Redwood Express

Quilt Designed by eQuilter

58" x 72"

Skill Level: Intermediate **Finished Quilt Size:** 58" x 72"
Finished Block Size: 6" x 6" **Number of Blocks:** 4

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. LOF is length of fabric parallel to the selvage edges.

1 Redwood Express panel
- Trim to 22 1/2" x 41 1/2".

1 Cross Country Trains Panel
- Fussy-cut (8) 8" x 10" rectangles, keeping trains centered.

3/4 yard train print
- Fussy-cut (2) 5 1/2" x WOF strips, centering a row of trains in each strip. Trim each to 39 1/2".

1 1/4 yards tree print
- 2 strips 6 1/2" x WOF; trim each to 41 1/2".
- 1 strip 28" x WOF; cut into (4) 6 1/2" x 28" strips.

1 1/8 yards track stripe
- 8 identical strips 2 1/2" x LOF, centering a track section in each strip.

1/8 yard light blue hand dye
- 1 strip 2 7/8" x WOF; cut into (8) 2 7/8" squares and (8) 1 5/8" squares. Cut each square in half diagonally to make 16 each large and small triangles.

1/4 yard medium blue hand dye
- 1 strip 4 1/4" x WOF; cut into (4) 4 1/4" squares and (8) 1 7/8" squares. Cut each 4 1/4" square twice diagonally to make 16 large triangles. Cut each 1 7/8" square in half diagonally to make 16 small triangles.

1 1/2 yards brown hand dye
- 4 strips 1 1/2" x WOF; cut into (32) 1 1/2" x 4 1/4" rectangles.
- 8 strips 1 1/2" x WOF; cut into (4) 41 1/2" lengths, (2) 39 1/2" lengths and (6) 1 1/2" x 8" strips.
- 3 strips 1 1/2" x WOF for inner side borders.
- 7 strips 1" x WOF for outer borders.
- 7 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

5 yards 42" backing fabric
- 2 pieces 88" x WOF

OR

2 1/4 yards wide backing fabric
- 1 piece 74" x 88"

Batting
- 1 piece 74" x 88"

Piecing the Blocks

Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all stitching. Press all seams as directed.

1. Layer (4) 1 1/2" x 4 1/4" brown rectangles right side up on your cutting mat, aligning all edges. Measure and mark 1 1/2" from the bottom left and right corners. Trim from the marks to the top left and right corners to make 4 angled strips. Repeat to make 32 angled strips.

Angled Strip — Make 32

2. Referring to the diagrams, center and sew a light blue small triangle to the short side of an angled strip. Press seam toward the triangle. Stitch a large medium blue triangle to 1 short side of the pieced triangle to complete a 3 7/8" x 3 7/8" x 5 1/2" A quarter triangle. Press seam toward the medium blue triangle. Repeat to make 16 A quarter triangles.

A Quarter Triangle — Make 16

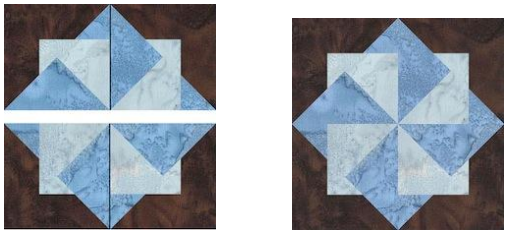
3. Sew a medium blue small triangle to the right angled end of an angled strip. Press seam toward the triangle. Stitch a large light blue triangle to the bottom edge of the pieced strip to make a 3 7/8" x 3 7/8" x 5 1/2" B quarter triangle. Press seam toward the light blue triangle. Repeat to make 16 B quarter triangles.

B Quarter Triangle — Make 16

4. Stitch an A quarter triangle to a B quarter triangle to complete a 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" quarter unit. Press seam toward the A quarter triangle. Repeat to make 16 quarter units.

Quarter Unit — Make 16

5. Join 2 quarter units to make a 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" row. Press seam to the medium blue side. Repeat to make 8 rows. Join 2 rows to complete (1) 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" Corner block. Press seam open. Repeat to make 4 Corner blocks.



Corner Block — Make 4

Completing the Quilt

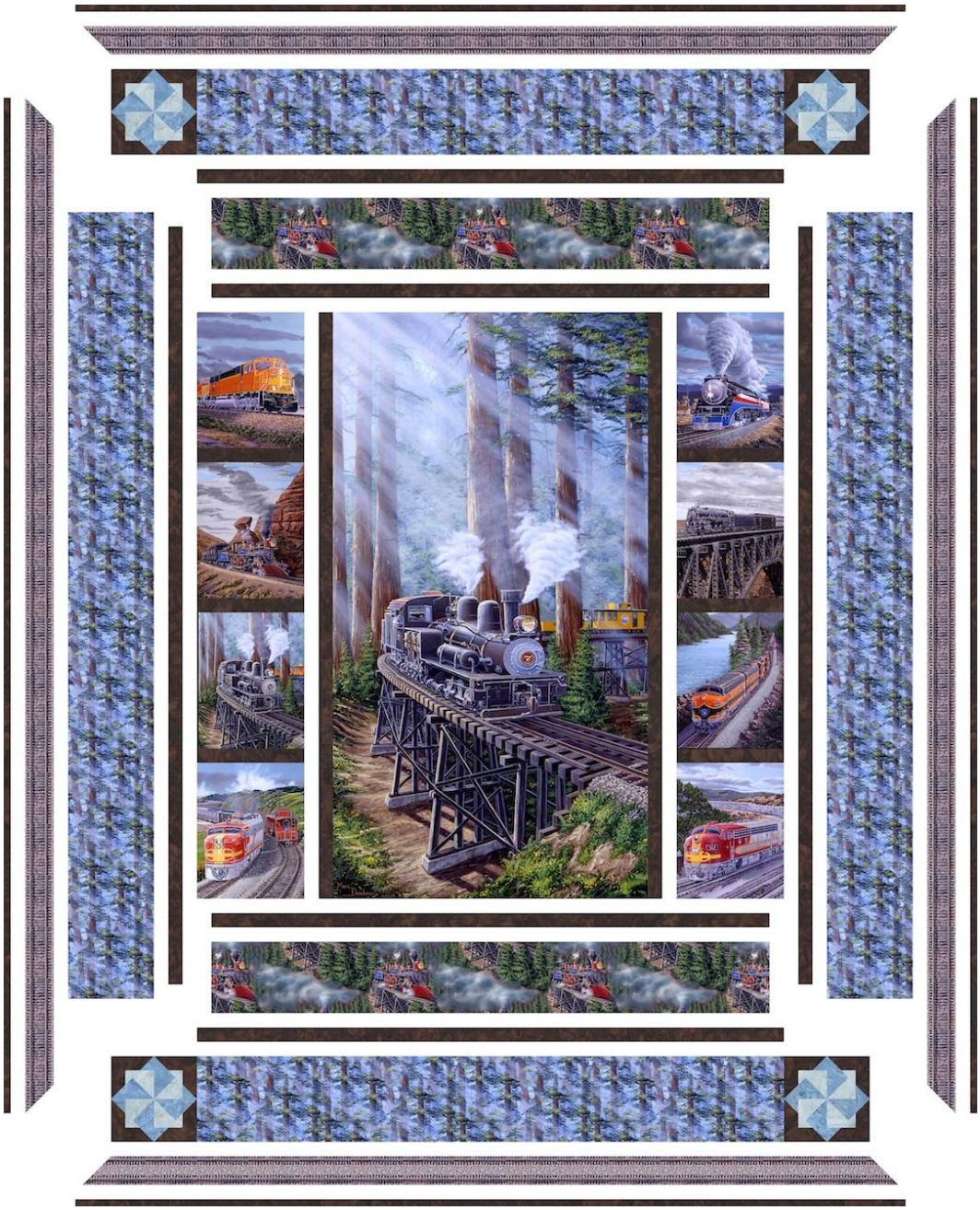
Refer to the exploded quilt diagram as needed throughout the following steps.

1. Sew a 1 1/2" x 41 1/2" brown strip to the right and left edges of the large panel. Press seams toward the strips.

2. Stitch 4 small panel rectangles together with (3) 1 1/2" x 8" brown strips to make the 8" x 41 1/2" left strip. Press seams toward the brown strips. Repeat to make the right strip. Sew the strips to the left and right sides of the large panel. Press seams toward the large panel.

3. Sew the 1 1/2" x 39 1/2" brown strips and then the 5 1/2" x 39 1/2" train strips to the top and bottom of the pieced section to complete the 39 1/2" x 53 1/2" quilt center. Press seams toward the brown strips.

4. Stitch the 1 1/2" x WOF brown strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into (2) 53 1/2" strips. Sew the strips to the long sides of the quilt center and the remaining 1 1/2" x 41 1/2" brown strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.



5. Sew (2) 6 1/2" x 28" tree strips short ends together to make a 6 1/2" x 55 1/2" side strip. Press seam to one side. Repeat with the 2 remaining strips to make a second side strip. Stitch the strips to the long sides of the quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.

6. Sew a Corner block to each end of the 6 1/2" x 41 1/2" tree strips. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch the pieced strips to the top and bottom of the quilt center. Press seams toward the pieced strips.

7. Stitch the 2 1/2" x LOF track stripe strips short ends together to make a long strip, carefully matching stripe at the seams. Press seams to one side. Cut into (2) 76" strips and (2) 62" strips.

8. Center and stitch a 76" strip to opposite sides of the quilt center, beginning and ending stitching 1/4" from the corners of the quilt center, securing the ends. Repeat with the 62" strips on the top and bottom edges. Miter corners using your favorite method, checking to be sure that the stripe sections match and all corners lie flat. Trim mitered corner seams to 1/4" and press open. Press border seams toward the border strips.

9. Sew the 1" x WOF brown strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into (2) 71 1/2" strips and (2) 58 1/2" strips. Stitch the 71 1/2" strips to the long sides of the quilt center and the 58 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the quilt top. Press seams toward the strips.

10. 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 a 74" x 88" backing piece.

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

12. Join the brown 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.