

Colorful Rhapsody
A Ricky Tims Summer Block of the Month 2013

Month 1 – begins June 21, 2013

In just a few days we will begin the Ricky Tims Summer Block of the Month - ***Colorful Rhapsody***. Here are a few suggestions or items you might consider getting now so you will not be searching for them on the day the first set of instructions arrive.

Colorful Rhapsody Kit (includes pattern) – or **Pattern Only** and use your own fabrics.

If you are using your own fabrics you will need:

Three one yard pieces or one three-yard piece of a multi colored bright fabric

1 yard teal or medium blue

1 yard soft green

One Fat Quarter of each of the following:

Blue

Lime green

Yellow

Red

Helpful Tools

A large, flat **ironing surface** is recommended – a plywood board, cut to a manageable size (36" x 36", or other size that is rectangular or square) covered with cotton batting then covered with fabric, wrapped to the back and stapled.

A **design wall** is vital. A vertical wall with flannel or batting that is at least 48" square would be very helpful as you work and assemble this project.

Fusible webbing of your choice. Ricky prefers *Steam-a-seam 2®*, but it is temporarily not in production due to a manufacturing situation. That situation should resolve and it will return to the marketplace. As a result it is not currently available at the Ricky Tims Online Store. Look for it at your local quilt shop or online, but there are other acceptable lightweight fusible webbing products that will work very well. Fusibles come in various widths, but three yards should be sufficient for most fusible webbing products.

Freezer Paper - have a roll on hand.

Tear away **stabilizer** is vital during the second month. One package of **Ricky Tims Stable Stuff Poly** is sufficient. It is available at the [Ricky Tims Online Store](#).

Sharpie® marker, or other strong permanent marker

Suggested threads:

Available from Superior Threads

<http://www.superiorthreads.com>

Rainbows #841 - 500 yards

Rainbows #838 - 500 yards

Rainbows #814 - 500 yards

Magnifico #2199 - 500 yards

Any color may be used in the bobbin and one spool of Bottom Line by Superior Threads (1,420 yards) should be enough for piecing and appliqué. In my technique we will be adjusting the tension so NONE of the bobbin shows - so any color should be fine.

Stay tuned for instructions on how to transfer your pattern to freezer paper, stay stitching, drawing, cutting out and fusing the pattern to your fabrics.