

Orchid Garden

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



45 1/2" x 60 1/2"

Skill Level: Confident Beginner
Finished Block Size: 7 1/2" x 7 1/2"

Finished Quilt Size: 45 1/2" x 60 1/2"
Number of Blocks: 20

*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.

1 orchid garden panel

- Fussy-cut (1) 21 1/2" x 36 1/2" rectangle.

1 orchid squares panel

- Fussy-cut (10) 7 1/4" squares with an orchid cluster centered in each.

3/4 yard orchid print

- 2 strips 8" x WOF; cut into (10) 8" squares.

1 5/8 yards rainbow print

- 2 strips 4" x 54" along the length of the fabric for outer side borders.
- 2 identical strips 4" x remaining WOF for outer top border.
- 2 identical strips 4" x remaining WOF for outer bottom border.

1/3 yard pink/purple hand dye

- 1 strip 8" x WOF; cut into (20) 7/8" x 8" strips. Trim remainder of strip to 7 1/4" wide and cut into (20) 7/8" x 7 1/4" strips.

3/4 yard medium blue hand dye

- 5 strips 4 1/4" x WOF; cut into (40) 4 1/4" squares.

1 yard dark blue hand dye

- 4 strips 1 1/4" x WOF; trim to (2) 36 1/2" strips and (2) 23" strips for panel framing.
- 2 strips 1" x WOF; trim to (2) 39" strips for inner top/bottom borders.
- 3 strips 1" x WOF for inner side borders.
- 6 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

3 1/2 yards of 42" backing fabric or 4 3/8 yards of 42" directional backing

- 2 pieces 61" x WOF or
- 2 pieces 76" x WOF for directional backing

OR

1 3/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 61" x 76"

Batting

- 1 piece 61" x 76"

Piecing the Blocks

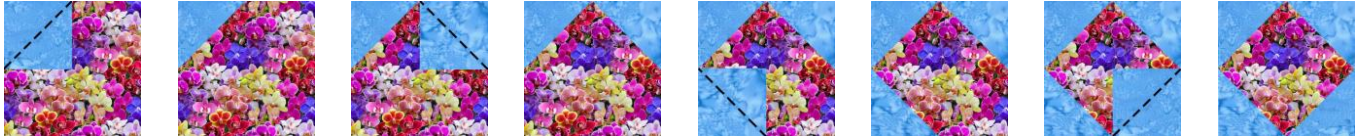
Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all stitching. Press all seams as directed.

1. Sew a 7/8" x 7 1/4" pink/purple strip to the right and left sides of each 7 1/4" orchid square. Press seams toward the orchid squares. Stitch the 7/8" x 8" pink/purple strips to the top and bottom to complete (10) 8" x 8" Framed Orchid blocks.



Framed Orchid Block — Make 10

2. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 4 1/4" medium blue square. Referring to the diagrams on the next page, place a marked square right sides together on 1 corner of an 8" orchid print square. Sew on the marked line. Trim seam allowance 1/4" from the stitching. Press the medium blue triangle open. Repeat on the remaining corners of each square to complete (10) 8" x 8" On-Point blocks.



On-Point Block — Make 10

Completing the Quilt

Refer to the exploded quilt diagram throughout the following steps.

1. Sew the 1 1/4" x 36 1/2" dark blue strips to the long sides of the orchid garden panel. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch the 1 1/4" x 23" dark blue strips to the top and bottom to complete the 23" x 38" panel center. Press seams toward the strips.

2. Stitch 3 On-Point blocks top to bottom with 2 Framed Orchid blocks to make the 8" x 38" left row. Press seams toward the Framed Orchid blocks. Repeat to make the right row. Sew the rows to the long sides of the panel center. Press seams toward the panel center.

3. Sew 3 Framed Orchid blocks side to side with 2 On-Point blocks to make the 8" x 38" top row. Press seams toward the Framed Orchid blocks. Repeat to make the bottom row. Stitch the rows to the top and bottom of the center section to complete the 38" x 53" quilt center. Press seams toward the top and bottom rows.



4. Stitch the 1" x WOF dark blue strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into (2) 53" strips. Stitch the strips to the long sides of the quilt center and the 1" x 39" dark blue strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.

5. Sew the 4" x 54" rainbow print strips to the long sides of the quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.

6. Stitch 2 identical 4" x remaining WOF rainbow print strips short ends together to make a long strip, matching print at the seam. Press seam to one side. Trim to 46" to complete the top strip. Repeat with the second set of identical strips to make the bottom strip. Sew the strips to the top and bottom of the quilt center 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 a 61" x 76" backing piece.

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

9. Join the dark blue 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.

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