

African Elegance

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



53" x 63"

Skill Level: Confident Beginner**Finished Quilt Size:** 53" x 63"

*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.

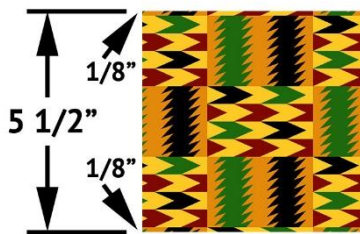
Remove as little fabric as possible when removing selvages and squaring strip ends.

African Elegance panel

- Trim to 32 1/2" x 42 1/2", keeping the image even.

1 1/4 yards African kente stripe

- 5 strips 5 1/2" x WOF, centering on three printed rows, cutting approx. 1/8" out from the stripes at top and bottom, as shown.



1 yard brown tonal

- 4 strips 2 1/2" x WOF; trim to 2 strips each 42 1/2" and 36 1/2" for panel framing.
- 6 strips 3 3/4" x WOF for outer border.

5/8 yard green hand dye

- 6 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding

4 yards 44/45" backing fabric

4 1/2 yards directional backing fabric

- 2 strips 68" x WOF OR
- 2 strips 78" x WOF for directional fabric

OR

2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 68" x 78"

Batting

- 1 piece 68" x 78"

Completing the Quilt

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

1. Sew the 2 1/2" x 42 1/2" brown tonal strips to the sides of the panel. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch the 2 1/2" x 36 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the 36 1/2" x 46 1/2" framed panel. Press seams toward the strips.

2. Sew the (5) 5 1/2" x WOF kente strips short ends together to make a long strip, matching print at the seams as much as possible. Press seams to one side. Cut into (4) 5 1/2" x 46 1/2" strips. Sew (2) 5 1/2" x 46 1/2" strips to the sides of the panel. Stitch the remaining (2) 5 1/2" x 46 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the 46 1/2" x 56 1/2" framed panel. Press seams toward the strips.

3. Sew the 3 3/4" x WOF brown tonal strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 56 1/2" and 53". Stitch the longer strips to the sides of the bordered center and the shorter strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

4. 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 68" x 78" backing piece.

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

6. Join the green hand dye binding strips on the short ends with diagonal seams to make a long strip. Press seams open. Press the strip in half along the length with wrong sides together.

7. Bind the quilt edges using your favorite method to complete the quilt.

