

# Graduating Steps

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**Finished Size:** 12" square

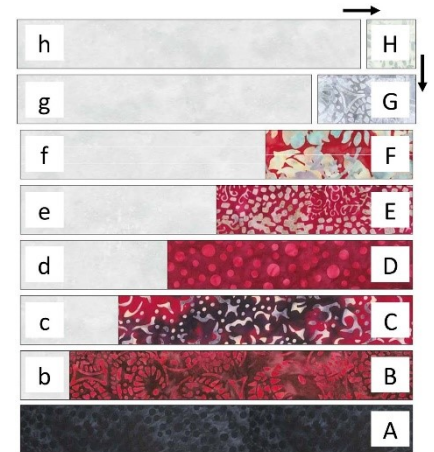
**Skill level:** Beginner

**Fabrics used:** Banyan Batik's *Bouncing Balls* and *Rose Parade*

Fabric	Cutting Instructions
A –darkest (charcoal)	◇ Cut (1) 2" x 12½" piece
B – 2 <sup>nd</sup> darkest (dark red)	◇ Cut (1) 2" x 11" piece
C – 3 <sup>rd</sup> darkest (med.dk red)	◇ Cut (1) 2" x 9½" piece
D – 4 <sup>th</sup> darkest (medium red)	◇ Cut (1) 2" x 8" piece
E – 5 <sup>th</sup> darkest (med. lt red)	◇ Cut (1) 2" x 6½" piece
F – 6 <sup>th</sup> darkest (light red)	◇ Cut (1) 2" x 5" piece
G – 7 <sup>th</sup> darkest (gray)	◇ Cut (1) 2" x 3½" piece
H – 8 <sup>th</sup> darkest (lt. gray)	◇ Cut (1) 2" x 2" piece
I – background (cream)	◇ Cut (1) 2" x 11" piece (h), (1) 2" x 9½" piece (g), (1) 2" x 8" piece (f), (1) 2" x 6½" piece (e), (1) 2" x 5" piece (d), (1) 2" x 3½" piece (c) and (1) 2" square (b).

**Piecing:** All seams are ¼" unless noted. Press seams toward darker fabric.

1. Sew the "b" background piece to one end of the B piece.
2. Sew the short edge of the c background piece to one end of the C piece.
3. Similarly, sew the d piece to the D piece, the e piece to the E piece, the f piece to the F piece, the g piece to the G piece and the h piece to the H piece.
4. Arrange pieced units as shown; sew together, pressing seams toward A.



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