

Create your own sparkling gem using the same techniques that artist and designer MJ Kinman has used to create her giant gem quilts for over 20 years.

You've read about MJ's gem quilts in *Quilting Arts Magazine* and *McCall's Quilting Magazine*, and you may have even seen her on *Quilting Arts TV* and *The Quilt Show.com with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims*. Now MJ has created patterns that allow all of us to bring a little bling into our lives. Through her use of color and contrast, MJ has created patterns that will delight your senses and are a blast to put together even for the new quiltmaker.

This isn't your typical foundation paper piecing. Freezer paper templates are ironed to the right side of your fabric and can be easily removed after piecing. And best of all, these patterns don't require absolute precision, so you can relax and enjoy every aspect of making your gem.

Join Julia Graves, certified Gem Affiliate with MJ Kinman, Textile Artist for a fun and creative class. Julia enjoys working with color to achieve amazing results. Visit her gallery on her website at <http://www.squilts.com>.

Add a little bling to your life by creating your own gem! Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Choose Your Gemstone! These four are the easiest, so best for your first one. But watch out – they're addictive and you'll want to make more!



Feb – Amethyst



July – Ruby



Sep – Sapphire



Dec - Tanzanite

Supply List:

- Business-sized envelopes or quart/gallon size zip lock bags – you will need 1 for each different fabric – between 6 and 13, depending on your gem
- Rotary cutter with new blade and mat
- Paper scissors and/or a rotary cutter blade you don't mind using on paper
- Long (at least 18") and medium (at least 6" ruler) with ¼" measurement. Helpful – "add a ¼" ruler, or narrow 1" ruler.
- Basic sewing supplies, including a seam ripper and tweezers
- Fabric marking pencils in light and dark
- Neutral thread – medium gray or taupe works well
- Basic sewing machine with back-stitch capability
- Highlighter (optional)

- Basting glue (optional)
- Personal small iron and ironing pad (optional, and if allowed)
- Piecing plan – (optional) print out if you like to have each step identified – available at <http://www.mjkinman.com/birthstones/resources/>. Go to the Piecing Plan section, and print for the gem you plan on making. The pattern will have a piecing plan for the first section.

Fabric – Fabric bundles are available from Julia, featuring Fat Quarter solids from Paintbrush Studios in carefully gradated values that will make your gem shine and glow! \$2/FQ needed

For those wanting to provide their own fabric:

- Use solids, blenders or tone on tones. Distinct patterns will detract from the faceted effect.
- There are color chips in the pattern to help you select your fabrics and are also below.
- Be careful to provide a wide range of value from light to dark.
- If you plan on making more than one gem, make sure you have enough of the same black fabric for all the gems, particularly those that have black in the background.




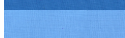

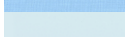
Amethyst (February) Materials List With Color Chart (8 - \$16)

Color Code	Color Name	Size	Painter's Palette Color	Painter's Palette #	Color Chip
BLK	Black	12" x 6"	Ebony	121-004	
FI	Grape	12" x 9"	Grape	121-151	
P4	Dk Purple	18" x 12"	Royalty	121-046	
P3	Purple	18" x 9"	Amethyst	121-080	
P2	Dk Lavender	18" x 12"	Purple	121-027	
P1	Med Lavender	18" x 12"	Lavender	121-029	
PO	Lt Lavender	12" x 9"	Sachet	121-084	
W	White	12" x 6"	White	121-000	

Ruby (July) Materials List With Color Chart (8 - \$16)

Color Code	Color Name	Size	Painter's Palette Color	Painter's Palette #	Color Chip
BLK	Black	18" x 3"	Ebony	121-004	
L4	Dk Purple	18" x 9"	Royalty	121-046	
R2	Dk Red	18" x 9"	Claret	121-051	
R1	Red	18" x 9"	Crimson	121-002	
P3	Fuchsia	18" x 6"	Sangria	121-073	
P2	Dk Pink	18" x 9"	Raspberry	121-079	
P1	Med Pink	18" x 9"	Impatient	121-148	
PO	Lt Pink	9" x 6"	Petunia	121-120	

Sapphire (Sept) Materials List With Color Chart (7 - \$14)

Color Code	Color Name	Size	Painter's Palette Color	Painter's Palette #	Color Chip
B7	Midnight Blue	18" x 9"	Midnight	121-001	
B6	Dk Blue	18" x 9"	Patriot	121-111	
B5	Royal Blue	18" x 6"	French Blue	121-131	
B4	Deep Blue	18" x 9"	River	121-025	
B3	Med Blue	18" x 6"	Waterfall	121-032	
B2	Light Blue	18" x 6"	Cracked Ice	121-103	
B1	Palest Blue	12" X 6"	Sky	121-020	

Tanzanite (Dec) Materials List With Color Chart (9 - \$18)

Color Code	Color Name	Size	Painter's Palette Color	Painter's Palette #	Color Chip
B6	Midnight Blue	18" x 6"	Midnight	121-001	
B5	Dk Blue	18" x 12"	Patriot	121-111	
B4	Deep Blue	18" x 21"	River	121-025	
B3	Med Blue	18" x 6"	Waterfall	121-032	
B2	Light Blue	18" x 6"	Cracked Ice	121-103	
B1	Palest Blue	6" X 6"	Sky	121-020	
L3	Royal Purple	12" x 9"	Royalty	121-046	
L2	Lt Grape	18" x 9"	Iris	121-153	
L1	Med Lavender	9" X 9"	Lavender	121-029	



Peridot Tanzanite Diamond Ruby
 Aquamarine Citrine Amethyst Sapphire
 Garnet Alexandrite Emerald Tourmaline

