

# Octopus's Garden

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



53" x 59"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Quilt Size: 53" x 59"

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

### 1 Octopus Garden panel

- Trim to 42 1/2" wide x 27 1/2" wide.

### 3/4 yard aqua hand dye

- 2 strips 4 3/4" x WOF; cut into (16) 4 3/4" squares and (1) 2" x 3 1/2" rectangle.
- 3 strips 3 1/2" x WOF; cut into (63) 2" x 3 1/2" rectangles.

### 1/2 yard multicolor feathers

- 2 strips 6 1/2" x WOF; cut into (8) 6 1/2" squares.

### 5/8 yard orange tonal

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

### 2 yards black solid

- 2 strips 6" x WOF; cut into (2) 6" x 27 1/2" strips. Cut remainder of strips into (4) 3" x 12 1/2" strips.

### Black solid, continued

- 2 strips 4 3/4" x WOF; cut into (16) 4 3/4" squares.
- 3 strips 3 1/2" x WOF; cut into (32) 3 1/2" squares and (2) 2" squares.
- 3 strips 3" x WOF for borders.
- 6 strips 2" x WOF; cut into (126) 2" squares.
- 3 strips 2" x WOF for sashing.

### 4 yards of 44/45" backing fabric OR

### 4 1/3 yards directional backing fabric

- 2 pieces 69" x WOF OR
- 2 pieces 75" x WOF directional fabric

### OR

### 2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 69" x 75"

### Batting

- 1 piece 69" x 75"

## Piecing the Blocks

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

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 2" black squares.

2. Place a marked 2" square right sides together on 1 end of a 2" x 3 1/2" aqua rectangle. Sew on the line. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the triangle open with seam allowance toward the triangle. Repeat on the remaining end of the rectangle to complete (1) 2" x 3 1/2" flying geese unit. Repeat to make 64 units.



**Flying Geese Unit — Make 64**

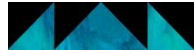
3. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 4 3/4" aqua squares. Repeat on the remaining diagonal of each square.

4. Place a marked square right sides together with a 4 3/4" black square. Sew 1/4" out on each side of the marked lines. Cut into (4) 2 3/8" squares. Cut each smaller square in half on the line. Press open with seam allowance to the black side to make (8) 2" x 2" triangle units. Repeat to make 128 triangle units.



**Triangle Units — Make 128**

5. Sew triangle units to the ends of each flying geese unit to make (64) 2" x 6 1/2" pieced strips. Press seams open. Join 2 pieced strips to make a 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" point unit. Press seam toward the top strip. Repeat to make 32 point units.



**Pieced Strip — Make 64**



**Point Unit — Make 32**

6. Sew point units to opposite sides of each feather square to make (8) 6 1/2" x 12 1/2" center rows. Press seams toward the square. Stitch 3 1/2" black squares to the ends of the remaining point units to make (16) 3 1/2" x 12 1/2" top/bottom rows. Press seams toward the squares. Sew a top/bottom row to opposite long sides of each center row to complete (8) 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" Garden blocks. Press seams toward the center rows.



**Garden Block — Make 4**

## Completing the Quilt

1. Sew the 6" x 27 1/2" black strips to the sides of the panel. Press seams toward the strips.
2. Stitch the 2" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into (2) 53 1/2" strips. Sew the strips to the top and bottom of the bordered panel to complete the 30 1/2" x 53 1/2" panel center. Press seams toward the strips.
3. Join 4 Garden blocks and add 3" x 12 1/2" black strips to the ends to make a 12 1/2" x 53 1/2" block row. Press seams open between the blocks and toward the black strips. Repeat to make a second block row. Sew to the top and bottom of the panel center. Press seams toward the panel center.
4. Sew the 3" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into (2) 53 1/2" strips. Stitch to the top and bottom of the quilt center to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.
5. 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 69" x 75" backing piece.
6. Layer the top with the backing and batting pieces. Quilt as desired. Trim batting and backing even with the top.
7. Join the orange tonal 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.

