

# Owls of Australia

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 trimming selvages and squaring strip ends.

### 1 yard blue owls print

#### 3/4 yard brown owls print

Apply a heavy coat of spray starch or spray stabilizer to the wrong side of each fabric and press dry before cutting. Prepare a 9"-square template.

- From the blue owls print, fussy-cut (8) 9" squares, placing the template on point on the fabric and including several owls in each square.
- In the same manner, cut (5) 9" squares from the brown owls print.

### 1/2 yard red flying owls print

#### 1/4 yard blue flying owls print

Apply a heavy coat of spray starch or spray stabilizer to the wrong side of each fabric and press dry before cutting. Trim the 9"-square template down to make a 4 3/4"-square template.

- From the red flying owls print, fussy-cut (8) 4 3/4" sashing squares, placing the template on point on the fabric and centering a flying owl in each square.
- In the same manner, cut (4) 4 3/4" sashing squares from the blue flying owls print.

### 1 1/2 yards blue wavy stripe

- Fussy-cut 6 identical 5 1/2" x LOF strips.

### 1 yard brown stone

- 9 strips 2 3/4" x WOF.

### 2/3 yard multicolor dots

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

### 2 1/4 yards black solid

- 1 strip 7 1/4" x WOF; cut into (2) 7 1/4" squares and (2) 2 3/8" squares. Cut the 7 1/4" squares twice diagonally to make 8 edge triangles. Cut the 2 3/8" squares in half diagonally to make 4 corner triangles.
- 7 strips 3 1/2" x WOF for outer border.
- 5 strips 2" x WOF for inner border.
- 17 strips 1 1/2" x WOF.

### 4 3/4 yards of 44/45" backing fabric

- 2 pieces 83" x WOF

### OR

### 2 1/2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 83" x 83"

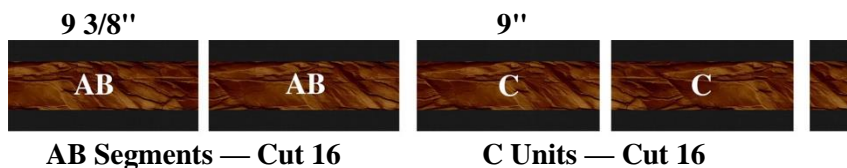
### Batting

- 1 piece 83" x 83"

## Piecing the Units

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

1. Sew a 2 3/4" x WOF brown stone strip lengthwise between (2) 1 1/2" x WOF black strips to make a 4 3/4" x WOF strip set. Press seams toward the black strips. Repeat to make 8 strip sets. Crosscut the strip sets into 16 each 9 3/8" AB segments and 9" C units.

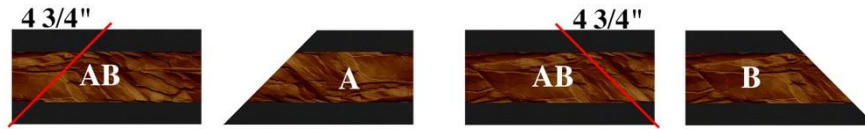


2. Referring to the diagram on the next page, stitch the remaining 2 3/4" x WOF brown and 1 1/2" x WOF black strips lengthwise together to make a 3 3/4" x WOF strip set. Crosscut the strip set into (4) 9 3/4" D segments.



**D Segments — Cut 4**

3. Measure and mark  $4\frac{3}{4}$ " over from the top left corner of an AB segment. Cut from the mark to the bottom left corner to make 1 A unit. Repeat to make 8 A units. Repeat with the remaining AB segments to make 8 B units **except** measure and mark  $4\frac{3}{4}$ " over from the top right corner and cut from the mark to the bottom right corner as shown.



**A & B Units — Make 8 of each**

4. Measure and mark  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " over from the top left and right corners of the D segments. Cut from the marks to the bottom left and right corners as shown. Center and sew a black corner triangle to the top edge of each segment to make (4)  $6\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $6\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $9\frac{3}{4}$ " D units.



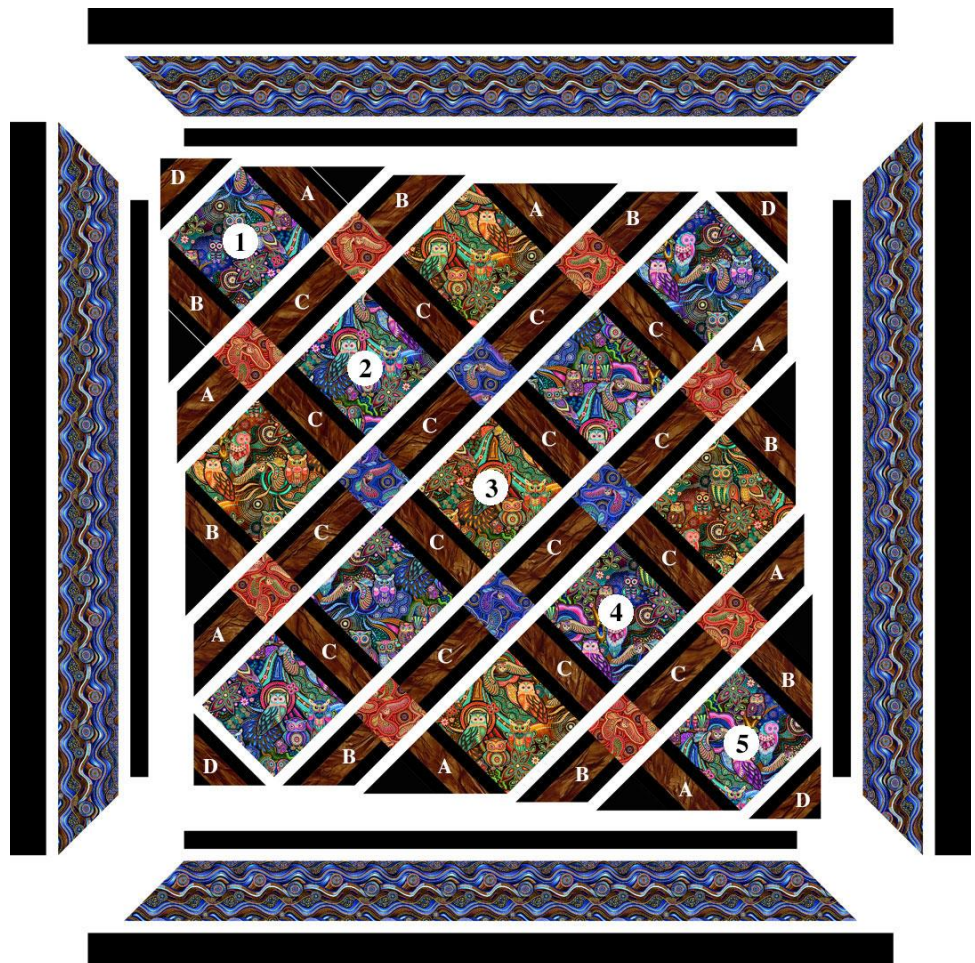
**D Unit — Make 4**

5. Stay-stitch  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the trimmed edge of each A, B and D unit to stabilize the bias edges.

## Completing the Quilt

1. Sew a large blue owl square between A and B units and add black edge triangles to the ends to make diagonal row 1. Gently press seams toward the square and triangles to avoid stretching the bias edges. Repeat to make diagonal row 5, changing positions of the A and B units as shown.

2. Stitch 2 large brown owl squares and 1 large blue owl square alternately together with 2 C units. Gently press seams toward the squares. Add A and B units and then black edge triangles to the ends to make diagonal row 2. Gently press seams toward the squares and triangles. Repeat to make diagonal row 4, changing positions of the A and B units.



3. Sew 4 large blue owl squares and 1 large brown owl square alternately together with 4 C units to complete diagonal row 3. Gently press seams toward the squares.
4. Stitch 2 red sashing squares together with 1 each A, B and C unit to make a short sashing row. Gently press seams toward the squares. Repeat to make a second short sashing row, changing positions of the A and B units.
5. Sew 2 each red and blue sashing squares together with 1 each A and B unit and 3 C units to make a long sashing row. Gently press seams toward the squares. Repeat to make a second long sashing row, changing positions of the A and B units.
6. Stitch the diagonal rows alternately together with the sashing rows. Press seams toward the sashing rows. Add the D units to the angled corners to complete the 48 1/2" x 48 1/2" quilt center. Gently press seams toward the D units.
7. Sew the 2" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 51 1/2" and 48 1/2". Stitch the shorter strips to the sides of the quilt center and the longer strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.
8. Stitch the wavy stripe strips short ends together to make a long strip, matching the stripe at the seams as much as possible. Press seams to one side. Cut into (4) 66" strips.
9. Center and sew stripe strips to the sides of the quilt center, beginning, ending and locking stitches 1/4" from the corners of the quilt center. Repeat on the top and bottom. Miter corners using your favorite method, checking to be sure that all corners lie flat and matching the stripe at the seams as much as possible. Trim mitered corner seams to 1/4" and press open. Press border seams toward the border strips.
10. Repeat step 7 with the 3 1/2" x WOF black strips to complete the top, cutting 2 strips each 61 1/2" and 67 1/2".
11. 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.
12. Layer the top with the backing and batting pieces. Quilt as desired. Trim batting and backing even with the top.
13. Join the multicolor dot 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.