## Blank <br> Whiskers Among Petals

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Cat Gallery Quilt
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Quilt size: 70" x 76"
Skill Level: Beginner
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## Whiskers Among Petals - Fabrics in the Collection



Window - Dusty Blue


3641-22 Cats and Roses - Pink


3638-90 Rock Wall
and Cats - Stone


3642-90 Patchwork Stone


3639-19 Damask
Gray


3643-19 Tossed Cats - Gray


3639-77 Damask Royal Blue

3640-19 Cats on Tables Gray


Royal Blue


3645-77 Border Stripe Royal Blue

Selected fabric from the
Mélange Collection


4509-607
Lt. Gray

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## MATERIALS

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

Two 3646P-77 Panels - 24" - Royal Blue $1 / 8$ yard 3641-22 Cats and Roses - Pink 5/8 yard 4509-607 Melange - Lt. Gray 1 yard 3642-90 Patchwork - Stone 11⁄8 yards 3643-19 Tossed Cats - Gray 1½ yards 3639-19 Damask - Gray 2¼ yards 3639-77 Damask - Royal Blue 4½ yards 3641-22 Tossed Cats - Gray for backing 78 " x 84 " piece of batting

## CUTTING

Note: All strips are cut across the width of the fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage unless otherwise indicated.

From 3646P-77 Panels - 24" - Royal Blue, trim:
*(9) $81 / 22^{\prime \prime}$ x $101122^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles. (A)
From 3641-22 Cats and Roses - Pink, cut:
*(1) $21 / 2$ x WOF strip. Sub-cut (16) $2 ½$ " cornerstone squares. (B)

From 4509-607 Melange - Lt. Gray, cut: *(1) $8 \frac{1}{2}$ "x WOF strip. Sub-cut (18) $2^{2 " x} 81 / 2 "$ rectangles. (C)
*(1) $101 / 2$ " x WOF strip. Sub-cut (18) 2 " x $101 / 2{ }^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles. (D)

From 3642-90 Patchwork - Stone, cut:
*(7) 4" x WOF strips for border 2.

## From 3643-19 Tossed Cats - Gray, cut:

*(12) 3" x WOF strips. Sub-cut:

- (18) $3^{\prime \prime} \times 131 / 2 / 2$ rectangles. (E)
- (18) $3^{\prime \prime}$ x 11½" rectangles. (F)


## From 3639-19 Damask - Gray, cut:

*(1) $161 / 2 " \mathrm{x}$ WOF strip. Sub-cut (12) $21 / 2 \mathrm{l}$ x $16^{1 / 2 "}$ sashing rectangles. (G)
*(1) $181 / 2 \mathrm{l}$ x WOF strip. Sub-cut (12) $21 / 2 " \mathrm{x} 181 / 2{ }^{1}$ sashing rectangles. (H)
*(6) $21 / 2$ x X WOF strips for border 1 .

## From 3639-77 Damask - Royal Blue, cut:

*(2) 2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (36) 2" squares. (I)
*(8) 3" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (108) 3" squares. (J)
*(8) $2^{21} \mathrm{x}$ WOF strips for border 3.
*(8) $2 \frac{1}{2} / 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x}$ WOF strips for binding.
From 3641-22 Tossed Cats - Gray for backing, cut:
*(2) 78" x WOF panels, pieced horizontally.

## BLOCK ASSEMBLY

1. Sew a D rectangle to each long side of the A rectangles. Press the seams toward the center. Sew an I square to each side of the C rectangles. Press the seams away from the center. Sew a rectangle to the top and to the bottom of the A rectangles (Figure 1). Press the seams away from the center.


Figure 1
2. Draw a diagonal line on the reverse side of 72 J squares. With right sides together, place one marked $J$ square on a short end of an $E$ rectangle and stitch on the drawn line (notice the direction of the stitching line). Trim the seam allowance to $1 / 4$ " and press open. Repeat with the other end of the same rectangle. Make 18 units - save them for Step 3. Repeat with the remaining J squares and the F rectangles. Noting fabric orientation, sew the F rectangles to the sides of the Step 1 units and press the seams toward the center (Figure 2).


Figure 2

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3. Sew a J square to each end of the Step 2 E rectangles. Press the seams toward the squares. Noting fabric orientation, sew a strip to the top and bottom of the Step 2 units. Press the seams away from the center (Figure 3). Make (9) $161 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 181/2" blocks.


Figure 3 - Make (9) $161 / 2$ " x 18½" blocks.

## QUILT ASSEMBLY

4. Lay out 3 blocks and 4 H sashing rectangles in 3 rows and join the blocks and sashing rectangles together in each row. Press the seams toward the sashing.
5. To make the horizontal sashing rows, sew together 3 G sashing rectangles and 4 B cornerstone squares. Repeat to make 4 sashing strips. Press the seams toward the sashing.
6. Matching adjacent seams, sew the block and sashing rows together. Press the seams in one direction.
7. For border 1 , sew the (6) $21 / 2$ " 3639-19 Damask - Gray border strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Measure the vertical length
of the quilt top through the center and cut two border strips that length. Sew one strip to each side of the quilt top. Measure the width of the quilt top through the center. Cut two border strips that length and sew one to the top and one to the bottom. Press the seams toward the borders.
8. Repeat Step 7 with the (7) $4^{\prime \prime}$ 3642-90 Patchwork - Stone strips to make and add border 2.
9. Repeat Step 7 with the (8) 2" 3639-77 Damask Royal Blue strips to make and add border 3 .

## FINISHING

10. Create a quilt sandwich with the batting between the quilt top and the backing. Pin or baste layers together, mark the quilting design, and quilt by hand or machine. When the quilting is complete, remove pins or basting, and trim batting and backing even with the raw edges of the quilt top.
11. Join the (8) $2^{½}$ " 3639-77 Damask - Royal Blue binding strips together end to end using a diagonal seam to make one long strip. Trim seams to $1 / 4$ " and press them open. With wrong sides together, fold the strip in half lengthwise and press. Sew the binding to the edges of the quilt top, mitering corners and overlapping ends. Fold the binding to the back of the quilt and hand-stitch in place.

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Quilt Diagram

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