

# color carnival row-along

a progressive *Generation Q* quilt-along

row 7, the swing tower

This is it! The final row in our GenQ's Color Carnival Row-Along designed by staffer Michelle Freedman. We originally launched the Row-Along in our July-August 2014 issue, and have rolled out the successive rows here on our blog while the July-August issue has been on sale. For our final row, Michelle was inspired by a wonky star to create the feeling of the ubiquitous (and often scary) Swing Tower.

If you're just joining us for the Row-Along—which is inspired by the crazy rides and whole carnival gestalt—just follow the link in the “catch up with us box.” There you'll find the full materials list and yardage requirements, as well as instructions for Row 1, Tilt-a-Whirl; Row 2, Log Ride; Row 3, The Scrambler; Row 4, The Zipper; Row 5, Bumper Cars; and Row 6, Monorail.

Color Carnival has used the Color Confetti line by Dear Stella, but you could use any line of solids or near-solids to make your own version. Each row is named in honor of a fave amusement park ride, and also uses a different construction technique, such as paper piecing, string piecing and standard piecing. The rows don't have to go in any particular order (it's more fun that way), so feel free to experiment.

Color Carnival is also a color study where Michelle explores her relationship to color. You can read about that in our July-August 2014 issue, too.

Now, buckle your belts for the Swing Tower! (And don't forget to share an image of your own Color Carnival with us. Just post on our Facebook page or send it to [melissa@generationqmagazine.com](mailto:melissa@generationqmagazine.com). We'd love to see what you come up with!

Yeah, we know. This is page 1 of Row 7. But as you print all of these out, you'll eventually have a consecutively numbered pattern for the whole *Color Carnival* quilt. Trust us on this.

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skill level:  
confident beginner

finished size: 48" x 54"

block size:  
typically 6" finished; you will be  
making (6) swing tower blocks.

## catch up with us!

The materials list and Row 1 directions for our *Color Carnival* Row-along (plus tons more great content!) are in our July-August 2014 issue, now on sale. Go to <http://generationqmagazine.com/the-magazine/where-to-buy-genq/> to find a copy. Or follow this link to find Color Carnival directions online for Rows 2-6: [http://generationqmagazine.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/GQ\\_WEB\\_Playdate\\_Color\\_Carnival\\_row1\\_FINALpdf.pdf](http://generationqmagazine.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/GQ_WEB_Playdate_Color_Carnival_row1_FINALpdf.pdf)



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## color carnival row a-long, row 7, the swing tower block

### cutting instructions

#### Row 7, The Swing Tower

(Make 6 blocks)

From Clay, cut:

- (2) 3½" x WOF strips. Sew these together, end to end, to create a long strip. Trim to 3½" x 48½". This will become sashing.
- (1) 2½" x WOF strip. Then cut (6) 2½" squares.

From White, cut:

- (3) 2½" x WOF strips. Then cut (42) 2½" squares.

From Charcoal, cut:

- (1) 2½" x WOF strip. Then cut (6) 2½" squares.

From Emerald small dot, cut:

- (1) 6½" x WOF strip. Then cut (1) 6½" x 12½" rectangle and (1) 6½" square.
- From remaining strip, cut (2) 2½" strips. Then cut (8) 2½" squares.
- (1) 2½" x WOF strip. Then cut (15) 2½" squares. This creates a total of (23) Emerald dot 2½" squares.

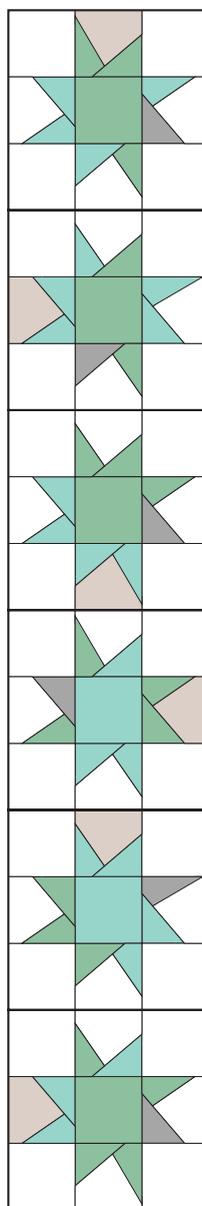
From Parrot large dot, cut:

- (2) 2½" x WOF strips. Then cut (25) 2½" squares.

### piecing instructions

#### block piecing instructions

1. Use instructions from: <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/8779102/wonkified-star.pdf> for piecing Wonky Star blocks. Use 2½" squares instead of the 4½" squares called for in the tutorial. This block will finish to 6" (6½" unfinished) rather than the 12" (12½" unfinished) block in the tutorial. Refer to the quilt diagram (right) for placement of Clay, White, Charcoal, Emerald and Parrot squares for your stars.
2. Arrange Wonky Stars with 6½" x 12½" Emerald rectangle at the top of the row and 6½" Emerald square at the bottom of the row.
- 3.



## final color carnival row a-long piecing instructions

1. Arrange the rows as shown in the quilt diagram, in this suggested order, beginning on the far left:
  - a. Orange Zipper blocks
  - b. Red Scrambler blocks
  - c. Yellow Log Ride blocks
  - d. Green Swing Tower blocks
  - e. Turquoise Bumper Car blocks
  - f. Navy Monorail blocks
  - g. Violet Tilt-a-Whirl blocks.
2. Add sashing strips where necessary.
3. Press. Layer, baste, quilt and bind.
4. Your trip to the GenQ Carnival is over!

