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# Ocean Menagerie

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Quilt size: 55" x 55"

Skill Level: Intermediate

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# Ocean Menagerie - Fabrics in the Collection



2508-75 Sea Coral  
Turquoise



2508-99 Sea Coral  
Black



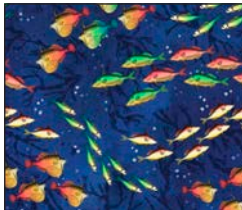
2509-83 Sea Flowers  
Coral



2510-99 Jelly Fish  
& Sea Horses - Black



2511-77 Underwater  
Scene - Navy



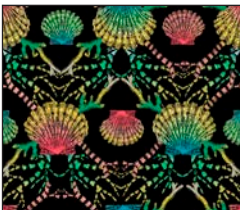
2512-77 Schools of Fish  
Navy



2513-99 Sea Life  
Black



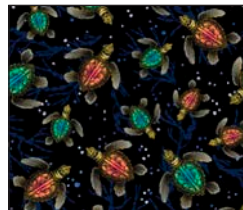
2514-65 Sea Shells  
Mint



2514-99 Sea Shells  
Black



2515-76 Starfish  
Dk. Turquoise



2516-99 Sea Turtles  
Black

Selected fabrics from the  
Jot Dot Collection



9570-09  
Marshmallow



9570-42  
Med. Yellow



9570-76  
Teal

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## Materials

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

1/8 yard 9570-42 Jot Dot - Med. Yellow  
1/4 yard 2514-65 Sea Shells - Mint  
1/4 yard 2509-83 Sea Flowers - Coral  
1/3 yard 2508-75 Sea Coral - Turquoise  
3/8 yard 2512-77 Schools of Fish - Navy  
3/8 yard 2516-99 Sea Turtles - Black  
1/2 yard 2510-99 Jelly Fish & Sea Horses - Black  
1/2 yard 2515-76 Star Fish - Dk. Turquoise  
5/8 yard 9570-76 Jot Dot - Teal  
1-1/4 yards 2511-77 Underwater Scene - Navy  
1-1/3 yards 9570-09 Jot Dot - Marshmallow  
3-1/2 yards 2513-99 Sea Life - Black for backing  
63" x 63" piece of Air Lite® Colour Me 100% Cotton batting  
Paper for foundation piecing.

## Cut Fabrics

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

### From 9570-42 Jot Dot - Med. Yellow:

\*Cut one 3-7/8" **A** square.

### From 2514-65 Sea Shells - Mint:

\*Cut one 6-7/8" **K** square.

### From 2509-83 Sea Flowers - Coral:

\*Cut one 5" x WOF strip. Sub-cut two 4" x 5" **X2** rectangles and eight 4-1/4" squares; cut twice diagonally (**S** triangles).

### From 2508-75 Sea Coral - Turquoise:

\*Cut two 3-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut eight 3-1/2" **G** squares and eight 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" **I** rectangles.

### From 2512-77 Schools of Fish - Navy:

\*Cut three 3-1/2" x WOF strips for border 1.

### From 2516-99 Sea Turtles - Black:

\*Cut one 9" x WOF strip. Sub-cut two 7" x 9" **Y2** rectangles and sixteen 3-1/2" **H** squares.

## From each:

### 2510-99 Jelly Fish & Sea Horses - Black

### 2515-76 Star Fish - Dk. Turquoise

\*Cut two 6-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut eight 6-1/2" **P** squares.

### From 9570-76 Jot Dot - Teal:

\*Cut one 3-1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut two 3-1/2" x 12-1/2" **O** rectangles and two 2" x 6-1/2" **E** strips.

\*Cut six 2-1/2" x WOF strips for binding.

### From 2511-77 Underwater Scene - Navy:

\*Cut six 6-1/2" x WOF strips for border 2.

### From 9570-09 Jot Dot - Marshmallow:

\*Cut one 1-1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut two 1-1/2" x 12-1/2" **M** strips and two 1" x 6-1/2" **D** strips.

\*Cut one 2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut twelve 2" x 3-1/2" **R** strips.

\*Cut one 2-1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut two 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" **L** rectangles and two 1-1/2" x 3-1/2" **C** strips.

\*Cut six 3-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut sixty-four 3-1/2" **Q** squares.

\*Cut one 4-1/4" x WOF strip. Sub-cut eight 4-1/4" squares; cut twice diagonally (**S** triangles).

\*Cut one 6-7/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut:

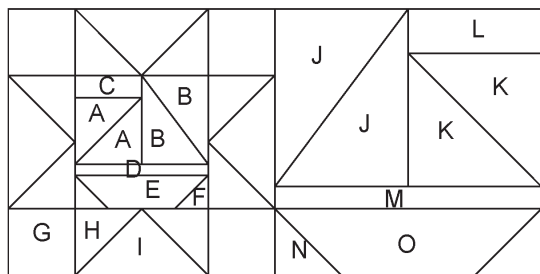
- One 6-7/8" **K** square
- One 3-7/8" **A** square
- Two 4" x 5" **X1** rectangles
- Four 3-1/2" **N** squares
- Four 2" **F** squares

\*Cut one 7" x WOF strip. Sub-cut two 7" x 9"

**Y1** rectangles and twenty 2" x 3-1/2" **R** strips (for a total of 32).

## Assemble Blocks

*Notes: Measurements include 1/4" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated. If no direction is specified, press the seam toward the darker fabric.*



Blocks 1 and 2 - Diagram

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 9570-09 Jot Dot - Marshmallow **A** square. With right sides together, layer the marked **A** square atop the 9570-42 Jot Dot - Med. Yellow **A** square. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the marked line, cut on the drawn line, press each unit open with seams toward the dark fabric, and trim dog ears. Repeat with the Marshmallow and 2509-83 Sea Flowers - Coral **K** squares. Make two  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " yellow and two  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " mint half-square triangles (HST). Add a Marshmallow **C** strip to the top of the Yellow HSTs and a Marshmallow **L** strip to the top of the Mint HSTs. Press seams toward the strips (*figure 1*).

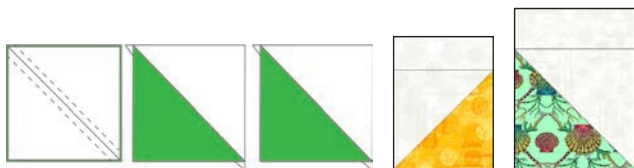


Figure 1 - Make 2 of each.

2. Trace or print two copies each of template X and Y. Paper piece each section placing each fabric rectangle where noted on the templates. Note that you will place the fabrics on the backside of the templates and will stitch the seams on their printed side (*figure 2*). Press open, trim, and remove the paper. Make two units of each type.



Figure 2 - Make 2 of each.

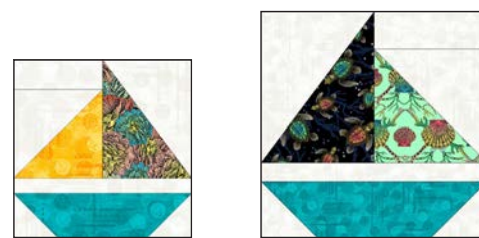
3. Sew the Step 1 and Step 2 units together as shown below and press the seams open. Sew a Marshmallow **D** strip to the bottom of the yellow units and a

Marshmallow **M** strip to the others (*figure 3*). Press the seams toward the strips.



Figure 3 - Make 2 of each.

4. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Marshmallow **F** and **N** squares. Sew one **F** square to opposite sides of the 9570-76 Jot Dot - Teal **E** rectangles and one **N** square to the Teal **O** rectangles. Trim the seam allowances to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press open. Sew the **F/E** units to the bottom of the Step 3 yellow units and the **N/O** units to the others (*figure 4*). Press the seams toward the center. The smaller boats measure  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " and the larger boats measure  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Star block center Completed block  
Figure 4

5. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 2516-99 Sea Turtles - Black **H** squares. With right sides together, layer a marked **H** square on one end of a 2508-75 Sea Coral - Turquoise **I** rectangle and stitch on the drawn line. Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the seam line and press open. In the same manner, stitch another **H** square to the opposite end of the same rectangle (*figure 5*). Repeat to make eight  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " flying-geese units.



Figure 5 - Make 8.

6. Sew a Step 5 flying geese to opposite sides of the Step 4  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " boats. Press the seams toward the center. Sew a 2508-75 Sea Coral - Turquoise **G** square to opposite sides of the remaining flying geese to make four rows. Press the seams away from the center. Sew

one row to the top and one to the bottom of each boat to complete two 12-1/2" blocks (*figure 6*). Press the seams open.

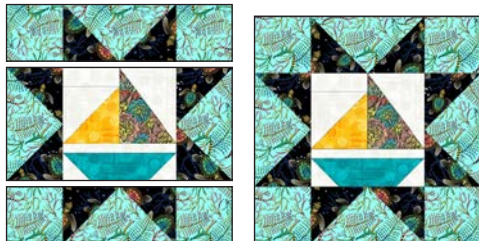
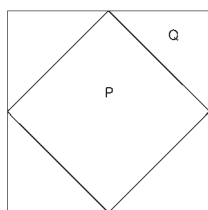


Figure 6 – Make 2.



Block 2 Diagram

7. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Marshmallow **Q** squares. With right sides together, place one marked **Q** square on a corner of one 2510-99 Jelly Fish & Sea Horses – Black **P** square and stitch on the drawn line. Do the same with the opposite corner of the same square. Trim seam allowances to 1/4" and press open. Repeat with the other corners of the square. Make eight 6-1/2" blocks.

Repeat this step with the remaining **Q** squares and the 2515-76 Star Fish - Dk. Turquoise **P** squares to make eight more 6-1/2" blocks (*figure 7*).

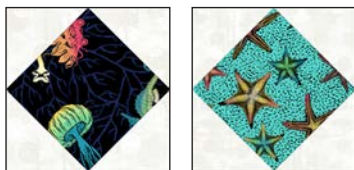
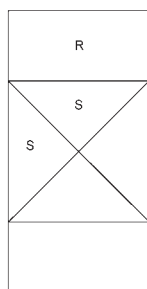


Figure 7 – Make 8 of each.



Block 3 - diagram

8. Sew a 2509-83 Sea Flowers – Coral **S** triangle to a Marshmallow **S** triangle. Press the seam toward the dark fabric. Repeat to make thirty-two units. Sew the units together two-by-two to make sixteen 3-1/2" hourglass blocks. Press the seams open. Sew a Marshmallow **R** strip to the top and one to the bottom of each hourglass to complete the 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" blocks (*figure 8*). Press the seams away from the center.



Figure 8 – Make 16.

## Assemble Quilt Top

9. Referring to the quilt photo for block placement, sew together the Step 4 and Step 6 blocks into two rows and press the seams in one direction. Sew the rows together to make the 24-1/2" quilt center. Press the seams open.

10. For border 1, sew three 3-1/2" 2512-77 Schools of Fish – Navy strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Cut two 24-1/2" lengths. Sew one length to each side of the quilt top and press the seams toward the border strips. 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. The quilt measures 30-1/2" x 30-1/2" up to here.

11. For border 2 and referring to the quilt photo for block placement, arrange seven blocks for each side of the quilt. Sew blocks together and sew one border strip to each side of the quilt center. Press the seam toward the center.

12. Repeat Step 11 with nine blocks per strip and sew one border strip to the top and one to the bottom of the quilt center.

13. For border 3, sew the six 6-1/2" 2511-77 Underwater Scene – Navy border strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Measure the width of the quilt

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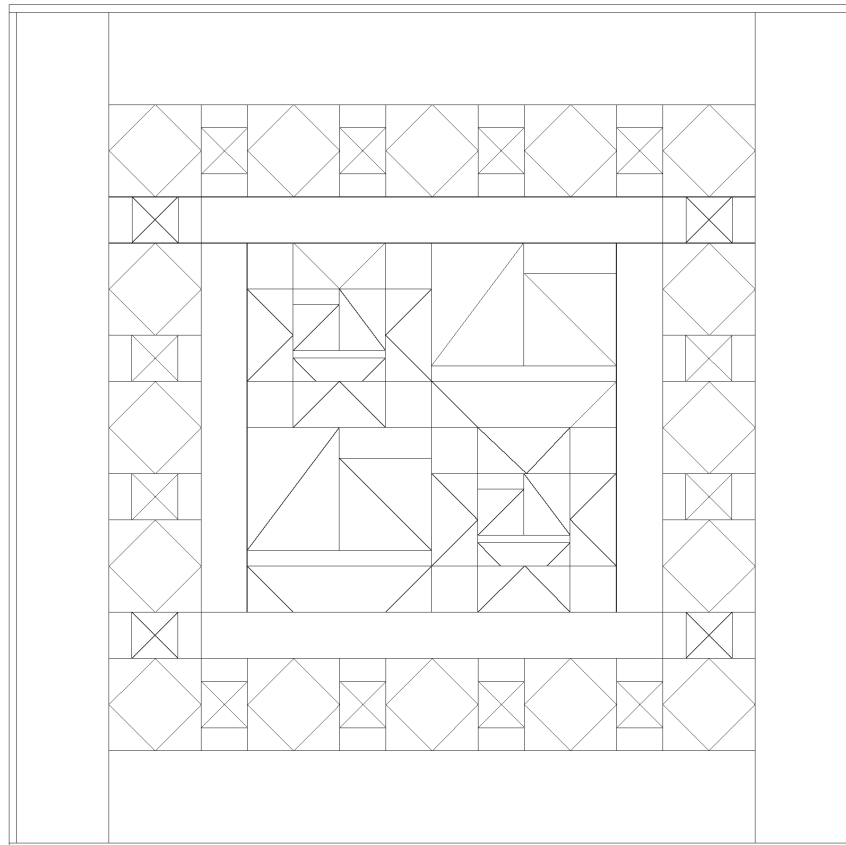
top through the center. Cut two border strips that length and sew one to the top and one to the bottom. Measure the vertical length of the quilt top through the center and cut two border strips that length. Sew one strip to each side of the quilt top. Press the seams toward the borders.

## Finishing

14. Create a sandwich with the batting between the quilt top and the backing. Pin or baste layers together,

mark quilting design, and quilt by hand or machine. When quilting is complete, remove pins or basting, and trim batting and backing even with raw edges of the quilt top.

15. Join the eight 2-1/2" 9570-76 Jot Dot – Teal binding strips together end to end using a diagonal seam to make one long strip. Fold in half lengthwise and press. Sew binding to the edges of the quilt, mitering corners, and overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back of the quilt and stitch it in place by hand to finish.



Quilt Diagram

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