

# The Cat's Meow

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



60" x 74½"

**Skill Level:** Intermediate**Finished Quilt Size:** 60" x 74 1/2"

*Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing recommended for hand dye only.  
Pre-washing NOT recommended for other fabrics.*

## Yardages and Cutting

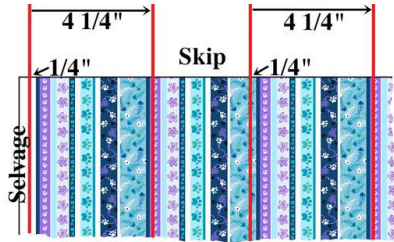
*WOF is width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. LOF is length of fabric, parallel to the selvage edges.  
Remove as little fabric as possible when trimming selvages and squaring strip ends.*

### 2 The Cat's Meow panels

- Fussy-cut (12) 11" x 11" squares, keeping the aqua framing even all around.

### 1 1/2 yards border stripe

- Place the fabric with the navy/purple edge on the left. Cut (1) 4 1/4" x LOF strip, beginning 1/4" to the left of the navy stripe as shown and then cutting 4 1/4" to the right. Repeat to cut 6 strips. Note that you will skip almost all of a stripe section between strips.



### 1 yard purple flowers

- 5 strips 1 3/4" x WOF; cut into (44) 1 3/4" x 3" rectangles and (32) 1 3/4" squares.
- 8 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

### 1/4 yard aqua cat print

- Fussy-cut (6) 3" squares, centering a cat in each.

### 7/8 yard lavender hand dye

- 1 strip 12 1/2" x WOF; cut into (14) 1 3/4" x 12 1/2" strips. Trim remainder of strip to 10" x 17"; cut into (3) 3" x 10" rectangles and (20) 1 3/4" squares.
- 1 strip 10" x WOF; cut into (14) 3" x 10" rectangles.
- 2 strips 1 3/4" x WOF; cut into (48) 1 3/4" squares.

### 2 yards white tonal

- 1 strip 12 1/2" x WOF; cut into (24) 1 1/4" x 12 1/2" strips.
- 1 strip 11" x WOF; cut into (24) 1 1/4" x 11" strips.
- 7 strips 3 1/4" x WOF for outer border.
- 6 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for inner border.

### 5 1/8 yards 44/45" backing fabric

- 2 strips 90" x WOF.

### OR

### 2 1/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 76" x 90"

### Batting

- 1 piece 76" x 90"

## Piecing the Units

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

1. Sew 1 1/4" x 11" white strips to left and right sides of each panel square. Press seams toward the strips. Add 1 1/4" x 12 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete (12) 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" panel units. Press seams toward the strips.



**Panel Unit — Make 12**

2. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of all 1 3/4" lavender squares and (28) 1 3/4" purple flowers squares.



3. Place a marked lavender square right sides together on 1 end of a purple flowers rectangle. Sew on the line. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press open with seam allowance toward the triangle. Repeat on the remaining end of the rectangle to complete (1) 1 3/4" x 3" triangle unit. Repeat to make 34 units.



**Triangle Unit — Make 34**

4. Stitch triangle units to the ends of a 3" x 10" lavender rectangle to make (1) 3" x 12 1/2" sashing unit. Press seams toward the rectangle. Repeat to make 17 units.



**Sashing Unit — Make 17**

5. Repeat step 3 with marked purple flowers squares on the ends of the 1 3/4" x 12 1/2" lavender strips to make (14) 1 3/4" x 12 1/2" border units.



**Border Unit — Make 14**

## Completing the Quilt

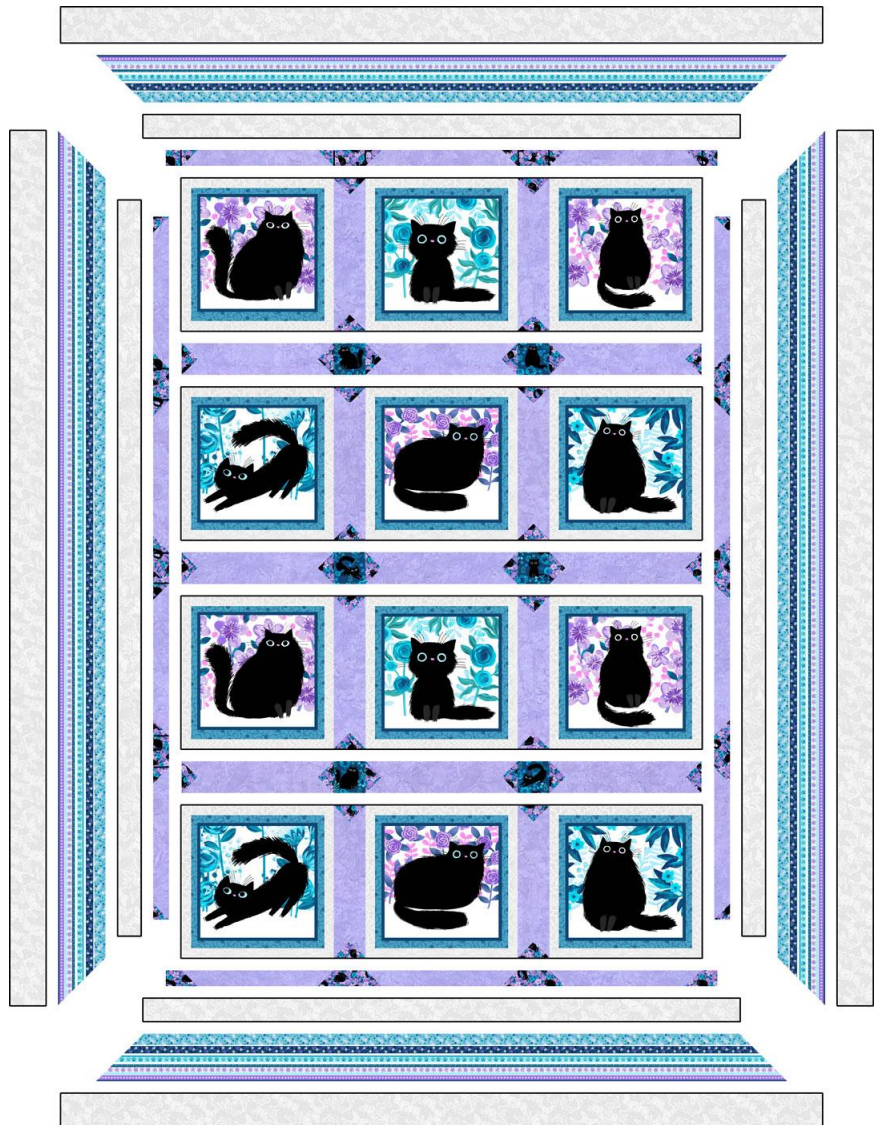
1. Stitch 3 panel units together with 2 sashing units to make (1) 12 1/2" x 41 1/2" panel row. Press seams toward the panel units. Repeat to make 4 panel rows.

2. Sew 3 sashing units together with 2 aqua cat squares to make (1) 3" x 41 1/2" sashing row. Press seams toward the squares. Repeat to make 3 sashing rows.

3. Join the panel rows and sashing rows to complete the 41 1/2" x 56" quilt center. Press seams toward the panel rows.

4. Stitch 4 border units together with 3 purple flowers rectangles to make the 1 3/4" x 56" left strip. Press seams toward the rectangles. Repeat to make the right strip. Sew to the sides of the quilt center. Press seams toward the quilt center.

5. Sew 3 border units together with 2 purple flowers rectangles and add purple flowers squares to the ends to make the 1 3/4" x 44" top strip. Press seams away from the border units. Repeat to make the bottom strip. Stitch the strips to the top and bottom of the quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.



6. Stitch the 2 1/4" x WOF white strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 58 1/2" and 47 1/2". Stitch the longer strips to the sides of the quilt center and the shorter strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.
7. Sew the border stripe strips short ends together to make a long strip, matching the stripe at each seam. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 74" and 59".
8. Center and sew the 74" strips to the long sides of the quilt center, beginning, ending and locking stitches 1/4" from the corners of the quilt center. Repeat with the 59" strips on the top and bottom. Miter corners using your favorite method, checking to be sure that all corners lie flat and the stripe sections match. Trim mitered corner seams to 1/4" and press open. Press border seams toward the border strips.
9. Repeat step 6 with the 3 1/4" x WOF white strips to complete the top, cutting 2 strips each 69 1/2" and 60 1/2".
10. 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 seams open. Trim to make the 76" x 90" backing piece.
11. Layer the quilt top with the backing and batting pieces. Quilt as desired. Trim batting and backing even with the top.
12. Join the purple 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. Bind the quilt edges using your favorite method to complete the quilt.