

Tropical Kitties

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



59" x 45"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Quilt Size: 59" x 45"

Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing NOT recommended.

Yardages and Cutting

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

Tropical Kitties panel

- Trim to 40 1/2" wide x 26 1/2" tall.

2/3 yard blue hand dye

- 5 strips 2" x WOF for outer border.
- 4 strips 1 1/2" x WOF; trim to 2 each 40 1/2" and 28 1/2" strips for panel framing.

1 yard pink tonal

- 3 strips 8 1/4" x WOF; cut into (11) 8 1/4" squares, then cut twice diagonally to make 44 triangles.

5/8 yard dark hand dye

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

1 yard cream mottled

- 5 strips 4 3/8" x WOF; cut into (44) 4 3/8" squares, then cut in half diagonally to make 88 triangles.
- 1 strip 4" x WOF; cut into (8) 4" squares.

3 1/2 yards 42" backing fabric

- 2 strips 61" x WOF

OR

1 3/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 75" x 61"

Batting

- 1 piece 75" x 61"

Piecing the Units

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

1. Sew cream triangles to the short edges of a pink triangle to make (1) 4" x 7 1/2" A unit. Press seams toward the cream triangles. Repeat to make 10 A units. Repeat to make 10 B units **except** press seams toward the pink triangle in each unit.



A Unit — Make 22 with seams pressed toward cream

B Unit — Make 22 with seams pressed toward pink

Completing the Quilt

Refer to the exploded quilt diagram on the next page throughout the following steps.

1. Sew the 1 1/2" x 40 1/2" blue strips to the top and bottom of the panel. Press seams toward the strips. Add the 1 1/2" x 28 1/2" blue strips to the sides to complete the 42 1/2" x 28 1/2" framed panel. Press seams toward the strips.

2. Stitch 2 each A and B units alternately together to make a 4" x 28 1/2" side strip. Press seams to 1 side. Repeat to make a second side strip. Sew the strips to the sides of the framed panel. Press seams toward the framed panel.

3. Sew 3 each A and B units alternately together, beginning with a B unit. Add a 4" cream square to each end to make the 4" x 49 1/2" top row. Press seams to 1 side between the units and toward the cream squares. Repeat to make the bottom row. Stitch the rows to the top and bottom of the panel section. Press seams toward the panel section.

4. Stitch 3 A units and 2 B units alternately together to make a 4" x 35 1/2" side strip. Press seams to 1 side. Repeat to make a second side strip. Sew the strips to the sides of the panel center. Press seams toward the panel center.

5. Sew 4 B units and 3 A units alternately together and add a 4" cream square to each end to make the 4" x 56 1/2" top row. Press seams to 1 side between units and toward the cream squares. Repeat to make the bottom row. Stitch the rows to the top and bottom of the panel section. Press seams toward the rows.

6. Stitch the 2" x WOF blue hand dye strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to 1 side. Cut into 2 strips each 59 1/2" and 42 1/2". Sew the 42 1/2" strips to the sides of the quilt center and the 59 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

7. 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 seam open. Trim to make the 75" x 61" 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 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.

