

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild

August 2017

Block of the Month

Due September 7, 2017

Stairway to Heaven



Take a stroll up the *Stairway to Heaven* to see all those star blocks you have been creating! Use purple colored fabrics with two contrasting colors for a total of 3, light, medium and dark. Led Zeppelin would love this block! Block is 12 ½" unfinished.

Cut the following:

- Light and Purple fabric: 2 ½" x 16" strips
- Medium and Purple fabric: 2 ½" x 11" strips
- Medium and Light fabric: two 4 7/8" squares

Sewing:

Sew scant ¼" seams.

- Sew light and purple strips together. Press seams towards the purple strip. Square up one end of the strip set. Starting at the squared-up edge, cut 6 2 ½" wide segments from the strip.
- Sew medium and purple strips together. Press seams towards the purple strip. Square up one end of the strip set. Starting at the squared-up edge, cut 4 – 2 ½" wide segments from the strip.

- Sew like segments together to make four-patch units. Set aside.



Row 1:

Sew Light/Purple 4-patch to half square triangle unit and then to Med/Purple 4-patch. Follow example.

Row 2:

Sew two half-square units to Light/Purple 4-patch. Follow example.

Row 3:

Sew Med/Purple 4-patch to half square triangle unit and then to Light/Purple 4-patch. Follow example.

- Pair one light $4 \frac{7}{8}$ " square with medium $4 \frac{7}{8}$ " square. Mark diagonally from corner to corner on wrong side of light fabric. Sew scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of marked line. Cut on marked line to make 2 half square triangles. Press seams to darker fabric. Repeat for 2nd square.
- Row 1: Follow example and notes in side box; press seams to outside.
- Row 2: Follow example and notes in side box; press seams to inside.
- Row 3: Follow example and notes in side box; press seams to outside.
- Sew Row 1 to Row 2 nesting seams and then Row1/Row 2 unit to Row 3 nesting seams. Press.

Enjoy!

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