Meow Meadow

Quilt Designed by eQuilter

49" x 67"

Skill Level: Confident Beginner **Finished Quilt Size:** 49" x 67"

Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing recommended for hand dyes only. Pre-washing NOT recommended for other fabrics.

Yardages and Cutting

WOF is 42" width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. Remove as little fabric as possible when squaring strip ends.

1 Meow Meadow panel
- Trim to 22 1/2" x 42 1/2".

3/4 yard blue cats
3/4 yard pink cats
Apply a heavy coat of spray starch or spray stabilizer to the wrong side of each fabric and press dry before cutting. Prepare a 6 7/8"-square clear template.
- Fussy-cut (6) 6 7/8" squares from each fabric, placing the template on-point on the fabric and centering a cat in each square as shown.

3/4 yard green cats
Apply a heavy coat of spray starch or spray stabilizer to the wrong side of the fabric and press dry before cutting.
- Fussy-cut (8) 6 7/8" on-point squares with a cat centered in each.

3/4 yard pink hand dye
- 7 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

1 yard blue hand dye
- 2 strips 3" x WOF; trim to 42 1/2" for panel framing.
- 2 strips 2" x WOF; trim to 27 1/2" for panel framing.
- 6 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for border.

1 1/4 yards white butterflies
- 2 strips 10 1/4" x WOF; cut into (8) 10 1/4" squares, then cut twice diagonally to make 32 triangles.
- 2 strips 5 3/8" x WOF; cut into (8) 5 3/8" squares, then cut in half diagonally to make 16 triangles.

3 3/4 yards of 42" backing fabric OR
4 3/4 yards of directional backing fabric
- 2 strips 65" x WOF OR
- 2 strips 83" x WOF for directional backing

OR
2 yards wide backing fabric
- 1 piece 65" x 83"

Batting
- 1 piece 65" x 83"

Completing the Quilt

Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all stitching. Refer to the exploded quilt diagram throughout the following steps.

1. Sew the 3" x 42 1/2" blue strips to the sides of the panel. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch the 2" x 27 1/2" blue strips to the top and bottom to complete the 27 1/2" x 45 1/2" framed panel.

2. **Side Strips:** Center and stitch a 5 3/8" white triangle to the top right and left edges of a green cats square. Carefully press seams toward the triangles to avoid stretching bias edges. Add a 10 1/4" white triangle to the bottom right edge to complete the top unit. Carefully press seam toward the triangle.

3. Repeat to make the bottom unit, sewing the 5 3/8" triangles to the bottom left and right edges of a second green cats square and the 10 1/4" white triangle to the top left edge.

4. Stitch a 10 1/4" white triangle to the top left and bottom right edges of 2 pink and 1 blue cats squares to make 3 center strips. Carefully press seams toward the triangles.

5. Join the 3 center strips, matching and nesting seams. Carefully press seams to one side. Add the top unit and bottom unit to complete the 5" x 45 1/2" left strip. Press seams toward the top and bottom units.

6. Repeat steps 2–5 to make the right strip. Sew the strips to the sides of the framed panel. Press seams toward the framed panel.

7. **Top/Bottom Strips:** Center and sew a 5 3/8" white triangle to the left top and bottom edges of a blue cats square. Carefully press seams toward the triangles. Add a 10 1/4" white triangle to the top right edge to complete the left end unit. Press seam toward the triangle.

8. Repeat to make the right end unit, sewing the 5 3/8" triangles to the right top and bottom edges and the 10 1/4" triangle to the bottom left edge.

9. Stitch a 10 1/4" white triangle to the top right and bottom left edges of 2 green cats and 1 pink cats squares to make 3 center strips. Carefully press seams toward the triangles.

10. Join the 3 center strips, matching and nesting seams. Carefully press seams to one side. Add the left and right end units to complete the 5" x 45 1/2" top strip. Press seams toward the end units.

11. Repeat steps 7–10 to make the bottom strip. Sew the strips to the top and bottom of the framed panel. Press seams toward the strips.

12. Sew the 2 1/2" x WOF blue hand dye strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 63 1/2" and 49 1/2". Stitch the longer strips to the long sides of the quilt center and the shorter strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

13. If using 42" backing fabric, remove the selvage edges from the backing pieces. Join the pieces on the long edges with a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seams open. Trim to make the 65" x 83" backing piece.

14. Layer the quilt top with the backing and batting pieces. Quilt as desired. Trim batting and backing even with the top.

15. Join the pink hand-dye binding strips on the short ends with diagonal seams to make a long strip. Press seams in one direction. Press the strip in half along the length with wrong sides together. Bind the quilt edges using your favorite method to complete the quilt.