

Under the Sea

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



62 1/2" x 74 1/2"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Quilt Size: 62 1/2" x 74 1/2"

Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing recommended for hand dyes only. Pre-washing NOT recommended for panels and prints.

Yardages and Cutting

WOF is 42" width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. Remove as little fabric as possible when squaring strip ends.

1 Under the Sea single panel

- Trim to 37 1/2" x 30".

1 Under the Sea diptych panel

- Cut 2 squares 18" x 18", centering the circles.

1 yard underwater print

Prepare a 4 3/4"-square clear template. Apply a heavy coat of spray starch or spray stabilizer to the fabric and press dry before cutting.

- Fussy-cut (18) 4 3/4" squares, placing the template on-point on the fabric as shown.



1 3/4 yards blue hand dye

- 3 strips 6 7/8" x WOF; cut into (17) 6 7/8" squares, then cut in half diagonally to make 34 triangles.
- 7 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for border.
- 8 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

1 1/2 yards light green mottled

- 2 strips 1 1/2" x WOF; cut into (1) 1 1/2" x 38 1/2" and (1) 1 1/2" x 19" strips for panel sashing.
- 12 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for borders.
- 2 strips 7 1/4" x WOF; cut into (9) 7 1/4" squares and (1) 6 7/8" square. Cut the 7 1/4" squares twice diagonally to make 36 edge triangles. Cut the 6 7/8" square in half diagonally to make 2 corner triangles.

1/2 yard gold hand dye

- 8 strips 1" x WOF; cut into (2) 1" x 38 1/2", (2) 1" x 30", (4) 1" x 19" and (4) 1" x 18" strips for panel framing.
- 7 strips 1" x WOF for border.

5 1/8 yards of 42" backing fabric

- 2 strips 90" x WOF

OR

2 1/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 78" x 90"

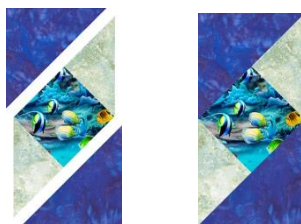
Batting

- 1 piece 78" x 90"

Piecing the Units

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

1. Sew a light green edge triangle to the top right and bottom left sides of 8 underwater squares. Press seams toward the triangles. Stitch a blue triangle to the top and bottom edges of each pieced strip to complete (8) 6 1/2" x 12 1/2" side units. Press seams toward the triangles.



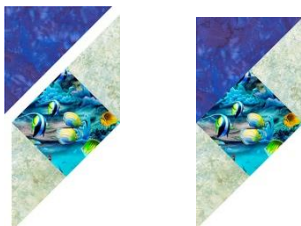
Side Unit — Make 8

2. Stitch a light green edge triangle to the top right and bottom left sides of 6 underwater squares. Press seams toward the triangles. Sew a blue triangle to the left and right edges of each pieced strip to complete (6) 12 1/2" x 6 1/2" top/bottom units. Press seams toward the triangles.

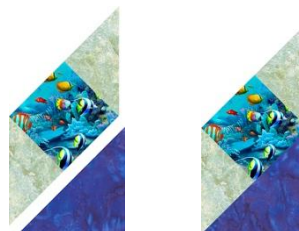


Top/Bottom Unit — Make 6

3. Sew a light green edge triangle to the top right and bottom left sides of 2 underwater squares. Press seams toward the triangles. Stitch a blue triangle to the top edge of 1 pieced strip and to the bottom edge of the second pieced strip to make 1 each 6 1/2" x 12 7/8" A and B end units. Press seams toward the triangles.



A End Unit — Make 1



B End Unit — Make 1

4. Stitch a light green edge triangle to the top right and bottom left sides of the 2 remaining underwater squares. Press seams toward the triangles. Stitch a blue triangle to the left edge of 1 pieced strip and to the right edge of the second pieced strip to make 1 each 12 7/8" x 6 1/2" C and D end units. Press seams toward the triangles.



C End Unit — Make 1



D End Unit — Make 1

5. Sew a light green corner triangle to the remaining blue triangles on the long diagonal edges to make (2) 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" corner units. Press seams toward the blue triangles.



Corner Unit — Make 2

6. Referring to the exploded quilt diagram, stitch the 1" x 18" gold strips to the left and right edges of the panel squares. Press seams toward the strips. Add the 1" x 19" gold strips to the top and bottom to complete 2 small panel units. Press seams toward the strips.

7. Sew the 1" x 30" gold strips to the short sides of the large panel and the 1" x 38 1/2" gold strips to the top and bottom to complete the large panel unit. Press seams toward the strips.

Completing the Quilt

Pay careful attention to the positioning of the units to keep the underwater print pieces upright in the quilt. Refer to the exploded quilt diagram as needed throughout the following steps.

1. Sew the 1 1/2" x 19" light green strip between the small panel units to make a 19" x 38 1/2" row. Press seams toward the light green strip.

2. Stitch the 1 1/2" x 38 1/2" light green strip to the bottom of the row and add the large panel unit to complete the 38 1/2" x 50 1/2" panel center. Press seams toward the strip.
3. Sew the 2 1/2" x WOF light green strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 66 1/2", 58 1/2", 50 1/2" and 42 1/2". Stitch the 50 1/2" strips to the long sides of the panel center and the 42 1/2" strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips. Set aside remaining strips for step 9.
4. Stitch 4 side units top to bottom and add the A end unit to the bottom to complete the 6 1/2" x 60 7/8" left ribbon strip. Press seams open. Sew 4 side units top to bottom and add the B end unit to the top to complete the right ribbon strip. Press seams open.
5. Sew the ribbon strips to the left and right edges of the framed center, matching the square end of the strips to the top or bottom edge of the framed center and stopping and securing stitches 1/4" from the opposite corners of the framed center. Press seams toward the ribbon strips.
6. Stitch 3 top/bottom units side to side and add the C end unit to the right end and a corner unit to the left end to make the 6 1/2" x 54 7/8" top ribbon strip. Press seams open. Sew 3 top/bottom units side to side and add the D end unit to the left end and a corner unit to the right end to make the bottom ribbon strip. Press seams open.
7. Sew the ribbon strips to the top and bottom of the framed center, matching the square end of the strips to the left or right edge of the side ribbon strips and stopping and securing stitches 1/4" from the opposite corners of the framed center. Press seams toward the ribbon strips.
8. Place the angled edges of the B and C end units right sides together, aligning the edges of the underwater squares. Sew the angled seam, beginning and securing stitches at the 1/4" seam intersection at the corner of the framed center. Press seam open. Repeat to complete the A and D corner seam.
9. Stitch the 66 1/2" light green strips from step 3 to the long sides of the quilt center and the 58 1/2" strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.
10. Sew the 1" x WOF gold strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into (2) 70 1/2" strips and (2) 59 1/2" strips. Stitch the longer strips to the long sides of the quilt center and the shorter strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.
11. Repeat step 10 with the (7) 2 1/4" x WOF blue strips to complete the top, cutting (2) 71 1/2" strips and (2) 63" strips.
12. 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 78" x 90" backing piece.
13. Layer the quilt top with the backing and batting pieces. Quilt as desired. Trim batting and backing even with the top.
14. Join the blue 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.



Exploded Quilt Diagram