

RAINBOW CONNECTION - PART 7

Time to put it all together! Compare with the colored schematic and the “coloring page” in the accompanying Excel file:

The colors will appear in your finished quilt as:

Motif Row 1:	A	B	C
Motif Row 2:	D	E	F
Motif Row 3:	G	H	I
Motif Row 4:	J	K	L

But, since you are creating the quilt on point, you will be building the motifs in this fashion:

1:			A			
2:			D		B	
3:		G		E		C
4:	J		H		F	
5:		K		I		
6:			L			

Get out all the blocks from the A folder. When you finish laying them out, the stripes of color A will make the outline of a square. You will arrange all three rows (for visual clarity), but only sew together two rows at a time. Arrange as follows:

Row 1:

- Block 1: L-7 block with A and continuity color. The continuity color will have its “L” lying on its back. (The three rows within the block will be: Row of Color A, Three-patch Row, Row of Continuity color.)
- Block 2: Home plate block with color A across the top, splash points at the bottom.
- Block 3: L-7 block with A and continuity color. In this case the continuity block will have its “L” upright.

Row 2:

- Block 1: Home plate block with color A down the left side, splash points towards the middle.
- Block 2: 4.5” square of splash color
- Block 3: Home plate block with points towards the center, color A down the right side

Row 3 - do not join this row yet:

Complete your “A” square by laying down the remaining “A” blocks as follows:

- Block 1: L-7 block with color A and color D. Color A should be the “L” and color D should be the “7”
- Block 2: Home plate block with color A at the bottom and splash blocks at the top.
- Block 3: L-7 block with Color A and Color B.

Join the blocks for the first and second rows, and join only these two rows together. Then take two **Big Whoop Triangle** units, and add one to each side, as setting triangles. On the left, the continuity strip should make a gamma (backwards 7) and

match up the continuity strip of the first block. On the right, the continuity strip should make a figure "7." Sew a **Little House** unit to the top of the first row. This is the upper left-hand corner of your quilt. When you add these units, align so the continuity strips will make a straight line going in and out of the "A" square.

Continue building **Row 3** as follows:

Pull blocks from the D folder to build the top of Square D:

- The L-7 block with D and the continuity fabric
- home plate block with D at the top and the splash blocks at the bottom.

Put these to the left of the A squares.

Then pull blocks from the B folder to build the top of Square B:

- L-7 block with color A and color B
- Home plate block with color B at the top
- L-7 block with color B and the continuity color.

Put these to the right of the blocks that form the bottom of Square A.

Row 4: Continue to build the squares with the colors as indicated. On this row you will be adding the middle row of blocks D and B:

- Block 1: Home plate block with Color B to the left
- Block 2: 4.5" square of splash color
- Block 3: Home plate block with color B to the right
- Block 4: 4.5" square of background fabric
- Block 5: Home plate block with color B to the left
- Block 6: 4.5" square of splash color
- Block 7: Home plate block with color B to the right

Join these two rows, then add setting triangles (Big Whoop Triangles) to each end. If you lay this piece down on the diagonal, the outside edge of the left-hand triangle should make a vertical line, and the outside edge of the right-hand triangle should make a horizontal line. Join to the other joined rows.

Row 5: OK, by now the scheme should begin to look familiar. We will be starting to build the top of block G, E, and C, and will be adding the bottom row to blocks D and B.

- Block 1: L-7 block with color G and continuity color. The continuity color will have its "L" lying on its back.
- Block 2: Home plate block with color G at the top.
- Block 3: L-7 Block with color D and color G. Color D's "L" will be right side up.
- Block 4: Home plate block, with color D at the bottom.
- Block 5: L-7 block with colors D and E. The color D "L" will be lying on its back.
- Block 6: Home Plate block with color E at the top.
- Block 7: L-7 block with color E and Color B. The color B "L" will be upright.
- Block 8: Home plate block with color B on the bottom.
- Block 9: L-7 block with colors B and C. The Color B "L" will be on its back.
- Block 10: Home plate block with color C on the top.
- Block 11: L-7 block with colors C and Continuity color. The Continuity letter L will be upright.

Row 6:

- Block 1: Home Plate block with color G on the left.
- Block 2: Splash color 4.5" block
- Block 3: Home Plate block with color G on the right.
- Block 4: 4.5" block of background color
- Block 5: Home Plate block with color E on the left.
- Block 6: Splash color 4.5" block.
- Block 7: Home plate block with color E on the right
- Block 8: 4.5" block of background color
- Block 9: Home Plate Block with color C on the left
- Block 10: Splash color 4.5" block
- Block 11: Home Plate block with color C on the right

Join these two rows, and add a setting triangle to the **left end only**. ***Do not add a setting triangle to the right end!***

Row 7: In this row you will be adding the L-7 blocks to make the top of Square J, the bottom of Square G, the Top of Square H, the bottom of Square E, the Top of Square F, and the final corner of Square C. Add to the main quilt, then add the **Little House** to the right end. This will be the upper right corner of your quilt. **Do not add anything to the left end.**

Row 8: In this row you will be adding the Home Plate blocks and Splash Blocks that are the middle row of Squares J, H, and F.

Row 9: Continue as above. In this row you will be adding the L-7 blocks to make the bottom of square J, the top of Square K, the Bottom of Square H, the top of Square I, and the Bottom of Square F. Join rows 8 and 9, then add a Big Whoop Triangle to the right end. Orient the Big Whoop so that the long edge is will be vertical down the right side of the quilt. Join these two rows to the quilt, then add the Little House as the lower left-hand corner of your quilt.

Row 10: This row adds the Home Plate Blocks for Square K and I.

Row 11: This row adds the bottom corner of Square K, the Top of Square L, and the bottom of Square I.

Join these two rows, then add setting triangles to each end. The long side of the left-hand triangle will be horizontal in the quilt, and the long end of the right-hand triangle will be vertical.

Row 12: This short row joins the home plate blocks for Square L.

Row 13: This short row joins the last two L-7 blocks to complete Square L.

Join these two rows, then join a setting triangle to each end, as after row 11. Then add the last **Little House** to make the bottom corner.

Whew!

Trimming and borders next time!