

## West Michigan Quilters' Guild 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Block

This block has 40 pieces, one for each year our guild has been in existence. The main color is Ruby which is the gem for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries.

Our goal is to have members make a block and give it to the Guild. We have a Bee that will put them together, a longarm quilter who will quilt it and we'd have it as one of our raffle quilts at the 2018 Quilts on the Grand Show.

### Instructions:

This block will finish at 12 ½" which includes the seam allowance.

### Fabric:

- The main Ruby fabric is provided by the Guild.
- Add a bright pink and a medium dark gray and a light gray from your stash. I suggest tone on tone fabrics for these colors. You will need about 1/8 yard of each.

Refer to the rotary cutting diagram and cut the required pieces.

Use the diagram to lay out your pieces

Sew the Hourglass pieces together using a scant 1/4" seam allowance. Press and square up the units to 3 ½". I "spin" the center seam allowance to reduce bulk. See Bonnie Hunter's YouTube video on this technique if you aren't familiar with it.

Join the four hourglass units. You should have a Ruby & Medium Gray Pinwheel in the center. Press. It should be 6 ½" square.

Make the Half Square Triangles, press seam to darker fabric. Square up to 3 ½".

Make two star point units, join to pinwheel square.

Join the remaining units and sew to long sides of block.

Press and admire your beautiful block!

Thank you for participating in our celebration of 40 years of the West Michigan Quilters' Guild!