

Night Owls

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



61 1/2" x 61 1/2"

Skill Level: Confident Beginner**Finished Quilt Size:** 61 1/2" x 61 1/2"

*Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing recommended for hand dyes 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 Night Owls squares panels

- Fussy-cut (9) 10" squares, keeping the mauve edging even all around.

5/8 yard gray hand dye

- 2 strips 5 1/4" x WOF; cut into (12) 5 1/4" squares, then cut twice diagonally to make 48 triangles.
 - Trim remainder of second strip to 4 1/2" x 21"; cut into (8) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles.
- 1 strip 4 1/2" x WOF; cut into (16) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles.

1 3/4 yards mauve tonal

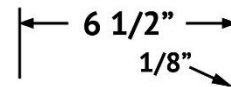
- 2 strips 5 1/4" x WOF; cut into (12) 5 1/4" squares, then cut twice diagonally to make 48 triangles.
 - Trim remainder of second strip to 4 1/2" x 21"; cut into (8) 2" x 4 1/2" rectangles.
- 2 strips 4 1/2" x WOF; cut into (4) 4 1/2" squares, (8) 4" x 4 1/2" rectangles, (4) 2" x 4 1/2" rectangles and (4) 4" squares.
- 3 strips 2 1/2" x WOF; cut into (48) 2 1/2" squares.
- 1 strip 2" x WOF; cut into (12) 2" x 2 1/2" rectangles.
- 3 strips 2" x WOF; cut into (12) 2" x 10" strips.
- 6 strips 3 1/2" x WOF for outer border.

5/8 yard dark brown hand dye

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

1 3/4 yards border stripe

- Fussy-cut (4) 6 1/2" x LOF strips, beginning 1/8" over from the bottom of the mauve stripe and then cutting 6 1/2" over from there as shown. Trim to (4) 61" strips.



4 1/2 yards 44/45" backing fabric

- 2 strips 77" x WOF

OR

2 1/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 77" x 77"

Batting

- 1 piece 77" x 77"

Piecing the Units

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 (48) 2 1/2" mauve squares.
2. Place a marked square right sides together on 1 end of each 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" gray rectangle. Sew on the line. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the triangle open with seam toward the triangle. Repeat on the remaining end of the rectangles to complete (24) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" geese units.



Geese Unit — Make 24

3. Referring to the diagram below, sew a 2" x 2 1/2" mauve rectangle between 2 geese units to make a 2 1/2" x 10" strip. Press seams toward the rectangle. Add a 2" x 10" mauve strip to 1 long edge to complete (1) 4" x 10" edge unit. Press seam toward the strip. Repeat to make 12 edge units.



Edge Unit — Make 12

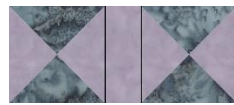
4. Stitch 5 1/4" mauve and gray triangles together on 1 short edge to make a 4 7/8" x 4 7/8" x 6 7/8" pieced triangle. Press seam to the gray side. Repeat to make 48 pieced triangles.

5. Join 2 pieced triangles to make (1) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" hourglass unit. Press seam open. Repeat to make 24 hourglass units.



Hourglass Unit — Make 24

6. Sew a 2" x 4 1/2" mauve rectangle between 2 hourglass units to make a 4 1/2" x 10" center unit. Press seams toward the rectangle. Repeat to make 12 center units.



Center Unit — Make 12

Completing the Quilt

1. Stitch 3 panel squares together with 2 center units and add an edge unit to each end to complete (1) 10" x 44" panel row. Press seams toward the squares. Repeat to make 3 panel rows.

2. Sew 3 edge units together with (2) 4" x 4 1/2" mauve rectangles and add a 4" mauve square to each end to complete the 4" x 44" top row. Press seams toward the squares and rectangles. Repeat to make the bottom row.

3. Stitch 3 center units together with (2) 4 1/2" mauve squares and add a 4" x 4 1/2" mauve rectangle to each end to make a 4 1/2" x 44" sashing row. Press seams toward the squares and rectangles. Repeat to make a second sashing row.

4. Join the panel and sashing rows. Press seams toward the panel rows. Add the top and bottom rows to complete the 44" x 44" quilt center. Press seams away from the top and bottom rows.

5. Center and sew (2) 61" border stripe strips to the sides of the quilt, beginning, ending and locking stitches 1/4" from the corners of the panel center. Repeat with the remaining (2) 61" border stripe strips 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. Sew the 3 1/2" x WOF mauve strips short ends together to make a long strip. Cut into 2 strips each 62" and 56". Stitch the 56" mauve strips to the sides of the quilt center and the 62" mauve strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips to complete the top.

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 77" x 77" 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 dark brown hand-dye 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.

