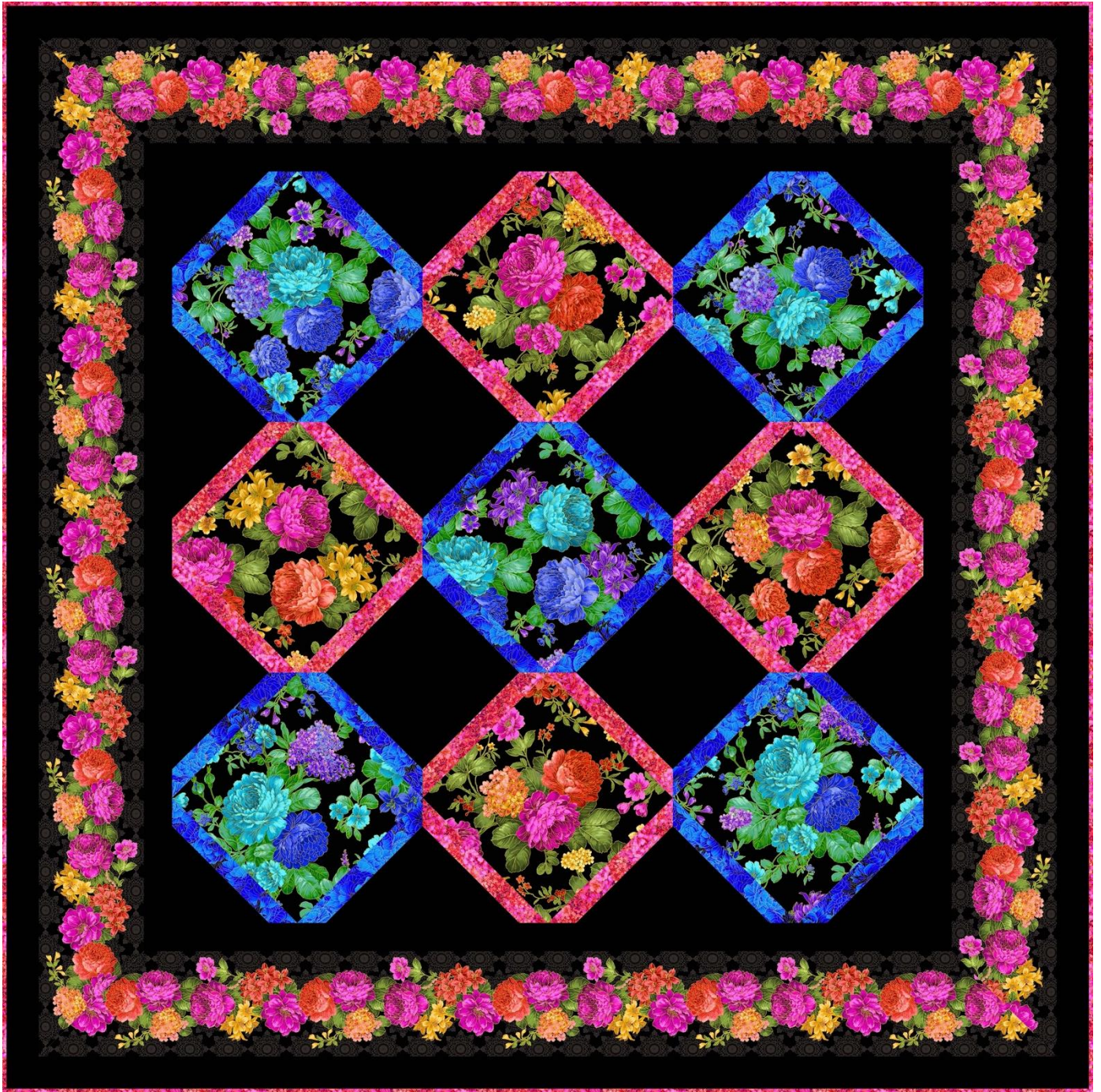


Opulent Floral

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



67" x 67"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Quilt Size: 67" x 67"

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 removing selvages and squaring strip ends.

1 yard large blue floral

1 yard large pink floral

Apply a heavy coat of spray starch or spray stabilizer to the wrong side of each fabric and press dry before cutting.

- Fussy-cut (5) 11 1/2" squares from the blue floral, centering a group of flowers in each square.
- Fussy-cut (4) 11 1/2" squares from the pink floral, centering a group of flowers in each square.

2 yards border stripe

- Fussy-cut 4 strips 7" x LOF, beginning 1/8" out from the black background on 1 edge of a floral stripe as shown and then cutting 7" over from there. Trim strips to 68".



7/8 yard blue flowers

- 3 strips 8 5/8" x WOF; cut into (10) 8 5/8" squares.

1 1/8 yards pink flowers

- 2 strips 8 5/8" x WOF; cut into (8) 8 5/8" squares.
- 8 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

2 1/4 yards black solid

- 6 strips 6 1/2" x WOF; cut into (36) 6 1/2" squares.
- 7 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for outer border.
- 5 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for inner border.

4 3/4 yards 44/45" backing fabric

- 2 strips 83" x WOF

OR

2 1/2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 83" x 83"

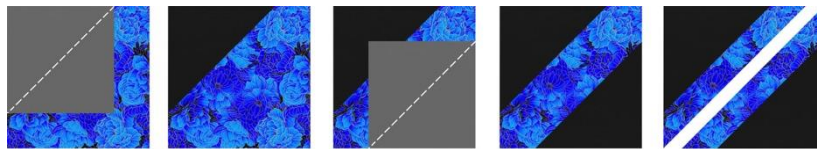
Batting

- 1 piece 83" x 83"

Piecing the Blocks

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 the 6 1/2" black squares.
2. Place a marked square right sides together on 1 corner of each 8 5/8" blue flowers square. Sew on the line. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the black triangle over with seam allowance toward the triangle. Repeat on the opposite corner of the blue squares. Cut the blue squares in half on the unpieced diagonal to make 20 blue corner triangles.



Blue Corner Triangles — Make 20

3. Repeat step 2 with the remaining marked black squares and the 8 5/8" pink flowers squares to make 16 pink corner triangles **except** press seams toward the pink flowers squares.



Pink Corner Triangles — Make 16

4. Fold each large blue and pink floral square in half with right sides together and in half again. Finger-press the folds to crease the center of each side. Fold each corner triangle in half with wrong sides together from the square corner to the long side. Finger-press the fold to crease the center of the long side.

5. Center and sew a blue corner triangle to opposite sides of each large blue floral square, pinning at the matched center creases and at each end of the triangles to prevent stretching. Press seams toward the corner triangles. Repeat on the remaining sides of each square to complete (5) 16" x 16" Blue blocks.

6. Repeat step 5 with the pink corner triangles and the large pink floral squares to make 4 Pink blocks **except** press seams toward the large pink floral squares.



Blue Block — Make 5



Pink Block — Make 4

Completing the Quilt

1. Sew a Pink block between 2 Blue blocks to make the 16" x 47" top row. Press seams toward the Pink block. Repeat to make the bottom row.

2. Stitch the remaining Blue block between 2 Pink blocks to make the center row. Press seams toward the Pink blocks.

3. Sew the center row between the top and bottom rows to complete the 47" x 47" quilt center. Press seams in one direction.

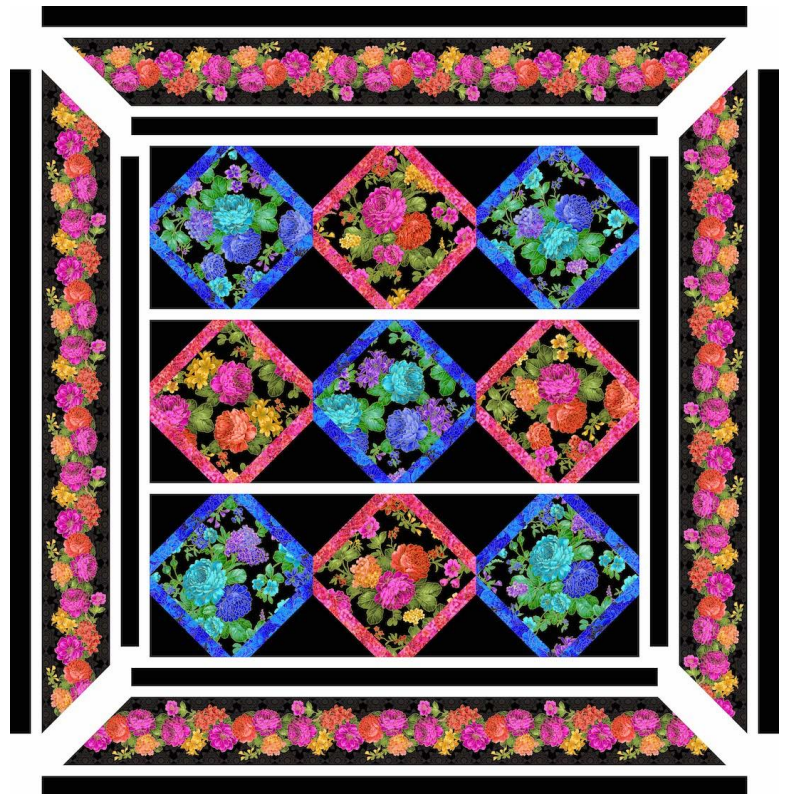
4. Stitch the 2 1/4" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 47" and 50 1/2". Sew the shorter strips to the sides of the quilt center and the longer strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.

5. Center and sew the border stripe strips to the sides of the quilt center, beginning, ending and locking stitches 1/4" from the corners of the panel center. Repeat on the top and bottom. Miter corners using your favorite method, checking to be sure that all corners lie flat. Trim mitered corner seams to 1/4" and press open. Press border seams toward the border strips.

6. Repeat step 4 with the 2 1/2" x WOF black strips to complete the top, cutting 2 strips each 63 1/2" and 67 1/2".

7. 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 83" x 83" backing piece.

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



9. Join the pink flowers 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.
10. Bind the quilt edges using your favorite method to complete the quilt.