

Patriotic Watercolor

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



63" x 80"

Skill Level: Confident Beginner**Finished Quilt Size:** 63" x 80"*Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing NOT recommended.*

Yardages and Cutting

WOF is 42" 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.

1 Patriot panel

- Trim to 22 1/2" x 39 1/2" keeping scene centered.

1 3/4 yards large ombre print

- 2 strips 9" x WOF; trim to 42 1/2" for side borders.
- 1 strip 9" x remaining LOF from light edge and 1 strip 9" x LOF from dark edge; trim to 42 1/2" for top and bottom borders.

1 1/2 yards dark blue tonal

- 4 strips 2" x WOF; trim to (2) 2" x 25 1/2" and (2) 2" x 39 1/2" panel framing strips.
- 6 strips 2" x WOF for middle border.
- 7 strips 3 1/2" x WOF for outer border.

1 1/2 yards ombre stripe print

- 8 strips 6 1/2" x WOF for borders.

3/4 yard light blue print

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

5 1/2 yards of 42" backing fabric

- 2 strips 95" x WOF

OR**2 1/4 yards wide backing fabric**

- 1 piece 78" x 95"

Batting

- 1 piece 78" x 95"

Completing the Quilt

Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all piecing. Press seams as directed. Refer to the exploded quilt diagram as needed.

1. Sew the 2" x 39 1/2" dark blue tonal strips to the long sides of the panel. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch the 2" x 25 1/2" dark blue tonal strips to the top and bottom of the panel. Press seams toward the strips.
2. Sew the 9" x 42 1/2" side border ombre print strips to the long sides of the framed panel, as shown. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch the 9" x 42 1/2" light ombre print strip to the top of the framed panel and the dark ombre print strip to the bottom. Press seams toward the strips. Note: the light and dark ombre print strips may blend better with the side ombre print strips if they are turned 180 degrees.
3. Sew the (6) 2" x WOF dark blue tonal strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 45 1/2" and 59 1/2". Sew the 2" x 59 1/2" dark blue tonal strips to the long sides of the panel. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch the 2" x 45 1/2" dark blue tonal strips to the top and bottom of the panel. Press seams toward the strips.
4. Sew the 6 1/2" x WOF ombre stripe strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 62 1/2" and 79 1/2".
5. Center and sew the 79 1/2" ombre stripe strips to the sides of the framed panel, beginning, ending and locking stitches 1/4" from the corners of the framed panel. Repeat with 62 1/2" strips on the top and bottom. Miter corners using your favorite method, checking to be sure that all corners lie flat and stripe sections match. Trim mitered corner seams to 1/4" and press open. Press border seams toward the ombre stripe strips.
6. Sew the 3 1/2" x WOF dark blue tonal strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 63 1/2" and 74 1/2". Stitch the longer strips to the sides of the quilt center and the shorter strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.

7. 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 a 78" x 95" 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 light blue print 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.



Exploded Quilt Diagram