Stairway to Heaven Quilt by QuiltingintheRain.com

Materials This makes a \sim 72"x60" quilt.

- 1 Layer Cake (you will need 25 of the 42 squares)
- *1 Jelly Roll (you will only need 15 of the 42 strips)
- 1 1/8 yard of solid
- 1/2 yard binding
- 3 1/2 yards backing

Instructions:

Before you begin, please note that "assemble" refers to sewing your pieces together (with right sides facing together, sew a 1/4" SA and then press open with an iron.

Step 1: Cut the 1 1/8 yard solid fabric into sixteen 2.5" strips along the WOF.

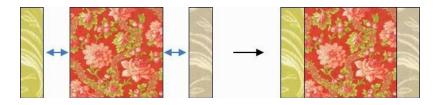
Step 2: Divide your layer cake into 4 piles of similar colors: color 1, color 2, color 3 and color 4. From color 1, choose 7 squares.

From color 2, choose 7 squares.

From color 3, choose 4 squares.

From color 4, choose 7 squares.

Step 3: Using fabric scissors, trim a jelly roll strip to the same length as the layer cake (I simply aligned the strip to the layer cake and then trimmed). Assemble two strips to the left and right sides as shown below. *Note: these strips can be any color/design you want.*

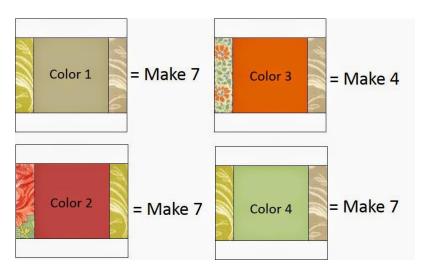


^{*}Alternatively, you can cut your own strips from five different 1/4 yard cuts (cut three 2.5" strips along the WOF from each quarter yard for a total of 15 strips)

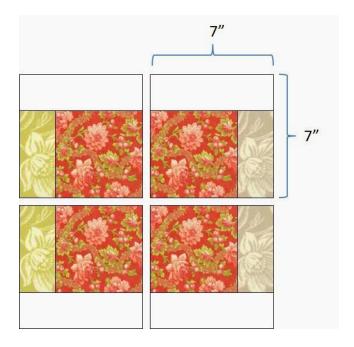
Then, assemble a solid strip to the top and bottom. Simply trim the strip to size using fabric scissors as described above.



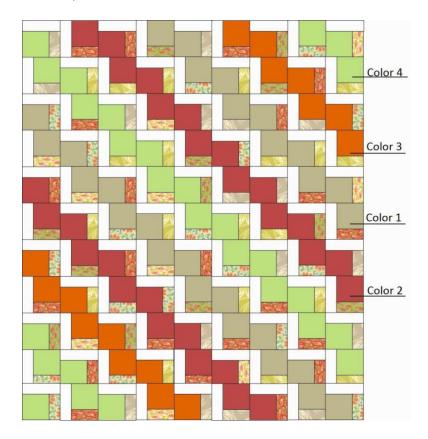
Repeat the above for all 25 of your layer cake squares, for a total of 25 blocks:



Step 4: Next, use a rotary cutter to quarter all of your blocks. This will give you a total of 100 7"x7" blocks.



Step 5: Arrange your blocks as shown below. It helps to start by laying out the top row first, then the first block in each row, and then fill the rest in from there.



Start by assembling the blocks within each row together. Then, assemble the rows together. *Tip: Press the seams in each row in alternating directions so that when you assemble the rows, the seams will nest at the intersections.*

Step 6: To prepare the backing fabric, cut the 3 1/2 yards in half to yield two 63"xWOF rectangles. Assemble the rectangles along the 63" side to create the backing fabric. <u>Baste</u>, and then quilt. From your 1/2 yard of binding fabric, cut seven 2.5" strips then follow my simple <u>Binding Tutorial</u>.