

# Illuminated Bears

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



56" x 67"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Quilt Size: 56" x 67"

*Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing not recommended.*

## 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.

### Illuminated Bears panel

- Trim to 32 1/2" x 42 1/2", keeping the black framing even from side to side and top to bottom.

### 5/8 yard ombre

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

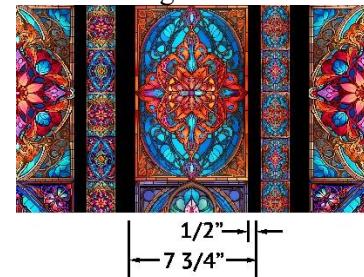
### Illuminated Mandalas squares panel

- Carefully straighten 1 cut edge, removing as little fabric as possible.
- Fussy-cut (1) 25 1/2" x WOF piece, including 3 squares from side to side as shown. Cut into (4) 8 1/2" x 25 1/2" strips, centering 3 blocks in each strip.



### 1 yard border stripe

- Fussy-cut (4) 7 3/4" x LOF strips, first cutting 1/2" over from the edge of the wide stripe as shown, and then cutting 7 3/4" back over from there. Trim to 22", centering on a set of two mandala rectangles.



### 1 1/4 yards black solid

- 6 strips 3 1/2" x WOF for outer border.
- 2 strips 2" x WOF; trim to 2 strips 34 1/2".
- 2 strips 1 1/2" x WOF; trim to 2 strips 42 1/2".
- 3 strips 1 1/4" x WOF.
- 1 strip 1 1/2" x WOF; trim to 4 strips 7 3/4".

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

### 4 3/4 yards directional fabric

- 2 pieces 71" x WOF OR
- 2 pieces 82" x WOF

OR

### 2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 71" x 82"

### Batting

- 1 piece 71" 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.

- Sew the 1 1/2" x 42 1/2" black strips to the sides of the large panel. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch the 2" x 34 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the 34 1/2" x 45 1/2" framed panel. Press seams toward the strips.
- Join (2) border stripe strips together on the short edge. Press seam to one side. Sew a 1 1/2" x 7 3/4" black strip to both ends to make a 7 3/4" x 45 1/2" strip. Repeat to make a second strip. Stitch to the sides of the large panel section. Press seams toward the strips.

3. Stitch the (3) 1 1/4" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into (2) strips 45 1/2". Sew strips to the sides of the quilt center. Press seams toward the panel center.

4. Sew 2 Illuminated block square panel strips together on the short edge to make an 8 1/2" x 50 1/2" strip. Press seam to one side. Repeat to make a second strip. Stitch to the top and bottom of the large panel section to complete the 50 1/2" x 61 1/2" quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.

5. Stitch the 3 1/2" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 61 1/2" and 56 1/2". Sew the longer strips to the sides of the quilt center and the shorter 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 82" backing piece.

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

8. Join the ombre 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.

