

# Sea Turtle Beach

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



52 1/2" x 61"

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Finished Quilt Size:** 52 1/2" x 61"

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

## Yardages and Cutting

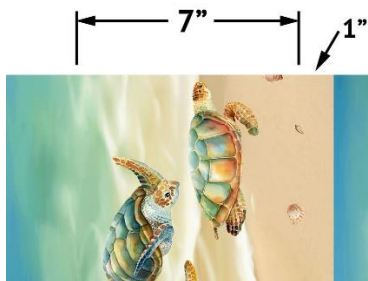
WOF is 42" width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. LOF is length of fabric, parallel to the selvage edges. Remove as little fabric as possible when trimming selvages and squaring strip ends.

### 1 Sea Turtle panel

- Trim to 22" x 42 1/2".

### 2 yards border stripe

- Cut (4) 7" x LOF strips, beginning 1" from the bottom of the sandy beach section as shown, then cut 7" over beyond the turtles on the left. Trim 2 strips to 60" and 2 strips to 52".



### 1/2 yard baby turtle print

- 2 strips 6 1/2" x WOF; trim to (8) 6 1/2" squares.

### 1/2 yard seashells print

- 1 strip 6 1/2" x WOF; trim to (6) 6 1/2" squares.

### 1 yard aqua hand dye

- 8 strips 3 1/2" x WOF; cut into (96) 3 1/2" squares.

### 3/4 yard sandy beach

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

### 3/4 yard turquoise hand dye

- 6 strips 3 1/2" x WOF for outer border.

### 4 yards 44/45" backing fabric OR

### 4 1/2 yards directional backing fabric

- 2 strips 68" x WOF OR
- 2 strips 77" x WOF for directional fabric

OR

### 2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 68" x 77"

### Batting

- 1 piece 68" x 77"

## Piecing the Units

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

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the aqua squares.
2. Place (2) aqua squares right sides together on the top left and bottom right corners of a turtle print square. Sew on the lines. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the aqua triangles open with seams toward the triangles. Repeat on the remaining corners of the square to complete (1) 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" Turtle Unit, **except** press seams away from the triangles. Repeat to make (8) Turtle Units.



**Turtle Unit — Make 8**

3. Repeat step 2, using aqua squares and seashell squares, making (6) Seashell Units.

## Completing the Quilt

4. Join (4) Turtle Units and (3) Seashell Units, alternating from top to bottom, to make a Diamond strip, as shown in exploded diagram. Press seams toward the Turtle Units. Repeat to make a second Diamond strip.

5. Stitch the Diamond strips to the left and right sides of the Sea Turtle Panel.

6. Center and sew 7" x 60" border stripe strips to the long sides of the quilt center, beginning, ending and locking stitches 1/4" from the corners of the quilt center. Repeat with the 7" x 52" strips on the top and bottom. Miter corners using your favorite method, checking to be sure that all corners lie flat and the stripe sections match. Trim mitered corner seams to 1/4" and press open. Press border seams toward the border strips.

1. Stitch the 3 1/2" x WOF turquoise hand dye strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 55 1/2" and 53". Sew the 55 1/2" strips to the sides of the quilt center and the 53" 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 seams open. Trim to make the 68" x 77" 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 sandy beach 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.

