

Dahlia Garden

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



44" x 59"

Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Finished Block Size: 7 1/2" x 7 1/2"

Finished Quilt Size: 44" x 59"

Number of Blocks: 10

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

Yardages and Cutting

WOF is width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge.

1 dahlia window panel

- 1 rectangle 23" x 38" with window centered.

2/3 yard dahlia squares

- Fussy-cut 10 squares 1/4" out from the inner square all around, approximately 7 1/4" wide x 7 1/2" tall.

1 2/3 yards black solid

- 3 strips 4 5/8" x WOF; cut into (20) 4 5/8" squares. Then cut in half diagonally to make 40 triangles.
- 4 strips 1 1/4" x WOF; cut into (20) 1 1/4" x 7 1/2".
- 5 strips 1" x WOF; cut into (20) 1" x 8 3/4" strips.
- 2 strips 1 1/4" x WOF; trim to (2) 39 1/2" lengths for first top/bottom borders.
- 3 strips 1 1/4" x WOF for first side borders.
- 6 strips 1" x WOF for third border.
- 6 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

1/2 yard orange dahlias

- 5 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for second border.

1/4 yard pink dahlias

- 1 strip 5 3/4" x WOF; cut into (5) 5 3/4" squares.

1/4 yard purple dahlias

- 1 strip 5 3/4" x WOF; cut into (5) 5 3/4" squares.

3 1/2 yards of 42" backing fabric

- 2 strips 60" x WOF

OR

1 3/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 60" x 75"

Batting

- 1 piece 60" x 75"

Piecing the Blocks

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

1. Referring to the diagrams, center and sew a 4 5/8" black triangle to opposite sides of each 5 3/4" pink and purple dahlias square. Press seams toward the black triangles.
2. Center and stitch a black triangle to the remaining sides of each square to complete 5 each pink and purple 8" x 8" Diagonal blocks. Press seams toward the triangles.



Diagonal Block — Make 5 each pink and purple

3. Sew a 1 1/4" x 7 1/2" black strip to the left and right sides of each dahlia square. Press seams toward the strips. Trim strip ends even with the square, if necessary. Stitch a 1" x 8 3/4" black strip to the top and bottom of each square. Press seams toward the strips. Trim the framed squares to 8" x 8" with the dahlia motif centered to complete 10 Dahlia blocks.



Dahlia Block — Make 10

Completing the Quilt

Refer to the exploded quilt diagram throughout the following steps.

1. Join 2 pink Diagonal blocks, 1 purple Diagonal block and 2 Dahlia blocks to make the 8" x 38" left block strip. Press seams toward the panel squares. Stitch the strip to the left edge of the window panel rectangle. Press seam toward the panel rectangle.

2. Join 2 purple Diagonal blocks, 1 pink Diagonal block and 2 Dahlia blocks to make the right block strip. Press seams toward the panel squares. Sew the strip to the right edge of the window panel rectangle. Press seams toward the panel rectangle.

3. Join 1 each pink and purple Diagonal block with 3 Dahlia blocks to make the 8" x 38" top block row. Press seams toward the panel squares. Repeat to make the bottom block row, switching positions of the pink and purple blocks. Sew the rows to the top and bottom of the quilt center section to complete the 38" x 53" pieced center. Press seams toward the rows.

4. Sew the 1 1/4" x WOF black 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 pieced center and the 1 1/4" x 39 1/2" black strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.

5. Stitch the 2 1/2" x WOF orange dahlias strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into (2) 54 1/2" strips and (2) 43 1/2" strips. Sew the longer strips to the long sides of the quilt center and the shorter strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.



6. Repeat step 5 with the 1" x WOF black strips to complete the quilt top, cutting (2) 58 1/2" strips and (2) 44 1/2" 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 the edges to make a 60" x 75" backing piece. The seam will be side to side on the back of the quilt.

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

9. Join the black solid 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.