



**BOM/MOM make it in March  
for April 2026**

### **Rainbow Cloud**

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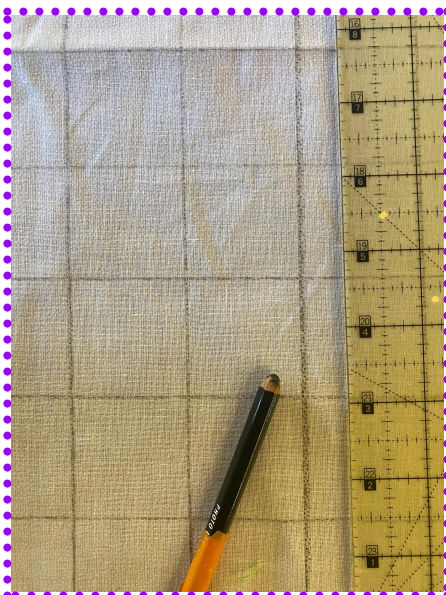
**Lessons:** Piecing grid on interfacing.

### **Supplies:**

- Sewing machine and usual sewing kit
- Light weight **SINGLE SIDED** Fusible interfacing, 22" x 22", like Pellon SF101 or similar.
- Pencil, rulers: one 24"+ long for marking grid and a smaller one to make 1.5" strips and squares.
- Glue stick, washable (I used Elmer's washable school glue stick)
- Parchment paper or teflon or silicon applique sheet
- Wonder clips or similar.
- Sharp scissors
- Backing 13" square
- Batting 13" square
- Binding 2.25" x 64"
- Hanging sleeve
- **Fabric See Chart on page 2 - Use Prints and/or Solids.**

## Fabrics It's your rainbow, use any colors you like!

Block Section	Size	Color	Squares if NOT using strips
Background	1.5" squares <b>or</b> Eight 1.5" x 20" wide strips,	Whites	92
Cloud Outline	1.5" square <b>or</b> 1,5" x 32"	Blacks or Greys	21
Cloud interior	1.5" square	Whites	14
Ray 1	1.5" squares <b>or</b> ONE 1.5" x 11" wide strip	Reds	6
Ray 2	1.5" squares <b>or</b> ONE 1.5" x 11" strip	Oranges	6
Ray 3	1.5" squares <b>or</b> ONE 1.5" x 11" strip	Yellows	6
Ray 4	1.5" squares <b>or</b> ONE 1.5" x 11" strip	Greens	6
Ray 5	1.5" squares <b>or</b> ONE 1.5" x 11" strip	Blues	6
Ray 6	1.5" squares <b>or</b> ONE 1.5" x 11" strip	Purples	6
Ray 7	1.5" squares <b>or</b> ONE 1.5" x 11" strip	Pinks	6



### Make the Fusible Grid

With your pencil and ruler, **draw** a grid of 13 rows and 13 columns of 1.5" squares onto the **bumpy/fusible side** of your interfacing.

**Number** next to the spaces 1-13 from top to bottom on the left side.

Label with **letters** A-M on the bottom, left to right. See Grid Diagram on the next page.

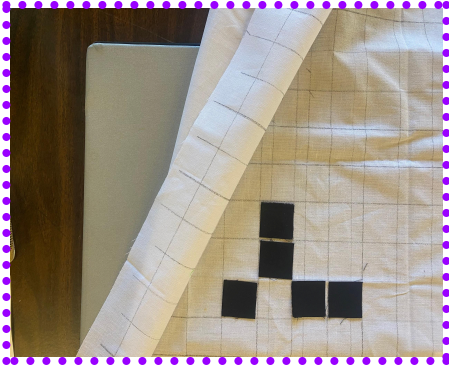
**Rainbow Cloud Pixel Grid Diagram** copyright Tedi Patterson 2026

Each square is 1.5" x 1.5"

The dotted line around 7G is the center. Place your first square here.

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13													
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M

## Placing the squares



1. On the BUMPY side of your piecing grid, dab a little glue stick in the center of the designated grid square.

2. Follow the **Pixel Grid Diagram**. Place your first fabric square on 7G, then place the

corresponding fabric square or strip, right side up on the glue,

*Note - there may be a slight gap or overlap between your fabric squares. That's normal. These will be encased in the seam allowances.*



If you are using a strip instead of a square, fold it to the gridline where you want your strip to end and finger press. Cut on the fold.

Dab glue dots onto the squares the length of the strip.





**Note - You can easily rearrange your fabric before the pressing stage.**

3. After all your fabric squares and strips are glued down to your liking, lay the parchment paper/silicon sheet on **TOP**.

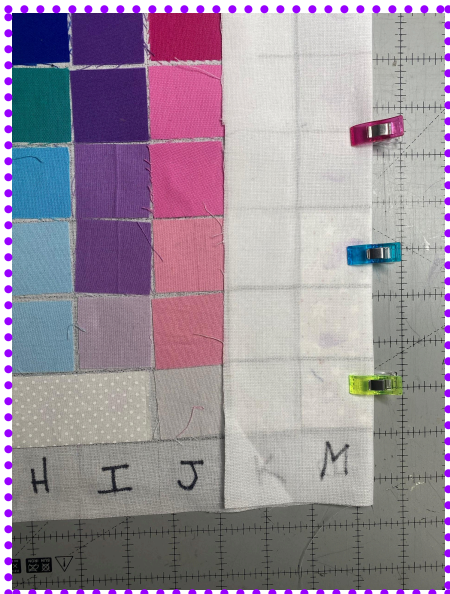
**PRESS** in an up and down motion by lifting the iron. using a dry iron about 5 seconds in each spot, then overlap where you just pressed in another spot. **DO NOT iron back and forth!** Continue pressing all over until

your pieces are securely adhered.

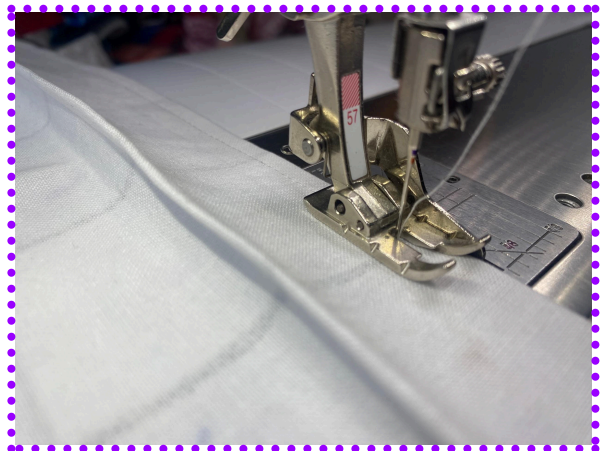
**Tip-** hold your block up to see if any pieces fall off. Just reglue them on.

4. **Flip the interfacing over** (right side of fabric down) onto the parchment paper/silicon sheet and **IRON** on the back side.
5. Once your pieces are adhered, you can now iron back and forth using steam.
6. Trim off the excess fusible interfacing around the perimeter.

## Sewing Columns



1. Starting on one side, fold right sides together on one of the **VERTICAL** lines. Wonder clip in place.



**Sew 1/4 inch from the fold.**

This will incase the raw edges.

**Repeat** with each vertical column.

It will begin to look elongated at this time.

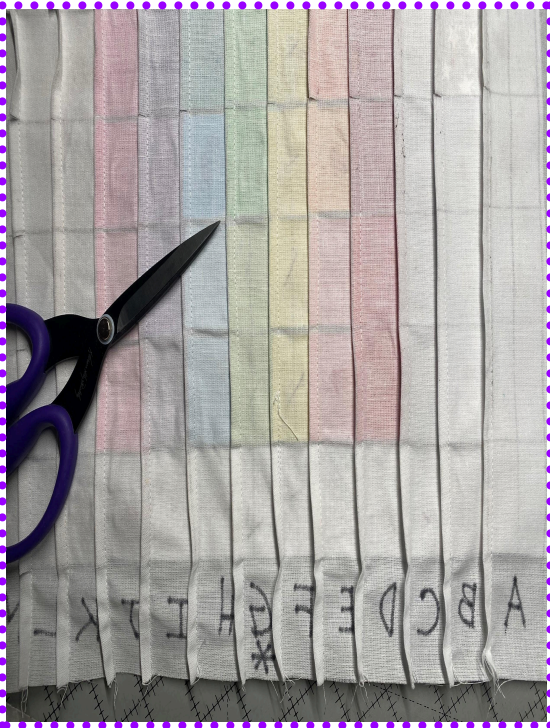


## Ironing Columns

- This step is crucial to having accurate squares. While ironing you will pull out the sides to flatten the block. **This will take some time, but it is very important!**
- On the back side, iron all the seams with steam in one direction.
- Flip over so the right side is facing up, Steam iron, again while pulling and flattening the block out.



## Snipping Column Seams



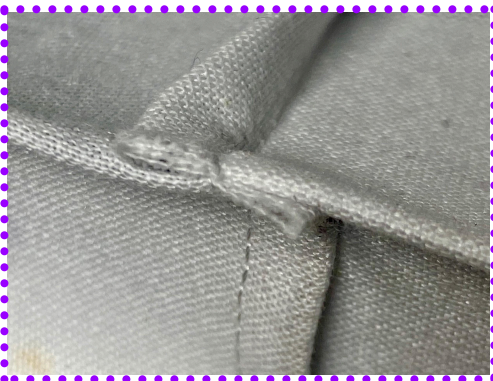
On the back side of the quilt block, you can see through the interfacing where the 4 squares intersect. Carefully snip the seam at this intersection from the folded edge up to the stitched line.

***Be careful not to cut through the stitched line.***



## Sewing Rows

1. Fold right sides together on the first **HORIZONTAL** line.
2. Alternate seams of each row up and down as you sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. This will lessen the bulk at the intersections.



Sewing Rows continued...

3. **Repeat** sewing the remaining horizontal rows.
4. Iron block flat, using steam when needed.

### **Finishing**

1. Make a quilt sandwich with the backing, batting, and quilt block.
2. Quilt
3. Trim to about 13"x 13".
4. Bind.
5. Add a Hanging sleeve if desired.

Inspired for more? Design your own pixel quilt block using graph paper. There are preprinted gridded interfacing on the market in a variety of sizes, with squares finishing at 1", 1.5", and 2".

**Congratulations, you completed another mini quilt project!**

Email a JPEG photo of your BOM/MOM to Joey Strait, and she will post it on the CQA website. [joeystrait50@gmail.com](mailto:joeystrait50@gmail.com), Or bring it to me at the next meeting. I can take a picture for you.

.You will receive an entry ticket for each BOM/MOM you complete.

At the July 2026 general meeting, you may win one of three gift certificates from a Local Quilt Shop.