Garden Fairy

Quilt Designed by eQuilter

48½" x 48½"

Skill Level: Intermediate   **Finished Quilt Size:** 48 1/2" x 48 1/2"

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.

Garden Fairy panel
- Trim to 22 1/2" x 42 1/2".

7/8 yard fairy print
- Fussy-cut (8) 5 1/2" squares with a fairy centered in each.

2/3 yard blue/purple hand dye
- 3 strips 5 7/8" x WOF; cut into (16) 5 7/8" squares, then cut in half diagonally to make 32 triangles.
- 1 strip 1 1/2" x WOF; cut into (4) 1 1/2" x 10 1/2" strips.

1/4 yard orange hand dye
- 4 strips 1" x WOF; trim to 2 strips each 42 1/2" and 22 1/2" for decorative flange.

1 yard night sky
- 2 strips 4 3/8" x WOF; cut into (16) 4 3/8" squares, then cut in half diagonally to make 32 triangles.
- 5 strips 3 3/4" x WOF for border.

5/8 yard multicolor stripe
- 6 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

3 2/3 yards of 44/45" backing fabric OR
- 2 pieces 64" x WOF
OR
1 3/4 yards wide backing fabric
- 1 piece 64" x 64"

Batting
- 1 piece 64" x 64"

Piecing the Units

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

1.   Fold the blue/purple triangles and the night sky triangles in half with wrong sides together. Finger-press to crease the center of the long side. Fold each fairy square in half with right sides together and in half again. Finger-press the folds to crease the center of each side.

2.   Center and sew night sky triangles to opposite sides of each fairy square, matching and pinning the center creases and pinning at each end of the triangles before stitching. Press seams toward the triangles. Repeat on the remaining sides of the squares to complete (8) 7 1/2" x 7 1/2" units.

3.   Repeat step 3 with blue/purple triangles and only 4 pieced units, matching and pinning the center creases of the triangles to the corners of the fairy square in each unit before sewing. Press seams toward the triangles to complete (4) 10 1/2" x 10 1/2" Fairy A units.

4.   Repeat to make 4 Fairy B units except press seams away from the blue/purple triangles.

Make 4 each Fairy A and B Units

Completing the Quilt

1. Fold each orange strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press. Place the 42 1/2" folded strips on the long edges of the panel with raw edges aligned and fold toward the center. Pin in place. Repeat with the 22 1/2" folded strips on the top and bottom edges. Machine-baste in place 1/8" from the edges all around. Remove pins.

2. Sew 2 each Fairy A and B units alternately together top to bottom. Press seams open. Add 1 1/2" x 10 1/2" blue/purple strips to the top and bottom to complete (1) 10 1/2" x 42 1/2" side strip. Press seams toward the strips. Repeat to make a second side strip. Stitch to the long sides of the panel. Carefully press seams toward the side strips, leaving the orange folded strips flat on top of the panel as a decorative flange.

3. Stitch the 3 3/4" x WOF night sky strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 49" and 42 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, leaving the orange folded strips flat on the top and bottom of the panel.

4. 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 64" x 64" backing piece.

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

6. Join the multicolor stripe 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.