

Bear Hugs

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



58" x 58"

Skill Level: Confident Beginner**Finished Quilt Size:** 58" x 58"

*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.

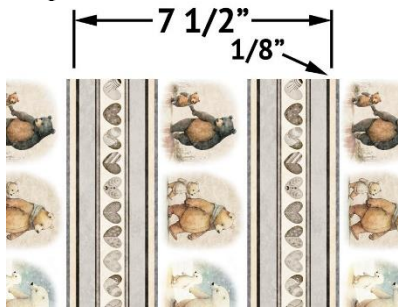
Remove as little fabric as possible when removing selvages and squaring strip ends.

Bear Hugs panel

- Trim to 36 1/2" x 35", keeping the image even.

1 3/4 yards bear hugs stripe

- Cut (4) 7 1/2" x 58" LOF strips, beginning 1/8" above the dark stripe section as shown and cutting over 7 1/2" to above the symmetric black stripe as shown.



1 yard black texture

- 2 strips 2" x WOF; trim to 2 strips 35".
- 2 strips 2 3/4" x WOF; trim to 2 strips 39 1/2".
- 6 strips 3" x WOF for outer border.

5/8 yard gray hand dye

- 6 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding

4 1/4 yards 44/45" backing fabric

- 2 strips 73" x WOF OR

OR

2 1/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 73" x 73"

Batting

- 1 piece 73" x 73"

Completing the Quilt

Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all stitching. Press seams as directed. Refer to the exploded quilt diagram as needed.

1. Sew the 2" x 35" black strips to the sides of the panel. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch the 2 3/4" x 39 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the 39 1/2" x 39 1/2" framed panel. Press seams toward the strips.
2. Center and sew (2) 7 1/2" x 58" border stripe strips to the sides of the quilt center, beginning, ending and locking stitches 1/4" from the corners of the quilt center. Repeat with the remaining (2) 7 1/2" x 58" strips on the top and bottom edges. Miter corners using your favorite method, checking to be sure that all corners lie flat and the stripe sections match. Trim mitered corner seams to 1/4" and press open. Press border seams toward the border strips.
3. Sew the 3" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 58 1/2" and 53 1/2". Stitch the shorter strips to the sides of the center and the longer strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.
4. 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 73" x 73" backing piece.
5. Layer the quilt top with the backing and batting pieces. Quilt as desired. Trim batting and backing even with the top.
6. Join the gray hand dye binding strips on the short ends with diagonal seams to make a long strip. Press seams open. Press the strip in half along the length with wrong sides together.
7. Bind the quilt edges using your favorite method to complete the quilt.

