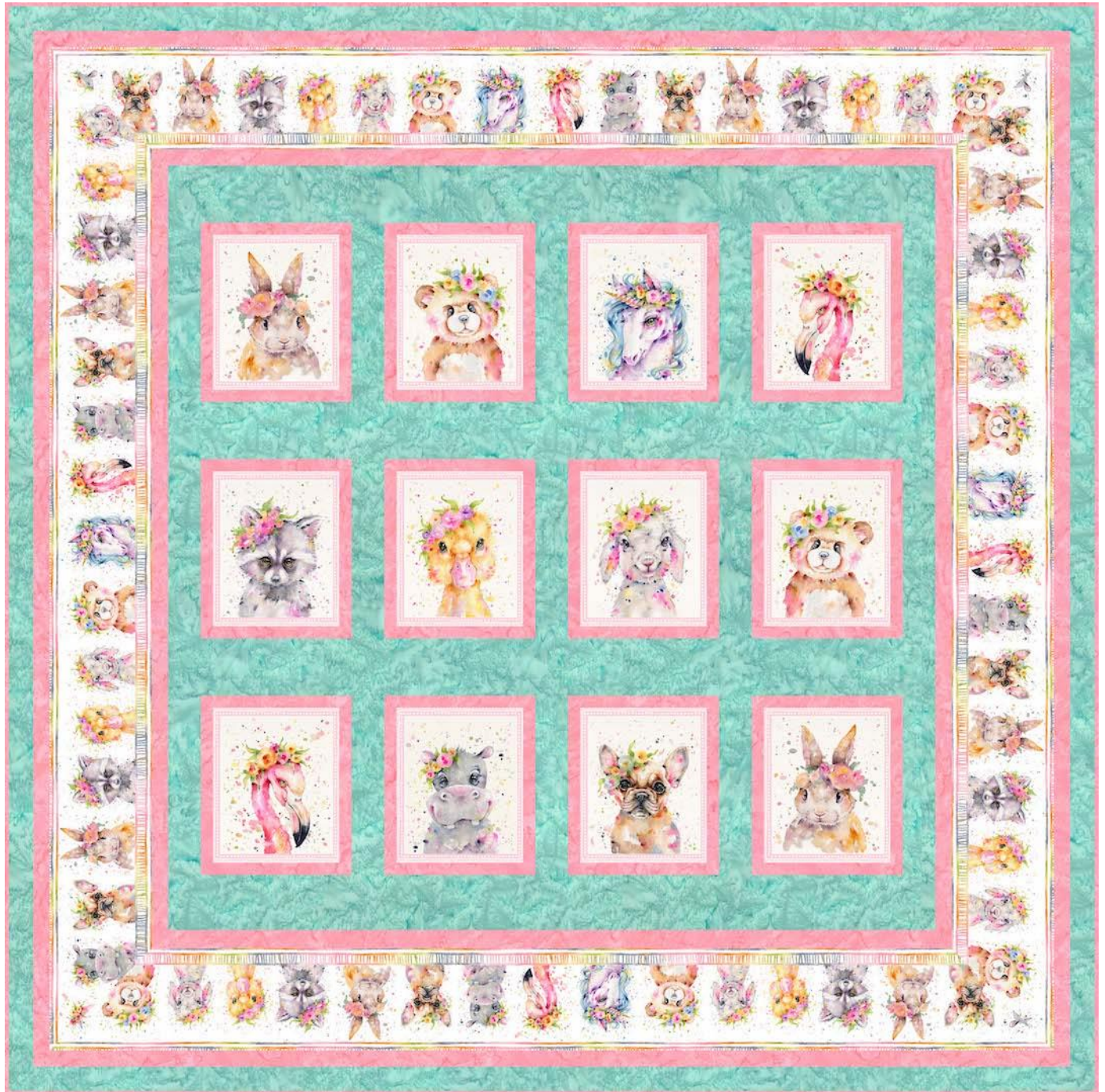


Little Darlings

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



66 1/2" x 66 1/2"

Skill Level: Confident Beginner
Finished Block Size: 9 1/4" x 11"

Finished Quilt Size: 66 1/2" x 66 1/2"
Number of Blocks: 12

Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing recommended for hand dyes only. Pre-washing NOT recommended for panel and border stripe.

Yardages and Cutting

WOF is 42" width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. Remove as little fabric as possible when squaring strip ends.

1 Little Darlings panel

- Fussy-cut (12) 8 1/4" x 10" rectangles, keeping the pink edging even all around.

2 yards Little Darling border stripe

- Fussy-cut 4 identical 6 3/4" x 66" strips, beginning approximately 1 1/4" below animals on each strip and then cutting 6 3/4" wide as shown at right.



1 1/2 yards mint hand dye

- 1 strip 11 1/2" x WOF; cut into (15) 2 1/2" x 11 1/2" rectangles.
- 5 strips 4" x WOF for horizontal sashing.
- 7 strips 2" x WOF for outer border.

1 3/4 yards pink hand dye

- 1 strip 10" x WOF; cut into (24) 1 1/4" x 10" strips.
- 1 strip 9 3/4" x WOF; cut into (24) 1 1/4" x 9 3/4" strips.
- 11 strips 1 1/2" x WOF for borders.
- 8 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

4 2/3 yards of 42" backing fabric

- 2 strips 82" x WOF

OR

2 1/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 82" x 82"

Batting

- 1 piece 82" x 82"

Piecing the Blocks

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

1. Sew a 1 1/4" x 10" pink strip to opposite sides of each panel rectangle. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch a 1 1/4" x 9 3/4" strip to the top and bottom to complete (12) 9 3/4" x 11 1/2" Framed Panel blocks. Press seams toward the strips.



Framed Panel Block — Make 12

Completing the Quilt

1. Stitch 4 blocks alternately together with (5) 2 1/2" x 11 1/2" mint rectangles to make an 11 1/2" x 47 1/2" block row. Press seams toward the mint rectangles. Repeat to make 3 rows.

2. Sew the 4" x WOF mint strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into (4) 47 1/2" horizontal sashing strips.

3. Stitch the block rows alternately together with the sashing strips to complete the 47 1/2" x 47 1/2" quilt center. Press seams toward the sashing strips.

4. Sew the 1 1/2" x WOF pink strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 64", 62", 49 1/2" and 47 1/2". Stitch the 47 1/2" strips to the sides of the quilt center and the 49 1/2" strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips. Set aside the remaining strips for step 6.

5. Center and sew a 66" border stripe strip to opposite 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 edges. Miter corners using your favorite method, checking to be sure that all corners lie flat and the stripes match at the seams. Trim mitered corner seams to 1/4" and press open. Press border seams toward the border strips.

6. Sew a 62" pink strip from step 4 to the sides of the quilt center and the 64" strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.

7. Repeat step 4 with the 2" x WOF mint strips, cutting 2 strips each 67" and 64". Sew the 64" strips to the sides of the quilt center and the 67" strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

8. 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 82" x 82" backing piece.

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

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

