Mardi Gras

Quilt Designed by eQuilter

54 1/2" x 61 1/2"

Skill Level: Intermediate **Finished Quilt Size:** 54 1/2" x 61 1/2"

Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing NOT recommended.

Yardages and Cutting

WOF is width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. Remove as little fabric as possible when removing selvages and squaring strip ends. Apply a heavy coat of spray starch or spray stabilizer to the purple, green and gold solid fabrics and press dry before cutting.

Mardi Gras panel
- Trim to 34 1/2" x 42 1/2", keeping the purple frame even all around.

1/3 yard black masks
- Fussy-cut (4) 6 1/2" squares, centering a mask in each.

3/4 yard purple solid
3/4 yard green solid
From each fabric, cut the following:
- 2 strips 6 1/2" x WOF; cut into (16) 4 1/8" x 6 1/2" and (4) 3" x 3 1/2" rectangles.
- 2 strips 3 1/2" x WOF.

3/4 yard gold solid
- 2 strips 6 1/2" x WOF; cut into (16) 4 1/8" x 6 1/2" rectangles.
- 2 strips 3 1/2" x WOF.

1 yard black solid
- 2 strips 2 3/4" x WOF; trim to (2) 42 1/2" strips.
- 2 strips 2 1/4" x WOF; trim to (2) 39" strips.
- 6 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for outer border.

5/8 yard diamond print
- 7 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

4 yards 42" backing fabric OR
4 1/2 yards 42" directional backing fabric
- 2 strips 70" x WOF OR
- 2 strips 77" x WOF for directional backing

OR
2 yards wide backing fabric
- 1 piece 70" x 77"

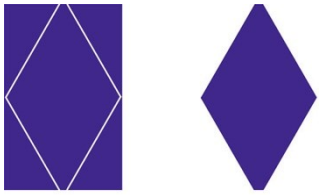
Batting
- 1 piece 70" x 77"

Piecing the Diamond Strips

Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all stitching. Press seams as directed.

1. Prepare templates for the Diamond, Half-Diamond and Triangle pieces.

2. Layer (4) 4 1/8" x 6 1/2" purple rectangles right side up on your cutting mat. Mark a diamond on the top rectangle. Cut out 4 purple diamonds. Repeat to cut 16 purple diamonds. Repeat to cut 16 each green and gold diamonds.



Cut 16 each purple, green & gold

3. Layer (2) 3"-wide x 3 1/2"-tall purple rectangles **wrong side up** and the 2 remaining rectangles **right side up** on top. Mark 2 triangles on the top rectangle. Cut out 4 each purple triangles and reverse (R) purple triangles. Repeat with the green 3" x 3 1/2" rectangles.

Cut 4 of each purple & green

4. Mark 14 half-diamonds along the length of (1) 3 1/2" x WOF purple strip, turning the template and butting the angled edges along the strip. Layer on top of the second strip. Cut out 28 purple half-diamonds. Repeat to cut out 28 green half-diamonds. Repeat with gold strips **except** mark 16 half-diamonds on the top strip to cut out 32 gold half-diamonds.

Cut 28 each purple & green & 32 gold

5. Sew a gold half-diamond to the bottom left edge of a purple diamond and a green half-diamond to the top right edge to complete 1 A unit. Gently press seams toward the half-diamonds, being careful not to stretch the bias edges. Repeat to make 14 A units. Repeat to make 14 B units and 12 C units using pieces as shown.

Make 14 each A & B units & 12 C units

6. Stitch a green reverse triangle to the bottom left edge of a purple diamond and a gold half-diamond to the top right edge. Press seams away from the diamond. Add a green triangle to the top left edge to complete 1 A end unit. Press seam toward the triangle. Repeat to make a second A end unit. Repeat to make 2 each B, C1 and C2 end units using pieces as shown.

Make 2 each A, B, C1 & C2 end units

7. Sew 4 each A and B units and 3 C units together. Press seams to 1 side. Add a C1 end unit to the left end and a C2 unit to the right end to complete (1) 6 1/2" x 46" side strip. Press seams to 1 side. Repeat to make a second side strip.

Diamond Side Strip — Make 2

8. Stitch 3 each A, B and C units together, turning units as shown. Press seams to 1 side. Add an A end unit to the left end and B end unit to the right end to complete the 6 1/2" x 39" top strip. Press seams to 1 side. Repeat to make the bottom strip.

Diamond Top/Bottom Strip — Make 2

Completing the Quilt

Refer to the exploded quilt diagram as needed.

1. Sew the 2 3/4" x 42 1/2" black strips to the long sides of the panel. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch 2 1/4" x 39" black strips to the top and bottom to complete the 39" x 46" framed panel. Press seams toward the strips.

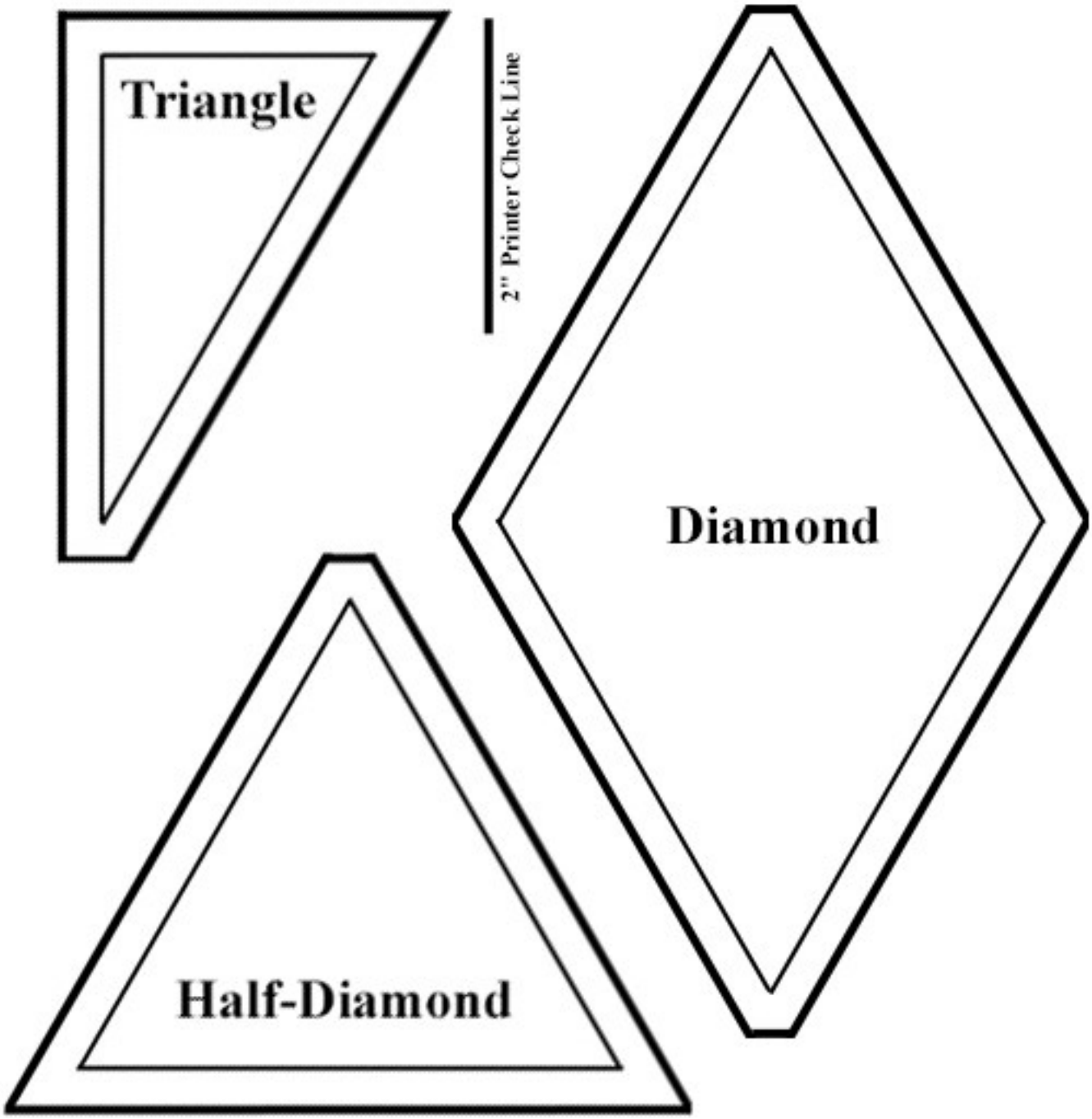
2. Stitch the diamond side strips to the long sides of the framed panel. Press seams toward the framed panel. Sew a mask square to each end of the top/bottom diamond strips to make (2) 6 1/2" x 51" strips. Press seams toward the squares. Stitch to the top and bottom of the panel section to complete the 51" x 58" quilt center. Press seams toward the panel section.

3. Sew the 2 1/2" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 58" and 55". Stitch the 58" strips to the long sides of the quilt center and the 55" strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

4. If using 42" backing fabric, remove the selvage edges from the backing pieces. Join the pieces on the long edges with a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seam open. Trim to make the 70" x 77 backing piece.

5. Layer the quilt top with the backing and batting pieces. Quilt as desired. Trim batting and backing even with the top.

6. Join the diamond print binding strips on the short ends with diagonal seams to make a long strip. Press seams in one direction. Press the strip in half along the length with wrong sides together. Bind the quilt edges using your favorite method to complete the quilt.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