

# Winter Solstice

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



62" x 66"

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Finished Quilt Size:** 62" x 66"

*Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing recommended for hand dye 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 Winter Solstice panels

- Layer the 2 panels, matching the print exactly. Trim to 40 1/2" long.
- Trim 1 panel to 22 1/2" wide for the center.
- From the second panel, cut a 6 1/2"-wide strip from the left edge. Label A. Cut a 6 1/2"-wide strip from the right edge. Label B.

### 1 1/3 yards tree print

- 2 strips 6 1/2" x WOF for top/bottom borders.
- 4 strips 6 1/2" x remaining LOF for side borders.
- 2 strips 6 1/2" x remaining WOF for top/bottom borders.

### 1 1/4 yards black solid

- 6 strips 4" x WOF for outer border.
- 4 strips 2" x WOF; trim to 2 each 40 1/2" and 39 1/2" strips.
- 2 strips 1 1/2" x WOF; trim to (2) 40 1/2" strips.

### 5/8 yard purple hand dye

- 2 strips 1 1/2" x WOF; trim to 41 1/2".
- 8 strips 1 1/2" x WOF.

### 5/8 yard aurora print

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

### 4 1/2 yards of 44/45" backing fabric OR

### 4 2/3 yards of directional fabric

- 2 pieces 78" x WOF OR
- 2 pieces 82" x WOF

### OR

### 2 1/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 78" x 82"

### Batting

- 1 piece 78" x 82"

## 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 the 1 1/2" x 40 1/2" black strips to the long sides of the center panel. Press seams toward the strips. Add the A panel strip to the left edge and the B panel strip to the right edge to complete the 36 1/2" x 40 1/2" panel center. Press seams toward the black strips.
2. Stitch the 2" x 40 1/2" black strips to the sides of the panel center and the 2" x 39 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the 39 1/2" x 43 1/2" quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.
3. Sew the 1 1/2" x WOF purple strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 57 1/2", 55 1/2" and 43 1/2".
4. Stitch the 43 1/2" purple strips to the long sides of the quilt center and the 1 1/2" x 41 1/2" strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.
5. Sew (2) 6 1/2" x remaining LOF tree strips together, matching print at the seam as much as possible. Press seam to one side. Trim to 45 1/2". Repeat to make a second strip. Stitch the strips to the sides of the quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.
6. Stitch 1 each 6 1/2" x WOF and 6 1/2" x remaining WOF tree strips together, matching print at the seam as much as possible. Press seam to one side. Trim to 53 1/2". Repeat to make a second strip. Sew the strips to the top and bottom of the quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.

7. Sew the 1 1/2" x 57 1/2" purple strips from step 3 to the sides of the quilt center and the 1 1/2" x 55 1/2" strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.

8. Repeat step 3 with the 4" x WOF black strips, cutting 2 strips each 59 1/2" and 62 1/2". Sew 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.

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 78" x 82" 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 aurora print 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.

