

Sleeping Under the Stars

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



64" x 51"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Quilt Size: 64" x 51"

*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 width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. Remove as little fabric as possible when removing selvages and squaring strip ends.

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- Trim to 41 1/2" wide x 28 1/2" tall.

7/8 yard black solid

- 6 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for outer border.
- 4 strips 2" x WOF; trim to 2 strips each 41 1/2" and 31 1/2" for panel framing.

1/2 yard caramel hand dye

- 1 strip 4 1/2" x WOF; cut into (16) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles.
- 4 strips 1 1/2" x WOF for border units.

1/2 yard brown texture

- 1 strip 2 7/8" x WOF; cut into (8) 2 7/8" squares, then cut in half diagonally to make 16 triangles.
- 1 strip 2 1/2" x WOF; cut into (16) 2 1/2" squares.
- 4 strips 1 1/2" x WOF for border units.

5/8 yard gray/tan hand dye

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

1 1/4 yards cream hand dye

- 4 strips 3 1/2" x WOF for border units.
- 1 strip 2 7/8" x WOF; cut into (8) 2 7/8" squares, then cut in half diagonally to make 16 triangles.
- 4 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for border units.
- 2 strips 2 1/2" x WOF; cut into (32) 2 1/2" squares.
- 4 strips 1 1/2" x WOF for border units.
- 1 strip 1 1/2" x WOF; cut into (16) 1 1/2" squares.

3 7/8 yards 44/45" backing fabric

- 2 strips 67" x WOF

OR

2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 80" x 67"

Batting

- 1 piece 67" x 80"

Piecing the Blocks & Border Strips

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

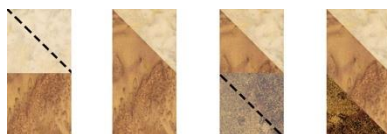
1. Sew 2 7/8" brown and cream triangles together on the long edges to make a 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" triangle unit. Press seam toward the brown triangle. Repeat to make 16 triangle units.



Triangle Unit — Make 16

2. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 1 1/2" cream squares, 2 1/2" brown squares and (16) 2 1/2" cream squares.

3. Place a marked 2 1/2" cream square right sides together on 1 end of a 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" caramel rectangle. Sew on the line. Trim 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the cream triangle open. Repeat on the remaining end of the rectangle with a marked brown square to make (1) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" angled unit. Repeat to make 8 units. Repeat to make 8 reverse (R) angled units, changing positioning of the angled seams as shown.



Angled Unit — Make 8



Reverse Angled Unit — Make 8

4. Stitch an unmarked 2 1/2" cream square to 1 brown edge of a triangle unit to make a 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" strip. Press seam toward the square. Sew to an angled unit to complete (1) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" quarter unit. Press seam toward the angled unit. Repeat to make 8 quarter units. Repeat with reverse angled units to make 8 reverse quarter units.



Quarter Unit — Make 8



Reverse Quarter Unit — Make 8

5. Join 2 quarter units to make a 4 1/2" x 8 1/2" row. Press seam to the brown side. Repeat to make a second row. Join the rows to complete (1) 8 1/2" x 8 1/2" Star block. Press seam open. Repeat to make a second block. Repeat with reverse quarter units to make 2 Reverse Star blocks.



Star Block — Make 2



Reverse Star Block — Make 2

6. Sew the 1 1/2" x WOF brown strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to 1 side. Cut into 2 strips each 31 1/2" and 44 1/2", cutting the shorter strips first. Repeat with 1 1/2" x WOF caramel strips. Repeat with 3 1/2" x WOF, 2 1/2" x WOF and 1 1/2" x WOF cream strips.

7. Repeat step 3 with the marked 1 1/2" cream squares on the ends of the brown and tan strips to make 2 each long and short border strips of each color.



Border Strips — Make 2 each long & short of each color

Completing the Quilt

Refer to the exploded quilt diagram on the next page throughout the following steps.

1. Stitch the 2" x 41 1/2" black strips to the top and bottom of the panel. Press seams toward the strips. Repeat with the 2" x 31 1/2" strips on the sides to complete the 44 1/2" x 31 1/2" framed panel.

2. To make the side border units, stitch a 1 1/2" x 31 1/2" cream strip to the brown/cream edge of a short brown border strip. Press seam toward the cream strip. Add a 3 1/2" x 31 1/2" cream strip, a short caramel border strip and then a 2 1/2" x 31 1/2" cream strip to complete an 8 1/2" x 31 1/2" side border unit. Press seams toward the cream strips. Repeat to make a second side border unit.

3. Sew the side border units to the sides of the framed panel. Press seams toward the border units.

4. Repeat step 2 with long border strips and 44 1/2" cream strips to make (2) 8 1/2" x 44 1/2" border units **except** switch positions of the brown and caramels border strips as shown in the exploded quilt diagram.

5. Stitch a Star block to 1 end of each border unit and a Reverse Star block to the remaining end to make (2) 8 1/2" x 60 1/2" top/bottom borders. Press seams toward the border units.

6. Sew the borders to the top and bottom of the framed panel to complete the 60 1/2" x 47 1/2" quilt center. Press seams toward the borders.

7. Stitch the 2 1/2" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 64 1/2" and 47 1/2". Sew the 47 1/2" strips to the sides of the quilt center and the 64 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

8. 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 80" x 67" backing piece.

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

10. Join the gray/tan 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.

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

