

Treetop Kitties

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



63" x 72"

Skill Level: Intermediate**Finished Quilt Size:** 63" x 72"

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 42" 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 squaring strip ends.

1 Treetop Kitties panel

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

1 3/8 yards kitty stripe

- Fussy-cut (2) 10 1/2" x LOF strip, beginning 1/4" below the flowers as shown and then cutting 10 1/2" over from there. Trim to (2) 42 1/2" strips.



1 yard pink hand dye

- 1 strip 4 1/2" x WOF; cut into (4) 4 1/2" squares.
- 8 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

3/4 yard dark blue sky

- 5 strips 4 1/2" x WOF for border units.

1 1/2 yards black solid

- 7 strips 3" x WOF for border.
- 1 strip 2 7/8" x WOF; cut into (8) 2 7/8" squares.
- 1 strip 2 1/2" x WOF; cut into (12) 2 1/2" squares.
- 7 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for panel framing.

5 yards of 44/45" backing fabric

- 2 strips 86" x WOF

OR

2 1/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 79" x 86"

5/8 yard medium blue hand dye

- 1 strip 2 7/8" x WOF; cut into (8) 2 7/8" squares.
- 5 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for border units.

Batting

- 1 piece 79" x 86"

Piecing the Units

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

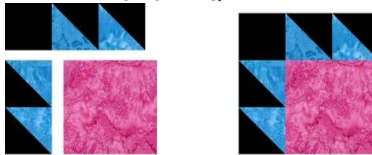
1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 2 7/8" medium blue squares and (8) 2 1/2" black squares.

2. Place a marked medium blue square right sides together with a 2 7/8" black square. Sew 1/4" out on each side of the line. Cut apart on the marked line. Press the units open with seam allowance to the black side to make (2) 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" triangle units. Repeat to make 16 triangle units.



Triangle Units — Make 16

3. Referring to the diagrams on the next page, sew 2 triangle units together to make a 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" side strip. Press seam to the black side. Stitch to 1 side of a 4 1/2" pink square to make a 4 1/2" x 6 1/2" row. Press seam toward the square. Stitch 2 triangle units together and add an unmarked 2 1/2" black square to make a 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" row. Press seam to the black side between the units and toward the black square. Join the rows to complete (1) 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" corner unit. Press seam toward the pink row. Repeat to make 4 corner units.



Corner Unit — Make 4

4. Stitch the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF dark blue sky strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each $55\frac{1}{2}$ " and $46\frac{1}{2}$ ". Repeat with $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF medium blue strips.

5. Sew 1 of each color $55\frac{1}{2}$ " strip lengthwise together to make a $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $55\frac{1}{2}$ " long strip. Press seam toward the medium blue strip. Repeat to make a second long strip. Repeat to make (2) $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $46\frac{1}{2}$ " short strips.

6. Place marked $2\frac{1}{2}$ " black squares right sides together on the medium blue corners of each strip. Sew on the lines. Trim seam allowance $\frac{1}{4}$ " out from the stitching. Press the black triangles open with seam allowance toward the triangles to make 2 each long and short border units.



Border Unit — Make 2 each long & short

Completing the Quilt

1. Stitch the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each $51\frac{1}{2}$ ", $46\frac{1}{2}$ " and $42\frac{1}{2}$ ". Sew the $42\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to the top and bottom of the panel. Press seams toward the strips.

2. Sew the kitty stripe strips to the top and bottom of the bordered panel to complete the $42\frac{1}{2}$ " x $51\frac{1}{2}$ " panel center. Press seams away from the kitty stripe strips.

3. Stitch the $51\frac{1}{2}$ " black strips from step 1 to the long sides of the panel center and the $46\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.

4. Sew the long border units to the sides of the framed panel. Press seams toward the border units.

5. Stitch the corner units to the ends of the short border units to make (2) $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $53\frac{1}{2}$ " borders. Press seams away from the corner units. Sew to the top and bottom of the panel section to complete the $53\frac{1}{2}$ " x $67\frac{1}{2}$ " quilt center. Press seams toward the panel section.



6. Repeat step 1 with the 3" x WOF black strips, cutting 2 strips each $67\frac{1}{2}$ " and $63\frac{1}{2}$ ". Stitch the $67\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to the sides of the quilt center and the $63\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

7. If using 44/45" backing fabric, remove the selvage edges from the backing pieces. Join the pieces on the long edges with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Press seam open. Trim to make the 79" x 86" 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 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.