

Alpha Babies

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



49" x 63"

Skill Level: Confident Beginner**Finished Quilt Size:** 49" x 63"*Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing NOT recommended.*

Yardages and Cutting

WOF is 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.

Alpha Babies panel

- Trim to 22 1/2" x 36 1/2", keeping the red framing even.

Alpha Babies book panel

- Fussy-cut (4) 7 1/2" squares with a page centered in each.

1 1/4 yards border stripe

- Fussy-cut (4) 4 1/2" x LOF strips, centering an animal stripe in each strip. Trim to 2 strips each 36 1/2" and 22 1/2".

1/3 yard red dots

- 4 strips 1 3/4" x WOF; cut into 8 strips each 1 3/4" x 10" and 1 3/4" x 7 1/2".

1 yard blue alphabet

- 6 strips 4 1/2" x WOF for border.

1/2 yard light blue solid

- 6 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for border units.

3/8 yard royal blue solid

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

5/8 yard multicolor stripe

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

3 3/4 yards of 44/45" backing fabric OR

4 1/2 yards directional backing fabric

- 2 pieces 65" x WOF OR
- 2 pieces 79" x WOF directional fabric

OR

2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 65" x 79"

Batting

- 1 piece 65" x 79"

Piecing the Units

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

1. Sew 1 3/4" x 7 1/2" red strips to the sides of each book panel square. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch 1 3/4" x 10" strips to the top and bottom to complete (4) 10" x 10" corner units. Press seams toward the strips.



Corner Units — Make 4

2. Sew the light blue strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 4 strips each 36 1/2" and 22 1/2". Repeat with the royal blue strips. Stitch each light blue strip to a same-length royal blue strip to make 4 each 3 1/4" x 36 1/2" long border units and 3 1/4" x 22 1/2" short border units. Press seams toward the royal blue strips.



Border Units — Make 4 each long and short

Completing the Quilt

1. Referring to the diagram on the next page, sew the 36 1/2" border stripe strips lengthwise between 2 long border units to make (2) 10" x 36 1/2" side strips. Stitch to the sides of the panel. Press seams toward the strips.

2. Stitch the 22 1/2" border stripe strips lengthwise between 2 short border units. Press seams toward the strips. Add a corner unit to each end to make the 10" x 41 1/2" top/bottom strips. Press seams away from the corner units. Sew to the top and bottom of the panel section to complete the 41 1/2" x 55 1/2" quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.

3. Stitch the 4 1/2" x WOF blue alphabet strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 55 1/2" and 49 1/2". Sew the longer strips to the sides of the quilt center and the shorter strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

4. If using 44/45" 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 65" x 79" backing piece.

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

6. Join the multicolor stripe 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.

