Holiday Tweets

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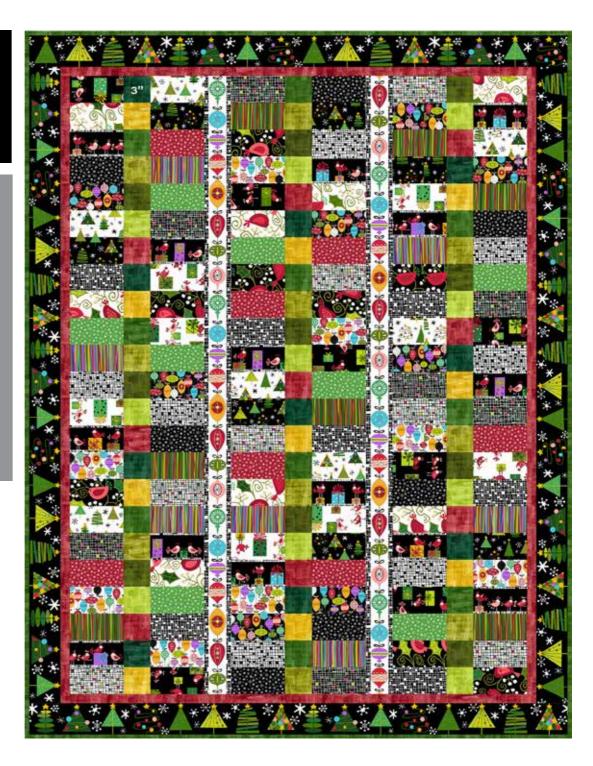


Rainbow Ride Quilt designed by: **Kim Schaefer**

Quilt Size: 60" x 78" andoverfabrics.com

About Holiday Tweets

Holiday Tweets is a fun, bright, whimsical collection perfect for the holiday season. I hope that it will inspire you to create something special to brighten your home at this magical time of the year. Happy Holidays!







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Fabric

Introducing Andover Fabrics new collection: HOLIDAY TWEETS by Kim Schaefer Quilt designed by Kim Schaefer

Quilt finishes 60" x 78"

Cheerful little birds perch on brightly colored presents, surrounded by enchanting trees and dazzling ornaments. The patchwork is so, so easy that you may want to put this project on your Christmas list for several lucky recipients.

Cutting Directions

Note: Read assembly directions before cutting patches. All measurements are cut sizes and include 1/4" seam allowances. A fat 1/8 is a 9" x 20"-22" cut of fabric. A fat 1/4 is an 18" x 20"-22" cut. WOF designates the width of fabric from selvedge to selvedge (approximately 42" wide).

Fabric A	border	21/4 yards	125-K
Fabric B	sash	$1\frac{1}{4}$ yards	125-X
Fabric C	sash, binding	¾ yard	8537-G1
Fabric D	sash, border	½ yard	8537-R1
17 Brights	setting fat ¼ yard each		
	126-K 126-X	127-K 1	27-X 128-K

*128-X 129-K 129-X 130-KR 130-XG 131-AK 131-K 131-KR 131-XG 132-G 132-K 132-R

Yardage

5 Solids sash fat 1/8 yard each

8537-G 8537-G2 8537-V 8537-V1 8737-Y1

*Backing 3¾ yards 128-X

Fabric A

Fussy-cut (2) side borders 4" x 711/2", cut lengthwise (read Step 1) Fussy-cut (2) top/bottom borders $4'' \times 60\frac{1}{2}''$

Fabric B

Fussy-cut (4) strips 3½" x 44", pieced to make the following: (2) sashes $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $69\frac{1}{2}$ " (read Step 1) Cut (14) rectangles 3½" x 6½" from the bird stripe

Fabric C

Cut (8) strips 2½" x WOF for binding Cut (10) squares $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fabric D

Cut (7) strips 1½" x WOF, pieced to make the following:

- (2) side borders $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $69\frac{1}{2}$ "
- (2) t/b borders 1½" x 53½"

Cut (9) squares 3½" x 3½"

17 Brights

Fabric Requirements

From each:

Cut (7 or 8) rectangles $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " (124 total)

5 Solids

From each:

Cut (10) squares $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " (50 total)

Backing

Cut (2) panels 42" x 66", pieced to fit quilt top with overlap on all sides

Making the Quilt

1. Refer to the quilt photograph to decide where to fussy-cut fabrics. The outer border is cut from the tree stripe of Fabric A. Center the 2" mark of the ruler on the center of the tree stripe and cut border strips 4" wide.

The middle sashes are cut from the ornament stripe of Fabric B. Each sash requires 2 strips that are pieced. This method reduces the amount of yardage needed of Fabric B. Center the 1¾" mark of the ruler on the center of the ornament stripe, and cut strips 31/2" wide, including part of the black/white print on the sides of the ornaments. Fabric B sashes are longer than needed to allow for "fussy-piecing" in Step 2, and they will be trimmed later.

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2. Identify an ornament near the top end of one Fabric B strip, and the same ornament near the bottom end of a second strip ("X" in Diagram 1). It doesn't matter which ornament you choose. Rotate the second strip and shift it so it is one ornament away from the same ornament in strip 1. The strips should be upside down from one another. Note the dashed (sewing) lines on the diagram. Position the 2 strips right sides together, aligning the sewing lines. Sew across the strips along the sewing line using a basting stitch.

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The line of stitching should be between ornaments, not on an ornament. Press the strips open to be sure that the print looks

continuous (Diagram 2). If you are happy with the look, sew over the line with a regular stitch. Repeat to make a second sash.

3. Referring to the Quilt Diagram, arrange the 3½" x 6½" rectangles in 6 columns of 23 patches each. Join the patches. Arrange and

join the 3½" squares in 3 columns of 23 patches each. Join the various pieced columns and Fabric B sashes in the order shown. Trim Fabric B sashes even with the quilt's top and bottom edges.

4. Sew Fabric D borders to the sides of the quilt. Sew Fabric D borders to the top and bottom. Sew Fabric A borders to the quilt, paying attention to the orientation of the trees.

Finishing the Quilt

5. Layer the quilt with batting and backing and baste. Quilt in the ditch around borders and patches. Quilt around the printed motifs as you wish. Bind to finish the quilt.

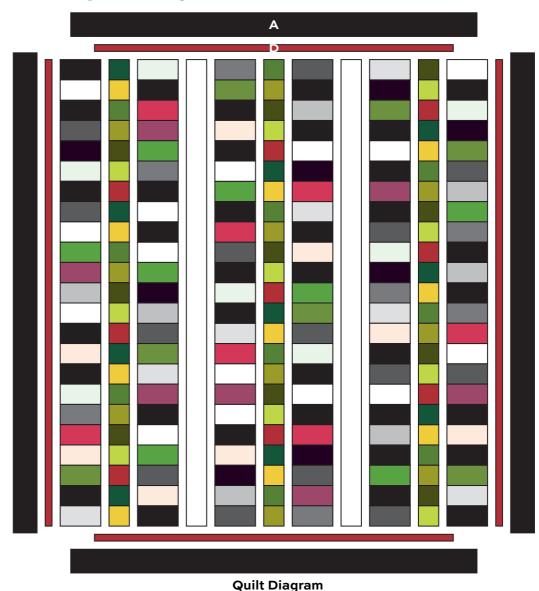


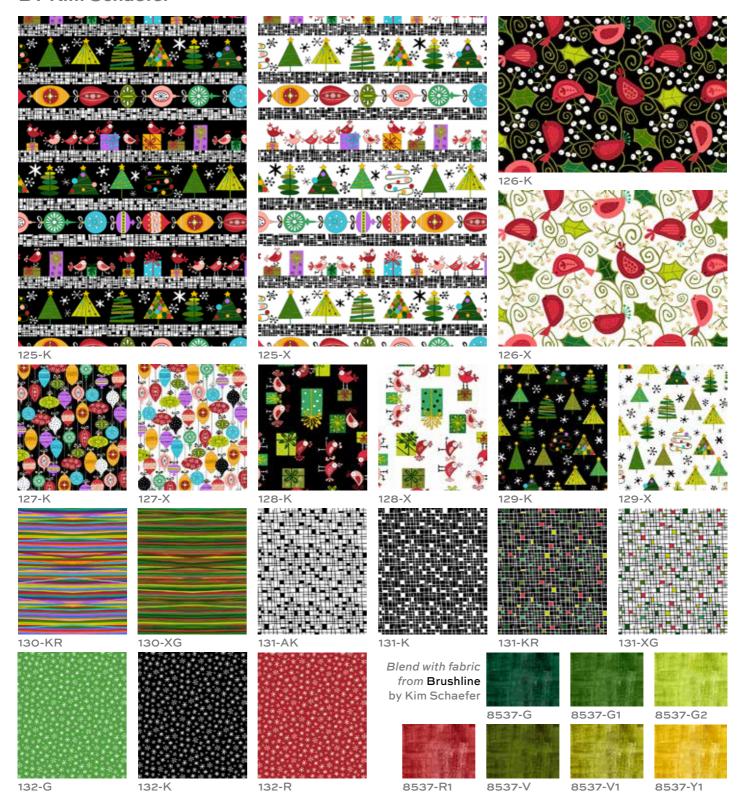
Diagram 1

Diagram 2

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All fabrics are used in guilt pattern. Fabrics shown are 15% of actual size.





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