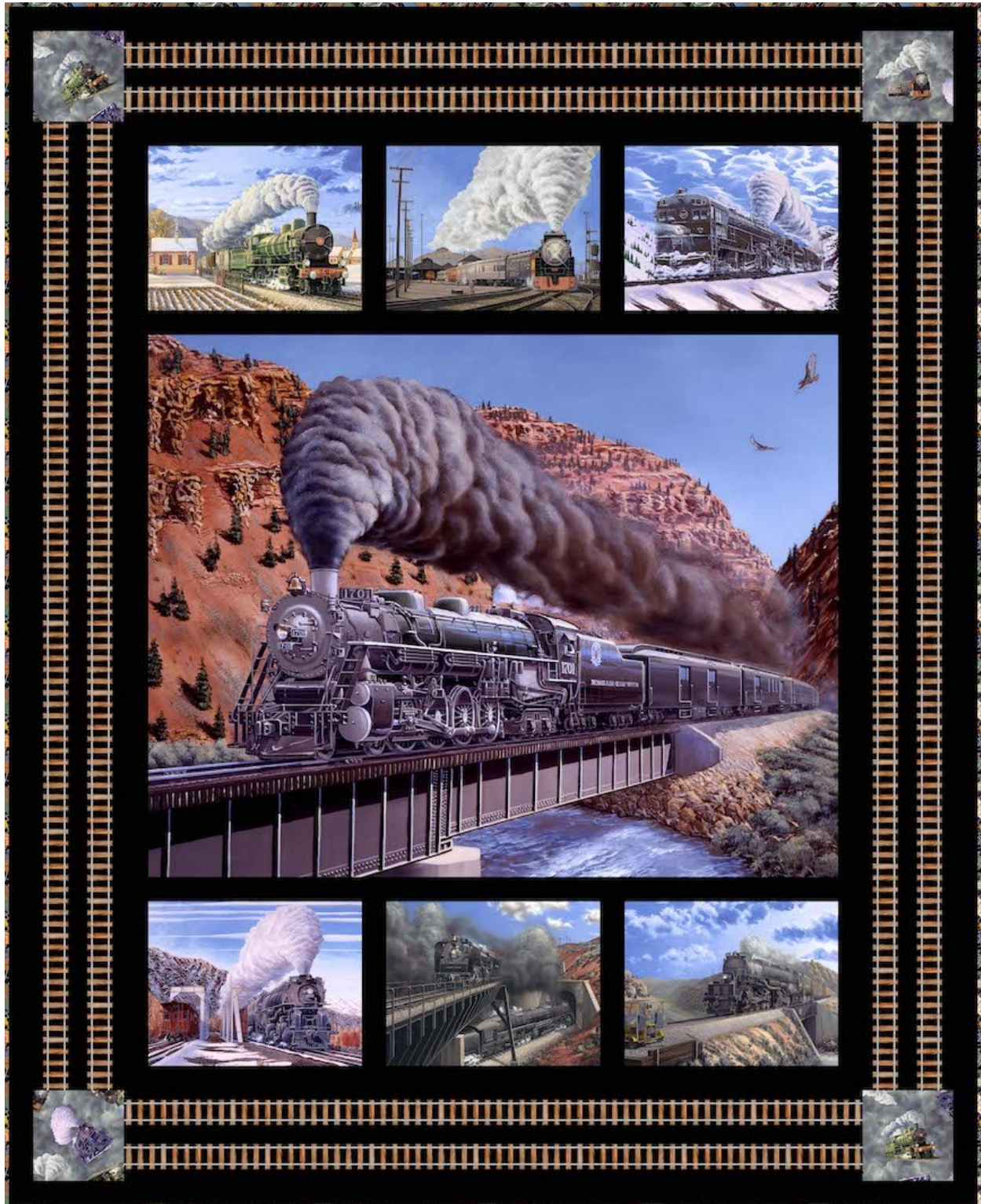


Express Tracks

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



59" x 73"

Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing NOT recommended.

Yardages and Cutting

WOF is 42" width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. LOF is length of fabric, parallel to the selvage edges. Remove as little fabric as possible when removing selvages and squaring strip ends.

Express Tracks panel

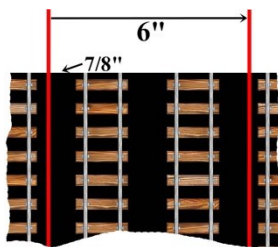
- Trim to 42 1/2" wide x 33 1/2" tall.

Express Tracks rectangle panel

- Fussy-cut (6) 13 1/2"-wide x 10 1/2"-tall rectangles.

2 yards train tracks

- 4 strips 6" x LOF, beginning 7/8" from the edge of a wooden tie piece and cutting 6" over from there to center 2 tracks in each strip as shown. Trim to make 2 each 59 1/2" and 45 1/2" strips.



5/8 yard ticket print

- 7 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

1/3 yard train print

- Fussy-cut (4) 6" squares with a train centered in each.

1 1/8 yards black solid

- 5 strips 2" x WOF; cut into (4) 42 1/2" strips and (4) 10 1/2" strips.
- 10 strips 2" x WOF for borders.

5 1/8 yards of 42" backing fabric

- 2 strips 89" x WOF OR

OR

2 1/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 75" x 89"

Batting

- 1 piece 75" x 89"

Completing the Quilt

Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all stitching. Press seams as directed. Refer to the exploded quilt diagram on the next page as needed.

1. Sew 3 train rectangles alternately together with (2) 2" x 10 1/2" black strips to make a 10 1/2" x 42 1/2" strip. Press seams toward the black strips. Repeat to make a second pieced strip.
2. Stitch 2" x 42 1/2" black strips to the top and bottom of each pieced strip to complete the 13 1/2" x 42 1/2" top and bottom rows. Press seams toward the strips. Sew to the top and bottom of the large panel to complete the 42 1/2" x 59 1/2" panel section. Press seams away from the large panel.
3. Sew the 2" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into (2) 70 1/2" strips and (4) 59 1/2" strips. Sew 59 1/2" strips to the long sides of the panel section to complete the 45 1/2" x 59 1/2" panel center. Press seams toward the strips. Set aside remaining strips for step 6.
4. Stitch the 6" x 59 1/2" train track strips to the long sides of the panel center. Press seams toward the strips.
5. Sew a train square to each end of the 45 1/2" train track strips. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch to the top and bottom of the panel center. Press seams toward the strips.
6. Stitch the 70 1/2" black strips from step 3 to the long sides of the quilt center and the 59 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.
7. 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 seam open. Trim to make the 75" x 89" backing piece.

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

9. Join the ticket print binding strips on the short ends with straight seams to make a long strip. Press seams open. Press the strip in half along the length with wrong sides together.

10. Bind the quilt edges using your favorite method to complete the quilt.

