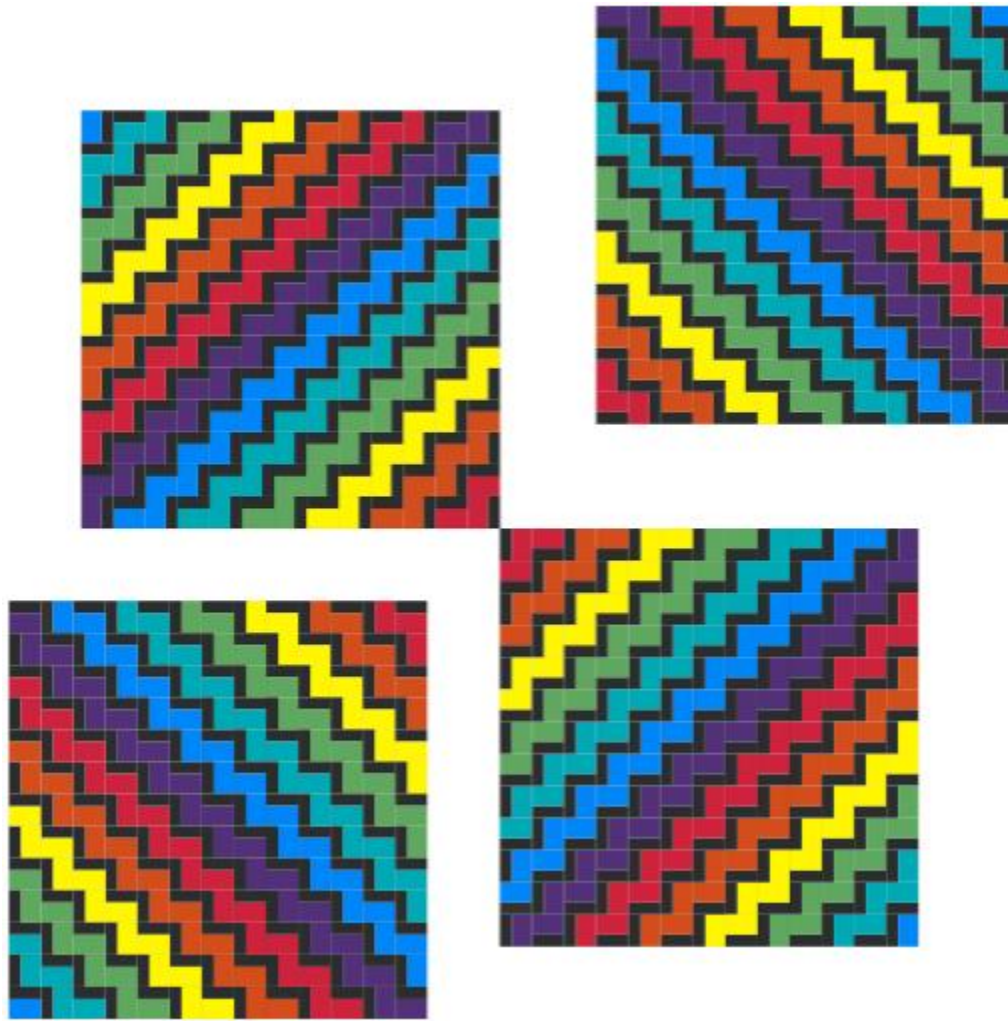
This is a very easy quilt to assemble, but a design board (or felt sheet pinned to the wall like I used) is essential to keep things straight.

It really is a stripped piece quilt at the start. Sew  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips of the colors to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips of the black for the width of the fabric (You could also use white, or the reverse side of the color, I played with all on the computer)

Cut the strips into  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. I used this step to make sure everything was SQUARE! I also checked that the ratio of black to color was the same in every square. The picture below shows the basic building block of this quilt. It really is this simple!



The fun started with assembling the quilt. I did it in quarters, as my design wall was small and the design started with a quarter. The picture below shows how this all started on my design program!



It was obvious to me that I needed a design wall to keep the colors and directions straight. I worked in rows, and just took down two blocks at a time to start the assembly row. Anymore and I would twist one set and have to redo. A more organized brain would probably have better luck, but I was at the beach and easily distracted!

The final quilt is roughly 100" square, a great size for a queen, and it mostly fit on a warm and natural queen sized piece of batting. I had to add a little to one side.

I don't know how much fabric this took. I had two yards of each color and have plenty left over to play with. It would be an easy calculation, depending on the number of colors you have. I had 7 colors and needed 100 blocks of each color. Despite that daunting number, the quilt went together very quickly, I finished in a record 4 months. I don't have time to work frequently on quilts, but each quadrant took about two days to piece.