

Sewing Journal

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



673/4" x 791/2"

Skill Level: Intermediate**Finished Quilt Size:** 67 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ "*Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing not recommended.*

Yardages and Cutting

WOF is width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. LOF is length of fabric, parallel to the selvage edges.
Remove as little fabric as possible when trimming selvages and squaring strip ends.

Sewing Journal squares panel

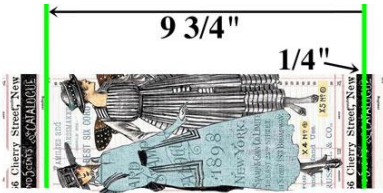
- Fussy-cut (6) 11" squares, keeping the edge dashes even.

Sewing Journal rectangles panel

- Fussy-cut (6) 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 11" rectangles, keeping the edge outline even.

2 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards border stripe

- Fussy-cut (4) 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x LOF strips, first cutting $\frac{1}{4}$ " into the black stripe at the bottom of the ladies stripe and then cutting 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " over from there as shown. Trim to 2 strips each 78" and 66".



$\frac{3}{4}$ yard newsprint

- Fussy-cut (2) 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strips, centering a row of images in each strip. Trim to 40 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards black solid

- 7 strips 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF for outer border.
- 4 strips 2" x WOF; trim to 40 $\frac{3}{4}$ " for sashing.
- 3 strips 2" x WOF; cut into (9) 2" x 11" strips.
- 5 strips 2" x WOF for center framing.

$\frac{2}{3}$ yard black stitching

- 8 strips 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x WOF for binding.

5 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of 44/45" backing fabric

- 2 pieces 95" x WOF

OR

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 83" x 95"

Batting

- 1 piece 83" x 95"

Completing the Quilt

Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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 2 panel squares and 2 panel rectangles together with (3) 2" x 11" black sashing strips to make a row. Press seams toward the black strips. Repeat to make 3 rows. *Continue to press all seams toward the black strips.*
2. Stitch the 3 rows together with the 2" x 40 $\frac{3}{4}$ " black sashing strips, beginning and ending with a strip. Press. Add the 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 40 $\frac{3}{4}$ " newsprint strips to the top and bottom to complete the 40 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ " panel section. Press.
3. Sew the 2" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 43 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Stitch the longer strips to the sides of the panel section and the shorter strips to the top and bottom to complete the 43 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ " quilt center. Press.
4. Center and sew the 78" border stripe strips to the long sides of the quilt center, beginning, ending and locking stitches $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the corners of the quilt center. Repeat with the 66" 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press open. Press border seams toward the border strips.
5. Repeat step 3 with the 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF black strips, cutting 2 strips each 74" and 68 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". 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.

6. 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 83" x 95" backing piece.

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

8. Join the black stitching 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.

