



## Creative Finds for Creative Minds

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The Row by Row Experience theme for 2018 is *Sew Musical*, and Artistic Artifacts' Judy Gula designed our **Color Keys** row to play along! Several new row sizes are available this year: we used the horizontal Short & Sassy configuration, which finishes to 12 in. high x 27 in. wide.

### Color Keys Kit Includes:

- Seven (7) strips (2 in. x 22 in.) of tonal solids from the Palette collection by Marcia Derse. (If you did not purchase our fabric kit, substitute your choice of fabric strips.)
- Two (2) strips of black Kona Cotton, 1 in. wide (for black keys)
- 9 in. x 44 in. piece of Symphony (sheet music) fabric by Tim Holtz
- Muslin to use as row base
- Mistyfuse® (sheer/ lightweight paperless fusible, enough to fuse your row) and instructions

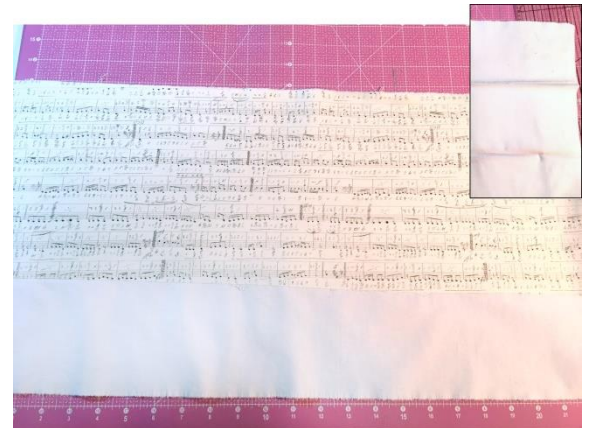


When using Mistyfuse we recommend the following products, available at Artistic Artifacts: Bo-Nash Amazing Sheet (large non-stick ironing/craft sheet), to protect your iron / ironing board and Havel's Teflon Coated Serrated Scissors, to cut fused fabric.

To sew your Color Keys row, you will also need: rotary cutter and cutting mat, as well as basic sewing supplies.

### Color Keys Instructions:

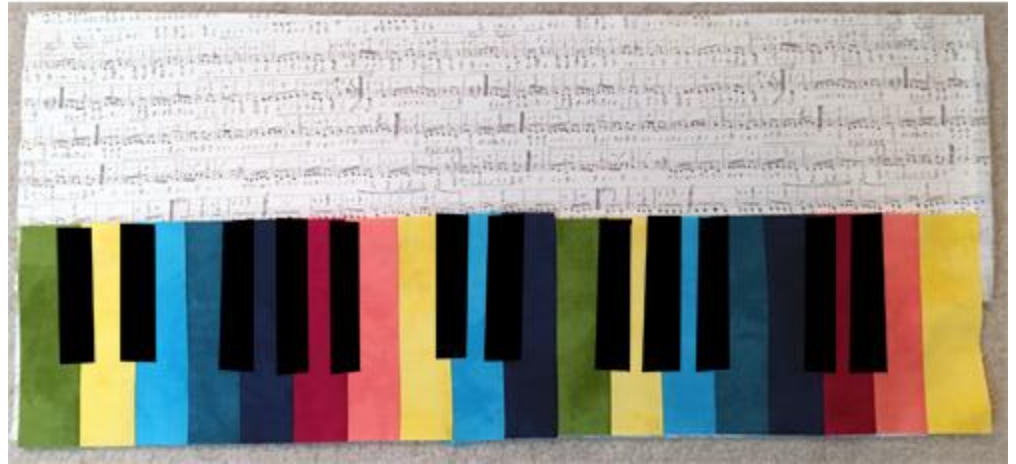
- Begin by cutting your muslin base to measure 12.5 in. tall x 27.5 in. wide. Fold your muslin into thirds horizontally and lightly iron the folds (see inset of photo). Once unfolded, the creases will assist you with your placement. The sheet music fabric will cover the top two-thirds, and the piano keys will be the bottom third. This proportion makes the design more interesting than simply covering half of the block with the piano keys.
- Follow the Mistyfuse instruction sheets to apply fusible product to the back of the sheet music fabric, and iron in place to cover the top two-thirds portion of the muslin fabric.
- **Create your piano keys:** Using your Palette solid strips, cut them approximately 7 in. long and arrange in the color order that pleases you (see photo).



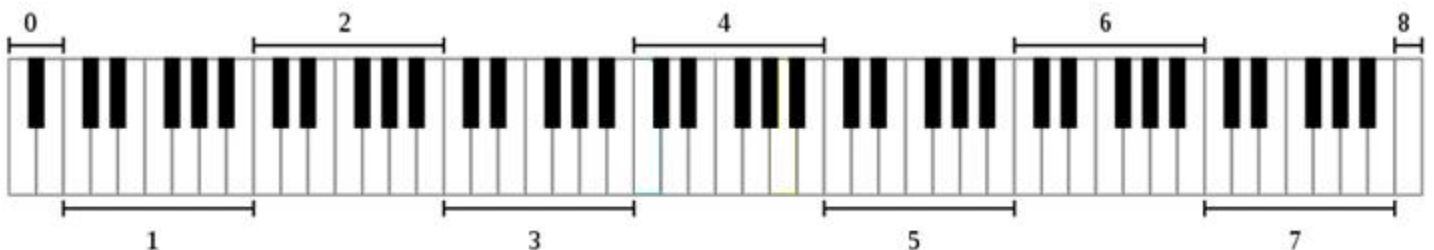
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- Sew these color strips together on the long edge to create one piece measuring approximately 7 in. tall and 27.5 in. wide.
- Iron seams facing the same direction.
- Apply Mistyfuse to the back of the piano keys strip.
- **Create the black piano keys:** Apply Mistyfuse to the back of your black Kona fabric strips and cut into pieces measuring 1 in. wide x 4 in. high.
- Place the black keys in position, following our photograph or the image below for placement.
- Fuse the black keys in place.
- Lay your completed piano key strip on top of the muslin base, overlapping the sheet music strip to get an idea of how you will cut your top curves. Do NOT fuse it in place yet.
- Place the piano key strip on a cutting mat and use a rotary cutter to free-hand cut gentle curves across the top. Aim for having the peak of at least one curve close to the 7 in. mark, and guide your curves as you cut to be no more than 1 in. deep. Replace the strip on the muslin to see if you are happy with your curves. Increase the curve with a recut, if desired.
- Once you are happy with your piano key, fuse the strip to your muslin, overlapping the sheet music. Square up your row, if needed, but remember to keep your  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. seam allowances.



Add your Color Keys row to your other Row by Row completed rows, and hand or machine quilt as desired, You may also add binding or finish Color Keys with a pillowcase edge if you are not joining our row to others.



*A standard 88-key piano (image courtesy Wikimedia Commons).*