

Floral Forest

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



65" x 65"

Skill Level: Confident Beginner**Finished Quilt Size:** 65" x 65"

*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. Remove as little fabric as possible when trimming selvages and squaring strip ends.

2 Floral Forest panels

- Trim 1 panel to 22 1/2" x 42 1/2".
- From the second panel, cut (2) 8" x 42 1/2" rectangles for the left and right sections.

1 1/4 yards purple hand dye

- 1 strip 6 1/2" x WOF; cut into (4) 6 1/2" squares.
- 3 strips 6 1/2" x WOF for border.
- 5 strips 2" x WOF; cut into (4) 42 1/2" strips and (8) 2" squares.

7/8 yard lilac hand dye

- 3 strips 6 1/2" x WOF for border.
- 3 strips 2" x WOF; cut into (2) 2" x 25 1/2" strips and (4) 2" x 9 1/2" strips.

5/8 yard birch trees

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

1 1/3 yards black solid

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

4 2/3 yards of 44/45" backing fabric

- 2 pieces 81" x WOF

OR

2 1/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 81" x 81"

Batting

- 1 piece 81" x 81"

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. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 2" and 6 1/2" purple squares.
2. Place a marked 2" square right sides together on 1 end of a 2" x 9 1/2" lilac strip. Sew on the line. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the triangle open with seam allowance toward the triangle to make 1 end frame strip. Repeat to make a second end frame strip. Repeat to make 2 reverse end frame strips, changing positioning of the square before stitching.



End Frame Strips — Make 2 and 2 reverse

3. Repeat step 2 with the remaining 2" squares on the ends of the 2" x 25 1/2" lilac strips to make 2 center frame strips.



Center Frame Strip — Make 2

4. Sew 2" x 42 1/2" purple strips to the long sides of the large center panel. Press seams toward the strips. Repeat with a strip on 1 long side only of the left and right panel pieces.
5. Stitch the end, reverse end and center frame strips to the top and bottom of the panel pieces to complete the 25 1/2" x 45 1/2" framed center panel and (2) 9 1/2" x 45 1/2" framed end panels. Press seams away from the frame strips.

6. 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) 45 1/2" strips. Stitch a strip to the long sides of the framed center panel. Press seams toward the strips. Add the framed end panels to complete the 45 1/2" x 45 1/2" panel center. Press seams away from the end panels.

7. Stitch the 2" x WOF black strips short ends together. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 45 1/2" and 48 1/2". Sew the shorter strips to the sides of the panel center and the longer strips to the top and bottom to complete the 48 1/2" x 48 1/2" quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.

8. Repeat step 7 with the 6 1/2" x WOF purple strips, cutting (2) 48 1/2" strips. Sew to the sides of the quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.

9. Repeat step 7 with the 6 1/2" x WOF lilac strips, cutting (2) 60 1/2" strips.

10. Repeat step 2 with the marked 6 1/2" purple squares on the ends of the strips to make 2 border strips. Sew to the top and bottom of the quilt center. Press seams toward the quilt center.

11. Repeat step 7 with the 3" x WOF black strips, cutting 2 strips each 60 1/2" and 65 1/2". Stitch the shorter strips to the sides of the quilt center and the longer strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

12. 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 81" x 81" backing piece.

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

14. Join the birch trees 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.

