

“So Long to Sochi 2014” by Ann Holte

Watching the Olympics, I couldn't help but notice the graphic design theme that was in the background of every event, on the athletes' outfits, and on the medals that were awarded. Is that “my” diamond? I brought the “Sochi Patchwork” image up on my monitor, held up my diamond template to the screen, and, sure enough, they were using my Lancaster Diamond! Of course, I'm sure it's a coincidence. How could a design firm in Russia know about my little template? Still, it's such a nice use of the diamond design.



So, here's another variation of this wonderful diamond.

Select a color from your stash: I chose an array of orange-red fabrics.

Cut fabric into strips $4\frac{3}{4}$ " wide (for large diamonds) and $2\frac{5}{8}$ " wide (for small diamonds and parallelograms).

Attach strips end-to-end to make long strips of random orange fabrics.

Use your Lancaster Diamond template to cut the $4\frac{3}{4}$ " strips into large diamonds.



Use the $2\frac{5}{8}$ " strips to cut small diamonds and parallelograms. Be sure to align the edge of the strip with the seam allowance line (not the line with the holes, which is the seamline).



Piece small diamonds and parallelograms into large diamonds with an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



At this point, begin attaching the diamonds into diagonal rows. You might want to lay them out on a design wall first to get a sense

of the color placement and the size of the finished top. Trim off excess points to square the quilt top. You win an orange medal!

