

Hydrangea Bliss

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



70" x 70"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Quilt Size: 70" x 70"

*Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing recommended for hand dyes only.
Pre-washing NOT recommended for other fabrics.*

Yardages and Cutting

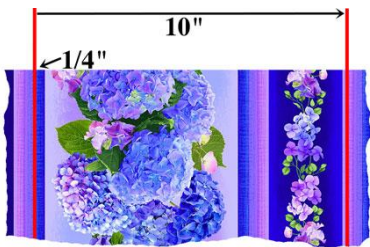
*WOF is width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. LOF is length of fabric, parallel to the selvage edges.
Remove as little fabric as possible when trimming selvages and squaring strip ends.*

2 Hydrangea Bliss panels

- Trim 1 panel to 17 1/2" x 40 1/2". Label B.
- Cut (1) 9 1/2" x 40 1/2" strip from the right edge of the remaining panel. Label A. Cut a 9 1/2" x 40 1/2" strip from the left edge. Label C.

2 yards border stripe

- Fussy-cut (4) 10" x LOF strips, first cutting 1/4" into the darker purple stripe at the edge of a hydrangea stripe and then cutting 10" over from there as shown. Trim to 70".



1 yard light purple hand dye

- 8 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.
- 3 strips 2" x WOF; cut into (2) 2" x 20 1/2" and (4) 2" x 11" strips.

1/2 yard medium purple hand dye

- 5 strips 2" x WOF; cut into (4) 2" x 40 1/2" strips and (8) 2" squares.

1 1/4 yards black

- 7 strips 3" x WOF for outer border.
- 5 strips 2" x WOF for panel framing.
- 3 strips 1 1/2" x WOF for sashing.

7 1/3 yards of 44/45" backing fabric

- 3 pieces 86" x WOF

OR

2 1/2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 86" x 86"

Batting

- 1 piece 86" x 86"

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 throughout the following steps.

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 2" medium purple squares.
2. Place marked squares right sides together on the ends of the 2" x 20 1/2" light purple strips. Sew on the lines. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the triangles open with seam allowance toward the triangles to complete (2) 2" x 20 1/2" center framing strips. Repeat on 1 end only of the 2" x 11" strips to make 2 each side and reverse (R) side framing strips.



Framing Strips — Make 2 of each

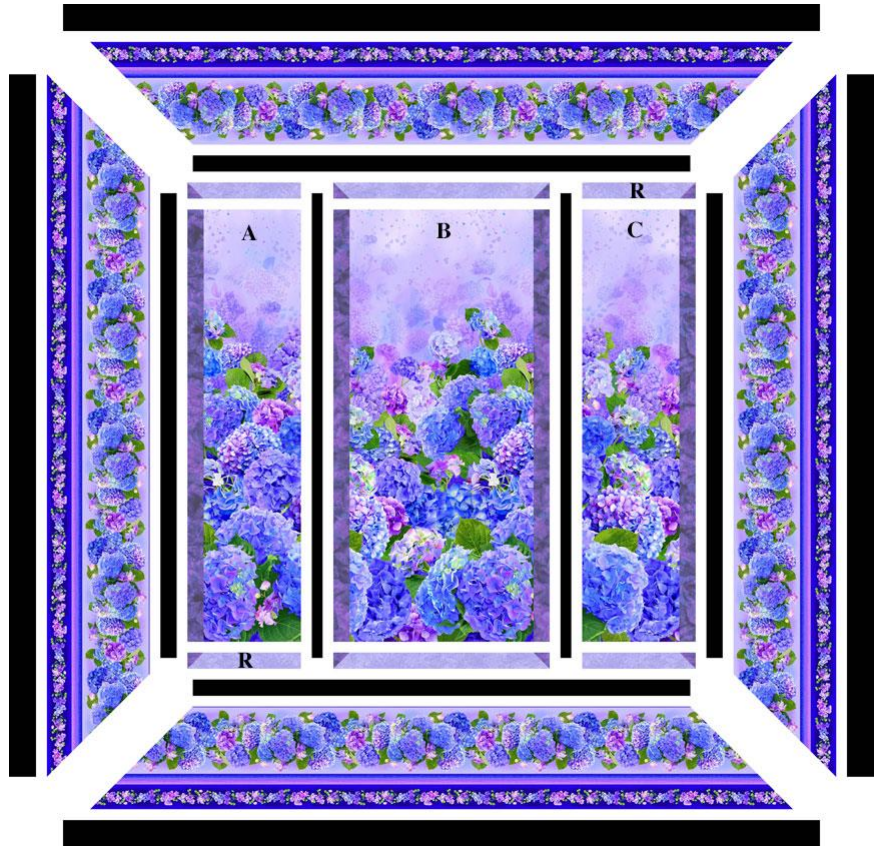
3. Sew 2" x 40 1/2" medium purple strips to the long sides of the B panel piece. Press seams toward the strips. Add the center framing strips to the top and bottom to complete the 20 1/2" x 43 1/2" center panel. Press seams toward the framing strips.
4. Stitch a 2" x 40 1/2" medium purple strip to the left edge of the A panel piece. Press seam toward the strip. Add a side framing strip to the top and a reverse (R) side framing strip to the bottom to complete the 11" x 43 1/2"

left panel. Press seams toward the framing strips. Repeat with the C panel piece, placing the reverse (R) side framing strip on the top edge and the side framing strip on the bottom edge as shown.

5. Sew the 1 1/2" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into (2) 43 1/2" strips. Stitch the panel pieces together with the strips. Press seams toward the strips.

6. Repeat step 5 with the 2" x WOF black strips, cutting 2 strips each 46 1/2" and 43 1/2". Sew the 43 1/2" strips to the sides of the panel section and the 46 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the 46 1/2" x 46 1/2" panel center. Press seams toward the strips.

7. Center and sew border stripe strips to the sides of the quilt center, beginning, ending and locking stitches 1/4" from the corners of the quilt center. Repeat with 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 seams toward the border strips.



8. Repeat step 5 with the 3" x WOF black strips, cutting 2 strips each 65 1/2" and 70 1/2". Stitch the 65 1/2" strips to the sides of the quilt center and the 70 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

9. 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 86" x 86" backing piece.

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

11. Join the light purple 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.