

Santa's Aurora

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



53" x 67"

Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Finished Quilt Size: 53" 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. Remove as little fabric as possible when trimming selvages and squaring strip ends.

Santa's Aurora panel

- Trim to 28 1/2" x 42 1/2".

1/4 yard peach hand dye

- 4 strips 1" x WOF; cut into (2) strips each 42 1/2" and 29 1/2" for panel framing.

1 yard indigo snowflakes

- 4 strips 2" x WOF; cut into (2) strips each 43 1/2" and 32 1/2" for panel framing.
- 7 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

7/8 yard dark blue snowflakes

7/8 yard medium gray-blue snowflakes

From each fabric, cut the following:

- 3 strips 7 1/2" x WOF; cut into (14) 7 1/2" squares.

2 yards light blue hand dye

- 4 strips 2" x WOF.
- 6 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for outer border.
- 10 strips 4" x WOF; cut into (96) 4" squares.

4 yards of 42" backing fabric OR

4 3/4 yards of 42" directional backing fabric

- 2 strips 68" x WOF OR
- 2 strips 82" x WOF for directional backing

OR

2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 68" x 82"

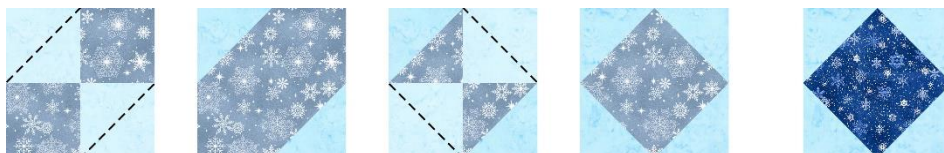
Batting

- 1 piece 68" x 82"

Completing the Quilt

Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all stitching. Press all seams as directed. Refer to the exploded quilt diagram on the next page as needed throughout the following steps.

1. Sew the (2) 1" x 29 1/2" peach strips to the sides of the main panel. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch the (2) 1" x 42 1/2" peach strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.
2. Sew the (2) 2" x 32 1/2" indigo strips to the sides of the main panel. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch the (2) 2" x 43 1/2" indigo strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.
3. Stitch the (4) 2" x WOF light blue strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each, 46 1/2" and 35 1/2". Sew the 46 1/2" strips to the sides of the center and the 35 1/2" strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.
4. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 4" light blue squares.
5. Place marked squares right sides together on opposite corners of each medium gray-blue snowflake square. Sew on the lines. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press triangles open with seam allowances toward the triangles. Repeat on the remaining corners of the squares to complete (14) 7 1/2" x 7 1/2" medium gray-blue units. Repeat with the dark blue snowflake squares to make 10 dark blue units **except** press seam allowances toward the dark blue square in each unit. (Leave (4) dark blue snowflake squares as is for corner blocks).



Medium gray-blue & Dark Blue Units — Make 14 medium gray-blue and 10 dark blue

6. Sew 4 medium gray-blue units together with 3 dark blue units to make a 7 1/2" x 49 1/2" side strip. Press seams open. Repeat to make a second side strip. Stitch to the sides of the Santa panel. Press seams toward the panel.
7. Sew 3 medium gray-blue units together with 2 dark blue units. Press seams open. Sew 7 1/2" indigo squares to both ends to make a 7 1/2" x 49 1/2" top strip. Press seams toward the squares. Repeat to make a bottom strip. Stitch to the top and bottom of the Santa panel. Press seams toward the panel.
8. Stitch the (6) 2 1/2" x WOF light blue strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each, 63 1/2" and 53 1/2". Sew the 63 1/2" strips to the sides of the center and the 53 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the quilt top. Press seams toward the strips.
9. 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 82" backing piece.
10. Layer the top with the backing and batting pieces. Quilt as desired. Trim batting and backing even with the top.
11. Join the indigo snowflake 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.

