

Beneath the Waves

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



53 1/2" x 65 1/2"

Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing NOT recommended.

Yardages and Cutting

WOF is width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. Apply a heavy coat of spray starch or spray stabilizer to the fish and shell prints and press dry before cutting.

2 Beneath the Waves panels as continuous yardage (1 1/3 yards)

- Select the section to be featured. Cut (1) 30 1/2" x 42 1/2" rectangle.

1 1/2 yards rainbow coral

- 3 strips 4 1/2" x WOF; cut into 2 each 4 1/2" x 24 1/2" and 4 1/2" x 12 1/2" strips and (8) 4 1/2" squares.
- 6 strips 1 1/4" x WOF for outer border.
- 7 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

3/4 yard fish print

- 1 strip 9 7/8" x WOF; cut into (6) 4 1/2" wide x 9 7/8" tall rectangles. Recut remainder of strip into (2) 4 1/2" x remaining WOF strips. Cut into (2) 9 7/8" wide x 4 1/2" tall rectangles.
- 1 strip 4 1/2" x WOF; cut into (4) 9 7/8" wide x 4 1/2" tall rectangles.

1/2 yard shell print

- 3 strips 4 1/2" x WOF; cut into (12) 4 1/2" x 9 7/8" rectangles.

1 3/4 yards light blue texture

- 2 strips 5 7/8" x WOF; cut into (12) 5 7/8" squares, then cut in half diagonally to make 24 triangles.
- 2 strips 4 1/2" x WOF; cut into (16) 4 1/2" squares.
- 2 strips 5 1/2" x WOF; cut into 2 each 5 1/2" x 24 1/2" and 5 1/2" x 12 1/2" strips.
- 6 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for inner border.

4 yards of 42" backing fabric OR

4 5/8 yards of 42" directional backing fabric

- 2 strips 69" x WOF OR
- 2 strips 81" x WOF for directional fabric

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2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 69" x 81"

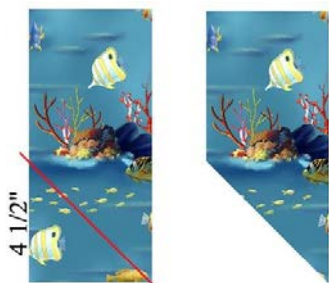
Batting

- 1 piece 69" x 81"

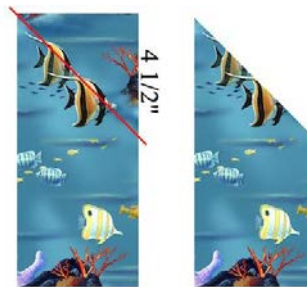
Piecing the Blocks

Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all stitching. Press all seams as directed. Label all pieces and units with the letters or numbers given in the steps.

1. Stack (3) 4 1/2" wide x 9 7/8" tall fish rectangles right side up on your cutting mat with all edges aligned. Measure and mark 4 1/2" up from the bottom left corner. Trim from the mark to the bottom right corner to make 3 AH pieces.



AH Pieces — Trim 3



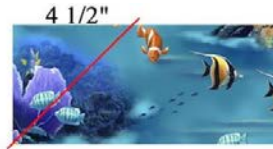
DF pieces — Trim 3

2. Repeat with the 3 remaining 4 1/2" wide x 9 7/8" tall fish rectangles, marking 4 1/2" down from the top right corner and cutting to the top left corner to make 3 DF pieces.

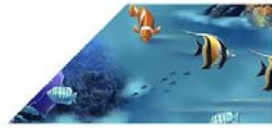
3. Repeat with (3) 9 7/8" wide x 4 1/2" tall fish rectangles, marking 4 1/2" over from the bottom right corner and cutting to the top right corner to make 3 BG pieces. Repeat with the 3 remaining fish rectangles, marking 4 1/2" over from the top left corner and cutting to the bottom left corner to make 3 CE pieces.



BG Pieces — Trim 3



CE Pieces — Trim 3



4. Stack (4) shell rectangles, measure over 4 1/2" from the top right corner and cut to the bottom right corner to make 4 shell pieces. Repeat to make 12 shell pieces.



Shell Pieces — Trim 12



5. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 4 1/2" coral and each 4 1/2" light blue square.

6. Place a marked light blue square right sides together on the top right corner of an A fish piece. Sew on the marked line. Trim 1/4" out from the stitched line. Press the light blue triangle open. Stitch a light blue triangle to the left edge of the fish piece to complete 1 A unit. Press seam toward the triangle. Repeat to make a second A unit. Repeat with the remaining AH piece using a marked coral square to make 1 H unit as shown.

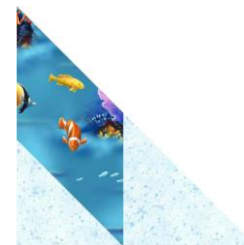


A Unit — Make 2



H Unit — Make 1

7. Repeat with the DF pieces to make 2 D units and 1 F unit, sewing a marked light blue or coral square to the bottom left corner of each piece and the light blue triangles to the bottom right edge.

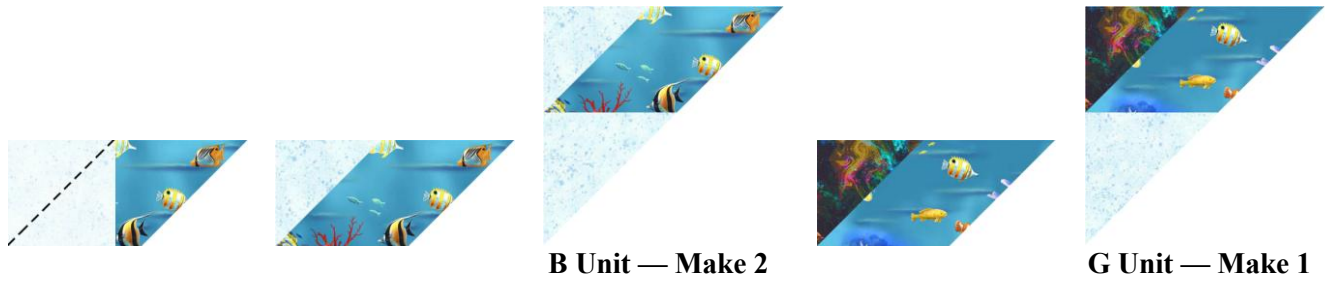


D Unit — Make 2

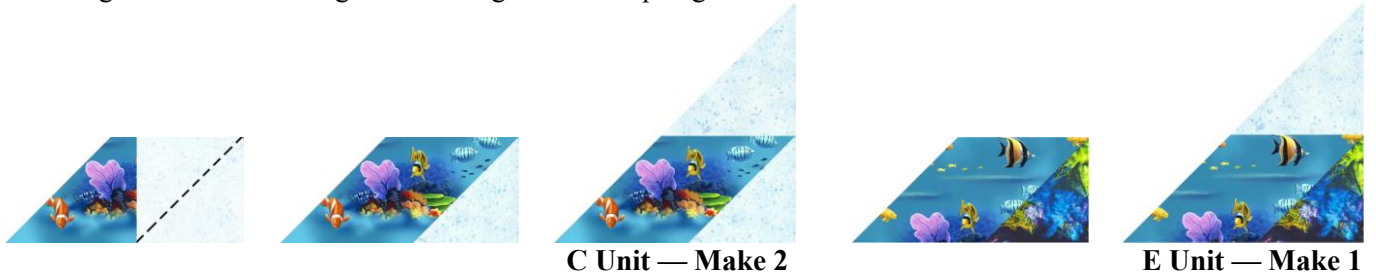


F Unit — Make 1

8. Referring to the diagrams, repeat with the BG pieces to make 2 B units and 1 G unit, sewing a marked light blue or coral square to the left top corner and the light blue triangles to the bottom edge.



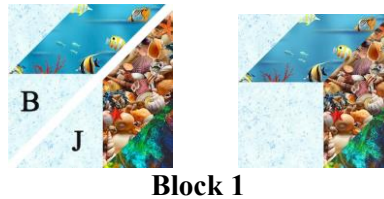
9. Repeat with the CE pieces to make 2 C units and 1 E unit, sewing a marked light blue or coral square to the bottom right corner and the light blue triangles to the top edge.



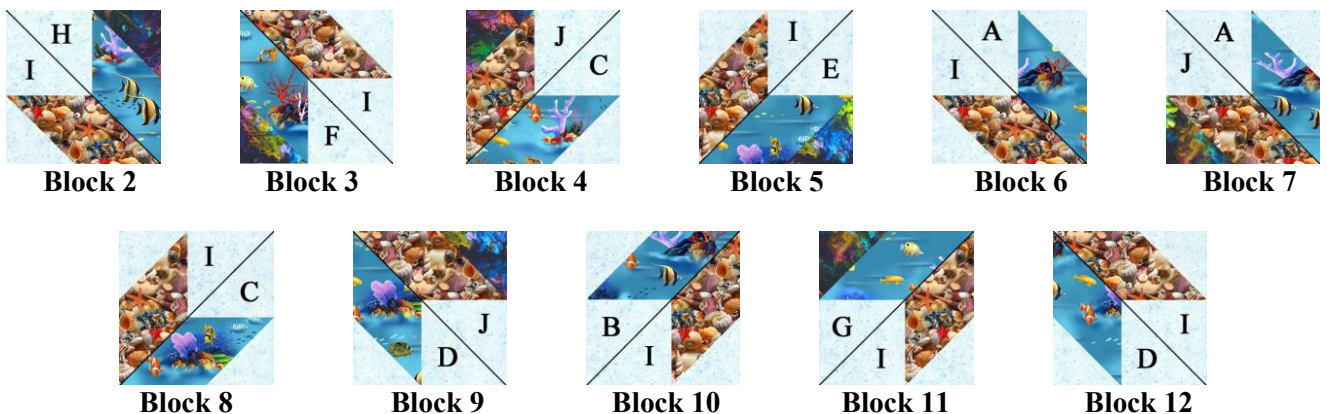
10. In the same manner, sew a marked light blue square to the untrimmed end of 8 shell pieces and light blue triangles to an adjacent edge to make 8 I units. Repeat with marked coral squares and the remaining shell pieces to make 4 J units.



11. Sew a B unit to a J unit on the long edges to make the 9 1/2" x 9 1/2" Block 1. Press seam toward the fish unit.



12. Repeat to make Blocks 2–12 paying careful attention to the fish and shell units used and labeling each Block when finished.



Completing the Quilt

Refer to the Exploded Quilt Diagram as needed throughout the following steps.

1. Stitch a 5 1/2" x 24 1/2" light blue strip to a 4 1/2" x 24 1/2" coral strip to make a 9 1/2" x 24 1/2" side strip unit. Press seam toward the coral strip. Repeat to make a second side strip unit. Repeat with 5 1/2" x 12 1/2" and 4 1/2" x 12 1/2" strips to make (2) 9 1/2" x 12 1/2" top/bottom strip units.
2. Sew Block 1 to the top end of a side strip unit and Block 2 to the bottom end to make the 9 1/2" x 42 1/2" left pieced border. Press seams toward the side strip unit. Repeat with Block 3 on the top end of the remaining side strip unit and Block 4 on the bottom end to make the right pieced border. Stitch the pieced borders to the long sides of the large center rectangle. Press seams toward the rectangle.
3. Stitch Block 5 and then Block 6 to the left end of the top strip unit and Block 7 and then Block 8 to the right end to make the 9 1/2" x 48 1/2" top pieced border. Press seams away from Blocks 5 and 7. Repeat to make the bottom pieced border using Blocks 9 and 10 on the left end and Blocks 11 and 12 on the right end. Sew the pieced borders to the top and bottom of the center section to complete the 48 1/2" x 60 1/2" quilt center. Press seams toward the center section.
4. Sew 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) 60 1/2" strips and (2) 52 1/2" strips. Stitch 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.
5. Repeat step 4 with the 1 1/4" x WOF rainbow coral strips to complete the quilt top, cutting (2) 64 1/2" strips and (2) 54" strips.
6. 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 69" x 81" backing piece.
7. Layer the top with the backing and batting pieces. Quilt as desired. Trim batting and backing even with the top.
8. Join the rainbow coral 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.
9. Bind the quilt edges using your favorite method to complete the quilt.



Exploded Quilt Diagram