

# Art Journal

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



633/4" x 751/2"

**Skill Level:** Intermediate**Finished Quilt Size:** 63 3/4" x 75 1/2"*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.

### Art Journal birds panel

- Fussy-cut (10) 7 3/4" squares, keeping the white framing even all around.

### Art Journal large squares panel

- Fussy-cut (6) 11" squares, keeping any white edging even all around.

### Art Journal rectangles panel

- Fussy-cut (8) 7 7/8" x 11" rectangles, keeping any cream edging even all around.

### 3/4 yard black/white geometric

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

### 1 1/2 yards black solid

- 1 strip 11" x WOF; cut into (9) 2" x 11" strips. From remainder, cut (3) 2" x 24" strips for inner border and (3) 1 1/2" x 24" strips. Cut the 1 1/2" strips into (8) 1 1/2" x 7 3/4" strips.
- 7 strips 3 1/2" x WOF for outer border.
- 4 strips 2" x WOF; trim to (4) 40 3/4" strips.
- 3 strips 2" x WOF for inner border.

### 2 1/8 yards border stripe

- Fussy-cut (7) 7 3/4" x WOF strips, first cutting 1/4" above the black outline at the top of a small butterfly stripe as shown and then cutting 7 3/4" down from there. Cut each strip in the exact same way to cut identical strips.



### 5 1/4 yards of 44/45" backing fabric

- 2 pieces 91" x WOF

**OR**

### 2 1/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 79" x 91"

### Batting

- 1 piece 79" x 91"

## 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 5 bird squares alternately together with (4) 1 1/2" x 7 3/4" black strips to make the 7 3/4" x 40 3/4" top row. Press seams toward the black strips. Repeat to make the bottom row. *Continue to press all seams toward the black strips.*
2. Stitch 2 large panel squares and 2 rectangles together with (3) 2" x 11" black strips to make (1) 11" x 40 3/4" center row. Press. Repeat to make 3 center rows.
3. Sew the top and bottom rows and center rows alternately together with the 2" x 40 3/4" black strips. Press.
4. Stitch the 2" x WOF and 2" x 24" black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 52 1/2" and 43 3/4". Sew the longer strips to the sides of the pieced section and the shorter strips to the top and bottom to complete the 43 3/4" x 55 1/2" quilt center. Press.
5. Sew the border stripe strips short ends together with straight seams to make a long strip, matching print at the seams. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 74" and 63".

6. Center and sew the 74" strips to the long sides of the quilt center, beginning, ending and locking stitches 1/4" from the corners of the quilt center. Repeat with the 63" strips on the top and bottom. Miter corners using your favorite method, checking to be sure that all corners lie flat and the stripe sections match. Trim mitered corner seams to 1/4" and press open. Press border strips toward the border strips.

7. Repeat step 4 with the 3 1/2" x WOF black strips, cutting 2 strips each 70" and 64 1/4". Sew the longer strips to the sides of the quilt center and the shorter strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

8. 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 79" x 91" backing piece.

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

10. Join the black/white geometric 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.

