

Songs of Nature

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



55" x 60"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Block Size: 7" x 7"

Finished Quilt Size: 55" x 60"

Number of Blocks: 12

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 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.

1 Songs of Nature panel

- Fussy-cut (2) 9" x 11 1/2" rectangles from each end of the panel, keeping the black even all around.
- Fussy-cut (1) 23 1/2" square from the center section of the panel.

2 yards bird stripe

- Fussy-cut (2) 6" x 65" strips with the bird stripe centered for side borders.
- Fussy-cut (2) 6" x 60" strips with the bird stripe centered for top/bottom borders.

1 yard bird print

Apply a heavy coat of spray starch or spray stabilizer to fabric and press dry. Prepare a 5 1/2"-square clear template. Draw diagonal lines from corner to corner to mark the diagonal center

- Fussy-cut 12 squares, turning the template on the fabric as needed to center a bird diagonally.



1 yards blue texture

- 4 strips 2 1/2" x WOF; cut into 2 each 2" x 27 1/2" and 2" x 23 1/2" strips and (16) 2" squares.
- 7 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

1 1/4 yards cream hand dye

- 4 strips 2 1/2" x WOF; cut into (4) 2 1/2" x 27 1/2" strips and (16) 2" x 3 1/4" rectangles.
- 1 strip 3 1/4" x WOF; cut into (16) 2" x 3 1/4" rectangles (to total 32 rectangles).
- 5 strips 1 1/4" x WOF; cut into (4) 1 1/4" x 27 1/2" strips and (64) 1 1/4" squares.
- 3 strips 4 3/8" x WOF; cut into (24) 4 3/8" squares, then cut in half diagonally to make 48 triangles.

4 1/4 yards of 42" backing fabric

- 2 strips 76" x WOF

OR

2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 71" x 76"

Batting

- 1 piece 71" x 76"

Completing the Blocks & Sashing Strips

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

1. Center and sew a cream triangle to opposite sides of each 5 1/2" bird square. Press seams toward the triangles. Repeat on the remaining sides of the squares to make (12) 7 1/2" x 7 1/2" On-Point blocks.



On-Point Block — Make 12

2. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 1 1/4" cream squares.
3. Place a marked square right sides together on 1 corner of a 2" blue square. Sew on the marked line. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the cream triangle open. Repeat on the remaining corners of the blue square to make a 2" x 2" unit. Repeat to make 16 units.



Make 16

4. Sew a 2" x 3 1/4" cream rectangle to opposite sides of each unit to complete (16) 2" x 7 1/2" sashing strips. Press seams toward the rectangles.



Sashing Strip — Make 16

Finishing the Quilt

1. Stitch the 2 1/2" x 23 1/2" blue strips to the left and right edges of the 23 1/2" panel square. Press seams toward the strips. Add the 2 1/2" x 27 1/2" strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.

2. Sew 3 On-Point blocks top to bottom with 4 sashing strips. Press seams toward the sashing strips. Stitch a 1 1/4" x 27 1/2" cream strip to the long sides to complete a 9" x 27 1/2" side border. Press seams toward the strips. Repeat to make a second side border. Sew the borders to the left and right edges of the framed panel center. Press seams toward the panel center.

3. Stitch 3 On-Point blocks side to side with 4 sashing strips. Press seams toward the sashing strips. Sew a 2 1/2" x 27 1/2" cream strip to the long sides to complete an 11 1/2" x 27 1/2" strip.



Add a panel rectangle to each end of the strip to complete the 11 1/2" x 44 1/2" top border. Press seams toward the rectangles. Repeat to make the bottom border. Sew the borders to the top and bottom of the panel center to complete the 44 1/2" x 49 1/2" quilt center. Press seams toward the borders.

4. Center and stitch the 6" x 65" strips to the long sides of the quilt center, beginning, ending and securing stitching 1/4" from the corners of the quilt center. Repeat with the 6" x 60" strips on the top and bottom. Miter corners using your favorite method, checking to be sure that stripe sections match and all corners lie flat. Trim mitered corner seams to 1/4" and press open. Press border seams toward the wavy stripe strips to complete the top.

5. 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 the edges to make a 71" x 76" backing piece.

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

7. Join the blue texture 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.