

# Born in Bethlehem

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



55" x 63"



**Skill Level:** Intermediate**Finished Quilt Size:** 55" x 63"

*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. LOF is length of fabric, parallel to the selvage edges.  
Remove as little fabric as possible when removing selvages and squaring strip ends.*

### Born in Bethlehem panel

- Trim to 34 1/2" x 42 1/2", keeping the green border even.

### 1 1/2 yards navy stars

- 2 strips 4 1/2" x WOF; trim to 34 1/2" for border units.
- 3 strips 3" x WOF for outer top/bottom borders.
- 4 strips 4 1/2" x remaining LOF for border units.
- 5 strips 3" x remaining LOF for outer side borders.

### 1/3 yard purple stars

- 5 strips 1 1/2" x WOF; cut into (64) 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles and (16) 1 1/2" squares.

### 1/4 yard magenta stars

- 3 strips 1 1/2" x WOF; cut into (64) 1 1/2" squares.

### 5/8 yard blue stars

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

### 1 1/8 yards light blue hand dye

- 8 strips 2 1/2" x WOF; cut into 2 strips each 42 1/2" and 34 1/2" for borders and (4) 2 1/2" squares.
- 1 strip 2 1/2" x WOF; cut into (16) 2 1/2" squares.
- 5 strips 1 1/2" x WOF; cut into (128) 1 1/2" squares.

### 4 1/8 yards 44/45" backing fabric OR

### 4 1/2 yards directional backing fabric

- 2 strips 71" x WOF OR
- 2 strips 79" x WOF for directional backing

### OR

### 2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 71" x 79"

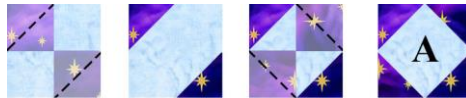
### Batting

- 1 piece 71" x 79"

## Piecing the Blocks & Border Units

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

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of all 1 1/2" purple and magenta squares and (80) 1 1/2" light blue squares.
2. Place marked purple squares right sides together on opposite corners of a 2 1/2" light blue square. Sew on the lines. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the purple triangles open with seams toward the triangles. Repeat on the remaining corners of the square to complete (1) 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" A unit. Repeat to make 4 A units.



**A Unit — Make 4**

3. Repeat with marked magenta squares on each end of (16) 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" purple rectangles to make 16 B units. Repeat to make 16 each C, D and E units using marked squares and 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles in fabrics shown.



**Make 16 of each unit**

4. Referring to the diagrams on the next page, sew a B unit to opposite sides of each A unit to make (4) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" center strips. Press seams toward the A unit. Stitch unmarked 1 1/2" light blue squares to the ends of the

remaining B units to make (8)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " top/bottom strips. Press seams toward the squares. Sew the center strips between top/bottom strips to make (4)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " center units. Press seams toward the top/bottom strips.



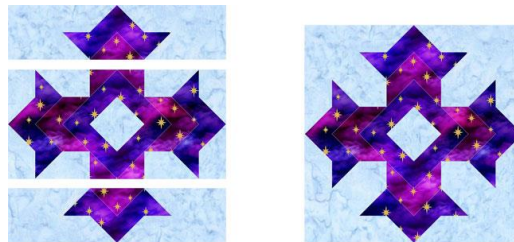
**Center Unit — Make 4**

5. Sew unmarked  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " light blue squares to the ends of the E units to make (16)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " E strips. Press seams toward the squares. Stitch a C unit to each D unit to make (16)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " CD strips. Press seam open. Sew an E strip to each CD strip to make (16)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " point units. Press seam toward the E strip.



**Point Unit — Make 16**

6. Stitch a point unit to opposite sides of a center unit to make the  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " center row. Press seams toward the center unit. Sew a petal unit between (2)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " light blue squares to make a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " top/bottom row. Press seams toward the petal unit. Repeat to make a second row. Join the rows to complete (1)  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " Crown block. Press seams toward the center row. Repeat to make 4 blocks.



**Crown Block — Make 4**

7. Sew (2)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x remaining LOF navy strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seam to one side. Trim to  $42\frac{1}{2}$ ". Repeat to make a second strip.

8. Repeat step 2 with the remaining marked  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " light blue squares on each corner of the  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $42\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $34\frac{1}{2}$ " navy strips to make 2 each long and short border units **except** press seams toward the navy strips.



**Long & Short Border Units — Make 2 of each**

## Completing the Quilt

*Refer to the exploded quilt diagram on the next page throughout the following steps.*

1. Sew the long border units lengthwise between (2)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $42\frac{1}{2}$ " light blue strips to make an  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $42\frac{1}{2}$ " side border. Press seams toward the border unit. Repeat to make a second side border. Repeat with  $34\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to make (2)  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $34\frac{1}{2}$ " top/bottom borders.
2. Stitch the side borders to the long sides of the panel. Press seams toward the borders.
3. Sew a Crown block to each end of the top/bottom borders to make (2)  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $50\frac{1}{2}$ " strips. Press seams toward the borders. Stitch the strips to the top and bottom of the panel section to complete the  $50\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $58\frac{1}{2}$ " quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.

4. Stitch the 3" x remaining LOF navy strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into (2) 58 1/2" strips. Sew the strips to the sides of the quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.

5. Repeat step 5 with the 3" x WOF navy strips, cutting (2) 55 1/2" strips. Stitch the strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

6. 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 71" x 79" backing piece.

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

8. Join the blue stars 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.

9. Bind the quilt edges using your favorite method to complete the quilt.

