

Christmas Journey

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



44" x 64"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Quilt Size: 44" x 64"

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 42" width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. Remove as little fabric as possible when trimming selvages and squaring strip ends.

1 Christmas Journey panel

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

3/8 yard dark blue snowflakes

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

1/3 yard blue snowflakes

- 2 strips 4" x WOF; cut into (16) 4" squares.

1/2 yard light blue snowflakes

- 1 strip 3 3/4" x WOF; cut into (4) 3 3/4" squares and (2) 2 1/4" squares. Cut the 3 3/4" squares twice diagonally to make 16 triangles.
- 3 strips 2 1/4" x WOF; cut into (46) 2 1/4" squares.

3/4 yard dark blue hand dye

- 6 strips 3 1/2" x WOF for border.

3/4 yard red hand dye

- 4 strips 1" x WOF; cut into cut into (2) strips each, 23 1/2" and 42 1/2" for panel framing.
- 7 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

1 yard white tonal

- 3 strips 3 3/4" x WOF; cut into (32) 3 3/4" squares, then cut twice diagonally to make 128 triangles.
- 5 strips 1 1/2" x WOF for panel framing.
- 5 strips 2" x WOF for border.

3 1/2 yards of 42" backing fabric OR

4 1/2 yards of 42" directional fabric

- 2 strips 60" x WOF OR
- 2 strips 80" x WOF for directional fabric

OR

1 3/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 60" x 80"

Batting

- 1 piece 60" x 80"

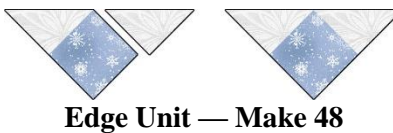
Piecing the Units

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

1. Sew a white triangle to a light blue triangle on 1 short side to make a 3 3/8" x 3 3/8" x 4 3/4" A unit. Press seam to the light blue side. Repeat to make 8 units. Repeat to make 8 B units, changing positioning of the colors as shown.



2. Stitch a white triangle to 1 edge of a 2 1/4" light blue square. Press seam toward the triangle. Repeat on an adjacent edge of the square to complete (1) 6 1/4" x 4 3/8" x 4 3/8" edge unit. Repeat to make 48 edge units.



3. Referring to the diagram on the next page, sew an A unit and a B unit to 2 adjacent edges of a 4" blue snowflakes square. Press seams toward the triangles. Add an edge unit to 1 remaining edge to complete (1) 5 1/2" x 8 3/8" end unit. Gently press seam toward the edge unit. Repeat to make 8 end units.

4. Stitch edge units to opposite sides of the remaining 4" blue snowflakes squares to make 8 blue snowflake border units. Press seams toward the edge units. Repeat with the remaining edge units and 4" dark blue snowflakes squares to make 12 dark blue border units.



End Unit — Make 8



Blue Snowflake Unit — Make 8



Dark Blue Unit — Make 12

Completing the Quilt

1. Stitch the 1" x 42 1/2" red strips to the sides of the panel and the 1" x 23 1/2" red strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the panel.

2. Sew the 1 1/2" x WOF white strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 43 1/2" and 25 1/2". Sew 2" x 43 1/2" white strips to the long sides of the panel. Press seams toward the strips. Add 2" x 25 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the 25 1/2" x 45 1/2" framed panel. Press seams toward the strips.

3. Join 4 dark blue border units and 3 blue snowflake border units, alternating dark blue and blue units. Gently press seams to 1 side. Add end units to the ends to complete (1) 5 1/2" x 45 1/2" side border. Press seams to 1 side. Repeat to make a second side border. Sew to the sides of the framed panel. Press seams toward the framed panel.

4. Repeat step 3 with 2 dark blue border units, 1 blue snowflake border unit and 2 end units to make a 5 1/2" x 25 1/2" strip. Add 5 1/2" dark blue snowflakes squares to the ends to make the 5 1/2" x 35 1/2" top border. Press seams toward the squares. Repeat to make the bottom border. Stitch to the top and bottom of the panel section to complete the 35 1/2" x 55 1/2" quilt center. Press seams toward the panel section.

5. Sew the 2" x WOF white strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 55 1/2" and 38 1/2". Stitch the longer strips to the sides of the quilt center and the shorter strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.

6. Repeat step 5 with the 3 1/2" x WOF dark blue hand dye strips to complete the top, cutting 2 strips each 58 1/2" and 44 1/2".

7. If using 42" 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 a 60" x 80" 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 red 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.