

Graceful Swans

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



58" x 46"

*Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing recommended for hand dyes only.
Pre-washing NOT recommended for panel.*

Yardages and Cutting

WOF is 42" width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. Remove as little fabric as possible when removing selvages and squaring strip ends.

Graceful Swans panel

- Trim to 39 1/2" wide x 27 1/2" tall.

7/8 yard charcoal hand dye

- 4 strips 2" x WOF; trim to 2 strips each 39 1/2" and 30 1/2" for panel framing.
- 6 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

1/2 yard dark gray hand dye

- 4 strips 3 1/2" x WOF; cut into (48) 3 1/2" squares.

1 yard medium gray hand dye

- 4 strips 6 1/2" x WOF; cut into (48) 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles.
- 1 strip 3 1/2" x WOF; cut into (4) 3 1/2" squares.

5/8 yard light gray hand dye

- 5 strips 3 1/2" x WOF; cut into (4) 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles and (52) 3 1/2" squares.

1/2 yard light blue hand dye

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

3 5/8 yards 42" backing fabric

- 2 strips 62" x WOF

OR

1 3/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 74" x 62"

Batting

- 1 piece 74" x 62"

Piecing the Units

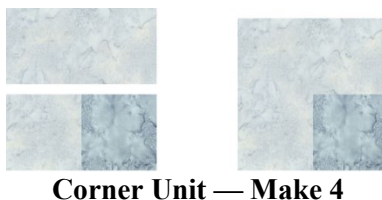
Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all stitching. Press seams as directed.

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of (48) 3 1/2" light gray squares and all the 3 1/2" dark gray squares.

2. Place a marked square right sides together on 1 end of a 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" medium gray rectangle. Sew on the line. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the light gray triangle open with seam toward the light gray (see pressing arrow). Repeat on the remaining end of the rectangle with a marked dark gray square to make (1) 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" A unit. Repeat to make 24 A units. Repeat to make 24 B units, changing the positioning of the diagonal lines and pressing seams toward the medium gray as shown.



3. Sew 3 1/2" light gray and medium gray squares together to make a 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" row. Press seam toward the medium gray square. Add a 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" light gray rectangle to complete (1) 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" corner unit. Press seam toward the rectangle. Repeat to make 4 corner units.



Completing the Quilt

1. Sew the 2" x 39 1/2" charcoal strips to the top and bottom of the panel. Press seams toward the strips. Add the 2" x 30 1/2" strips to the sides to complete the 42 1/2" x 30 1/2" framed panel. Press seams toward the strips.

2. Stitch 5 A units together on the long edges. Press seams to 1 side. Repeat with 5 B units. Join the pieced strips to complete (1) 6 1/2" x 30 1/2" side strip. Press seam open. Repeat to make a second side strip. Sew the strips to the sides of the framed panel. Press seams toward the framed panel.

3. Sew 7 A units together on the long edges. Press seams to 1 side. Repeat with 7 B units. Join the pieced strips and add a corner unit to each end to complete the 6 1/2" x 54 1/2" top row. Press seam open in the center and toward the corner units. Repeat to make the bottom row. Stitch the rows to the top and bottom of the panel section. Press seams toward the panel section.

4. Stitch the 2 1/2" x WOF light blue strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 58 1/2" and 42 1/2". Sew the 42 1/2" strips to the sides of the panel center and the 58 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

5. 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 the 74" x 62" backing piece.

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

7. Join the charcoal 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.

