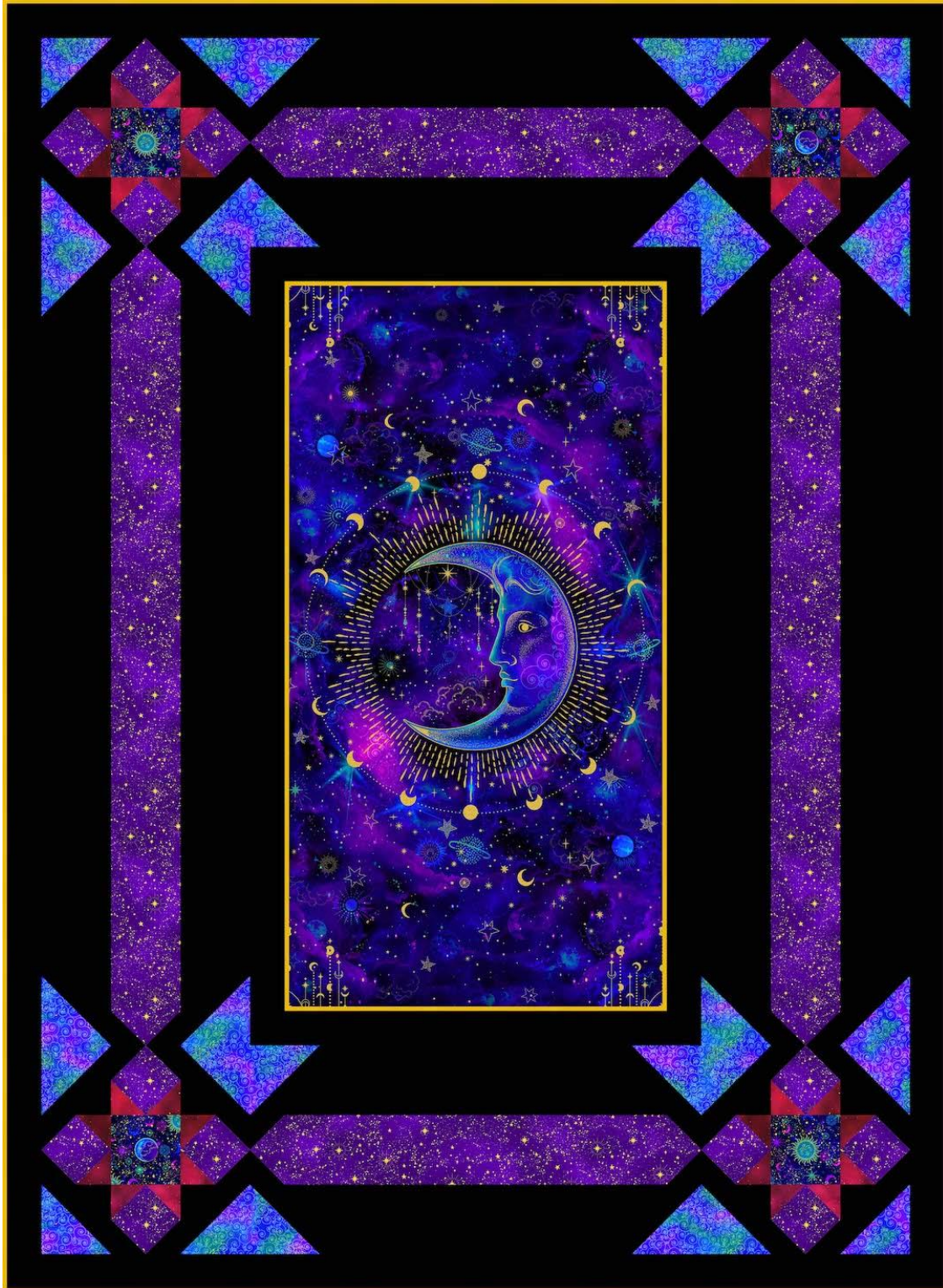


Celestial

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



54" x 74"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Quilt Size: 54" x 74"

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.

Celestial panel

- Trim to 22 1/2" x 42 1/2".

1/4 yard sun/moon print

- Fussy-cut (4) 4 1/2" squares, centering a sun or moon in each.

1/2 yard blue swirl

- 1 strip 4 7/8" x WOF; cut into (8) 4 7/8" squares.
- 2 strips 4 1/2" x WOF; cut into (16) 4 1/2" squares.

7/8 yard purple stars

- 2 strips 4 1/2" x WOF for border units.
- 4 strips 4 1/2" x WOF; cut into (2) 4 1/2" x 26 1/2" strips, (1) 4 1/2" x 15" strip and (16) 4 1/2" squares.

1 yard gold solid

- 8 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.
- 4 strips 1" x WOF; trim to 2 each 42 1/2" and 22 1/2" decorative flange strips.

1/4 yard red mottled

- 2 strips 2 1/2" x WOF; cut into (32) 2 1/2" squares.

2 1/4 yards black solid

- 1 strip 4 7/8" x WOF; cut into (8) 4 7/8" squares.
- 8 strips 4 1/2" x WOF for border units.
- 7 strips 2 1/2" x WOF; cut into (2) 2 1/2" x 42 1/2" strips, (2) 2 1/2" x 26 1/2" strips, (1) 2 1/2" x 15" strip and (48) 2 1/2" squares.
- 6 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for outer border.

5 1/8 yards of 44/45" backing fabric

- 2 strips 90" x WOF.

OR

2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 70" x 90".

Batting

- 1 piece 70" x 90".

Piecing the Blocks & Units

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

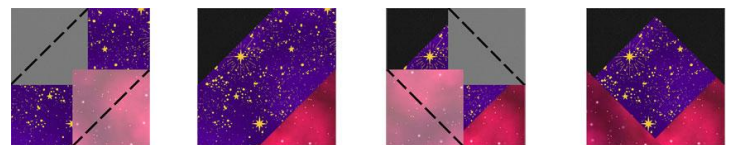
1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 4 7/8" and 4 1/2" blue squares and the 2 1/2" black and red squares.

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



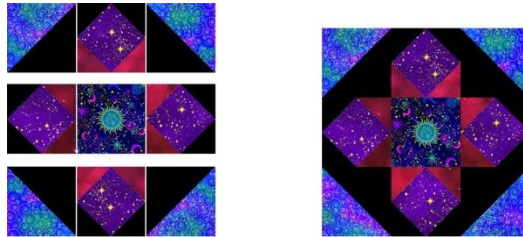
Corner Units — Make 16

3. Place marked 2 1/2" black and red squares right sides together on opposite corner of a 4 1/2" purple square. Sew on the lines. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the triangles open with seam allowance toward the triangles. Repeat on the remaining corners of the purple square to complete (1) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" point unit. Repeat to make 16 point units.



Point Unit — Make 16

4. Sew a sun/moon square between 2 point units to make a $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$ center row. Press seams toward the square. Stitch a point unit between 2 corner units to make a $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$ top/bottom row. Press seams toward the corner unit. Repeat to make a second row. Sew the center row between the top/bottom rows to complete (1) $12\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$ Star block. Press seams toward the center row. Repeat to make 4 blocks.



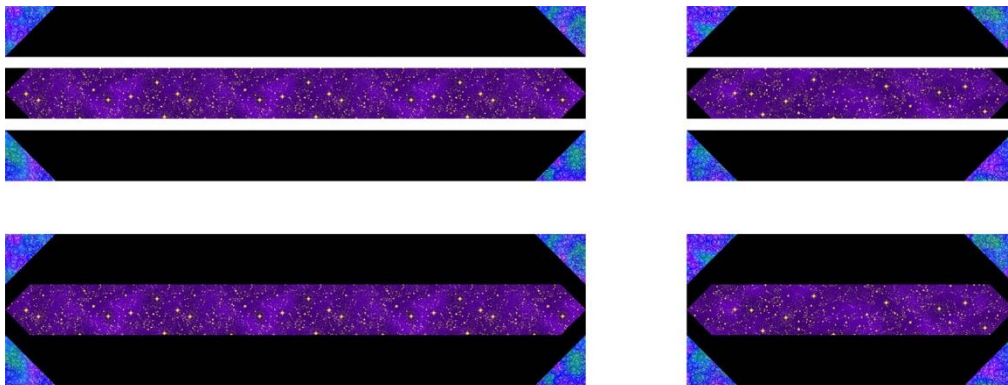
Star Block — Make 4

5. Stitch the $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times$ WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 4 strips each $46\frac{1}{2}''$ and $26\frac{1}{2}''$.

6. Repeat step 5 with the $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times$ WOF and $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 15''$ purple strips and cut into 2 strips each $46\frac{1}{2}''$ and $26\frac{1}{2}''$.

7. Repeat step 3 with marked $4\frac{1}{2}''$ blue squares on the ends of the black strips and marked $2\frac{1}{2}''$ black squares on each corner of the purple strips.

8. Sew each pieced purple strip lengthwise between 2 same-length pieced black strips to make 2 each $12\frac{1}{2}'' \times 46\frac{1}{2}''$ side border units and $12\frac{1}{2}'' \times 26\frac{1}{2}''$ top/bottom border units. Press seams toward the black strips.



Border Units — Make 2 of each

Completing the Quilt

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

1. Fold each $1'' \times 42\frac{1}{2}''$ and $1'' \times 22\frac{1}{2}''$ gold strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Press.
2. Place the folded $42\frac{1}{2}''$ strips on top of the long sides of the panel with folds toward the center of the panel. Pin to hold. Repeat with folded $22\frac{1}{2}''$ strips on the top and bottom edges. Machine-stitch in place $\frac{1}{8}''$ from the edge all around. Remove pins.
3. Sew $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 42\frac{1}{2}''$ black strips to the sides of the panel. Press seams toward the strips, leaving the folded gold strips flat on top of the panel to make a decorative flange. Repeat with $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 26\frac{1}{2}''$ black strips on the top and bottom to complete the $26\frac{1}{2}'' \times 46\frac{1}{2}''$ panel center.
4. Stitch the side border units to the long sides of the panel center. Press seams toward the panel center.
5. Sew the Star blocks to the ends of the top/bottom border units to make (2) $12\frac{1}{2}'' \times 50\frac{1}{2}''$ borders. Press seams toward the blocks. Stitch to the top and bottom of the panel section to complete the $50\frac{1}{2}'' \times 70\frac{1}{2}''$ quilt center. Press seams toward the panel section.

6. Stitch the 2 1/2" x WOF and 2 1/2" x 15" black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 70 1/2" and 54 1/2". 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.

7. 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 70" x 90" 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 gold solid 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.

10. Bind the quilt edges using your favorite method to complete the quilt.

