# **RAINBOW CUTTING**

Alchemists Crystals is designed as a Rainbow Quilt. To save you yardage across the design, we have combined the yardage across the J, K, and L Groups. Some pre-cutting is required to make the most of your fabric. You may like this quilt, but want to do it in something other than a Rainbow. This is fine, but to make the cutting work, you should choose (8) fabrics regardless, even if you repeat some of them as you complete the quilt. One option besides a rainbow might be to use a colorwash of fabrics (one shade of fabric, from light to dark, in (8) different pieces). You may also want to choose (4) fabrics, then repeat them.

At this time, prepare (6) large storage bags and label as follows. The B Group Bag will not include any Rainbow Fabrics. If you follow the cover layout, C and D use the rainbow fabrics as well, and you will simply cut off Strips and then relabel them as the Fabrics in those chapters as appropriate. If you don't use the rainbow fabrics for Groups C and D, this is up to you. But, you will not need to cut the C and D group strips in the following instructions.

- J Group Bag: Wind Spinner
- K Group Bag: Daggered Top
- L Group Bag: Pinecone
- B Group Bag: 57" Striped Border
- C Group Bag: Chevron Fence Border
- D Group Bag: Flying Geese Queen Border

### Sorting Your Papers

It's helpful at this time to refer to the newsprint on Page 1 and sort each group of newsprint into the Group Bags. After the papers have been added to the proper group, you can set the B Group Bag aside for now as no Rainbow fabrics are added to this bag.

## ► Fabric RB1 (Red): 3/4 Yard

**Step 1:** Cut the following strips from Fabric RB1 (Red) Label each strip and place into their assigned Group Bags.

• Cut (1) 6" x 42" strip. Set aside for Rainbow Cutting Instructions, Groups J, K, and L, on Page 7, Column 1.



• Cut (3) 2-1/4" x 42" strips. Label strips as Fabric C2:o, C2:p, C2:q. Place in Group Bag C.

Red=RB1: C2:0	
Red∋RB1: G2:p	
Red=RB1: G2:q	

 Cut (2) 3" x 42" strips. Label both strips as Fabric D2. Place in Group Bag D.

### Red=RB1: D2

• Cut (2) 2-3/4" x 42" strips. Label as Fabric D9:a. Place in Group Bag D.

#### Red=RB1: D9:a

## Fabric RB2 (Yellow), RB3 (Green), RB4 (Teal): 5/8 Yard, each

**Step 2:** Cut the following strips from each Fabric RB2, RB3, RB4. Label each strip with it's assigned Fabric #s and place into their assigned Group Bags.

• Cut (1) 6" x 42" strip from each Fabric RB2, RB3, RB4. Set aside these strips for the Rainbow Cutting Instructions, Groups J, K, and L, on Page 7, Column 1.

Rainbow Fabric RB4: (Teal) Rainbow Fabric RB3: (Green) Rainbow Fabric RB2: (Yellow)

Cut (2) 2-1/4" x 42" strips from each Fabric. RB2, RB3, RB4.
Label the strips per color as shown. Place in Group Bag C.

Teal=RB4 C2:i, Green=RB3 C2:k, Yellow=RB2 C2:m

Teal=RB4 C2:j, Green=RB3 C2:l, Yellow=RB2 C2:n

Cut (1) 3-1/2" x 42" strip from each Fabric RB2, RB3, RB4.
Label the strips per color as shown. Place in Group Bag D.

Teal=RB4 D5, Green=RB3 D4, Yellow=RB2 D3

• Cut (2) 2-3/4" x 42" strips from each Fabric RB2, RB3, RB4. Label the strips per color as shown. **Place in Group Bag D**.

Teal=RB4-D9:d,\_Green=RB3-D9:c,\_Yellow=RB2-D9:b

### Fabrics RB5 (LT Blue), RB6 (DK Blue), RB7 (Purple), and RB8 (Pink): 1/2 Yard each

**Step 3:** Cut the following strips from each Fabric RB5, RB6, RB6 RB8. Label each strip with it's assigned Fabric #s and place into their assigned Group Bags.

• Cut (1) 6" x 42" strip from each fabric Fabric RB5, RB6, RB7, RB8. Set aside for Rainbow Cutting Instructions, Groups J, K, and L, on Page 7, Column 1.



 Cut (2) 2-1/4" x 42" strips from each Fabric RB5, RB6, RB7, RB8. Label the strips per color as shown. Place in Group Bag C.

Leink=RB8 C2:a, Purple=RB7 C2:c, DK Blue=RB6 C2:e, LT Blue=RB5 C2:g

 Cut (2) 2-3/4" x 42" strips from each Fabric RB5, RB6, RB7, RB8. Label the strips per color as shown. Place in Group Bag D.

Pink =RB8 D9:h, Purple=RB7 D9:g, DK Blue=RB6 D9:f, LT Blue=RB5 D9:e