

TROPICAL VIBES

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Quilt size: 62" x 72"

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

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TROPICAL VIBES - Fabrics in the Collection



2366-70 Small Flowers
Lt. Blue



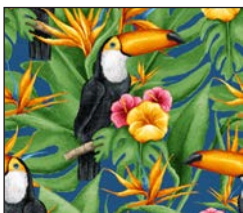
2367-60 Tropical Birds
& Flowers - Lt. Green



2368-22 Hibiscus
Pink



2369-41 Butterfly
& Rose - Ivory



2370-66 Toucans
Green



2371-76 Flamingos
Aqua



2372-44 Tropical
Birds - Yellow



2373-70 Hummingbirds
Lt. Blue



2374-60 Leaf Allover
Lt. Green



2365-95 Tropical Blocks
Charcoal



2375P-76 Tropical Panel
Aqua

Selected fabrics from the
Chameleon Collection



1178-41
Ivory



1178-99
Black

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Materials

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

1/4 yard 2367-60 Tropical Birds & Flowers - Lt. Green
1/4 yard 2368-22 Hibiscus - Pink
1/4 yard 2369-41 Butterfly & Rose - Ivory
1/4 yard 2371-76 Flamingos - Aqua
1/4 yard 2372-44 Tropical Birds - Yellow
1/4 yard 2373-70 Hummingbirds - Lt. Blue
5/8 yard 1178-99 Chameleon - Black
3/4 yard 2366-70 Small Flowers - Lt. Blue
1 yard 2370-66 Toucans - Green
1-1/3 yards 2365-95 Tropical Blocks - Charcoal
2 yards 1178-41 Chameleon - Ivory
4 yards 2367-60 Tropical Birds & Flowers - Lt. Green for backing
70" x 80" piece of Air Lite® Colour Me 100% Cotton batting

Cut Fabrics

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

From each:

2367-60 Tropical Birds & Flowers - Lt. Green

2368-22 Hibiscus - Pink

2372-44 Tropical Birds - Yellow

*Cut one 7" x WOF strip. Sub-cut three 7" squares.

From each:

2369-41 Butterfly & Rose - Ivory

2371-76 Flamingos - Aqua

2373-70 Hummingbirds - Lt. Blue

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

From 1178-99 Chameleon - Black:

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

From 2366-70 Small Flowers - Lt. Blue:

*Cut two 3-3/4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut forty-eight 1-3/4" x 3-3/4" strips.

*Cut three 5" x WOF strips. Sub-cut sixty 1-3/4" x 5" strips and twelve 1-3/4" x 3-3/4" strips (for a total of 60).

From 2370-66 Toucans - Green:

*Cut seven 4-1/2" x WOF strips for border 2.

From 2365-95 Tropical Blocks - Charcoal:

*Trim fifteen 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" squares.

From 1178-41 Chameleon - Ivory:

*Cut five 1-3/4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut 120 1-3/4" squares.

*Cut six 3-3/4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut sixty 3-3/4" squares.

*Cut thirteen 1-1/2" x WOF strips for borders 1 and 3.

*Cut six 1-1/2" x WOF strips for horizontal sashing.

*Cut one 9-1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut twenty-four 1-1/2" x 9-1/2" strips.

Assemble Blocks

Note: 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.

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 3-3/4" 1178-41 Chameleon - Ivory squares. With right sides together, place one marked Ivory square on a corner of one 7" 2367-60 Tropical Birds & Flowers - Lt. Green square and stitch on the drawn line. Repeat 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 (*figure 1*). Make three 7" units.

Repeat this step with the remaining 3-3/4" Ivory squares and the 7" 2368-22 Hibiscus - Pink, 2372-44 Tropical Birds - Yellow, 2369-41 Butterfly & Rose - Ivory, 2371-76 Flamingos - Aqua, and 2373-70 Hummingbirds - Lt. Blue squares, for a total of fifteen assorted 7" units.



Figure 1 - Make (15) assorted 7" units.

2. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 1-3/4" 1178-41 Chameleon - Ivory squares.

With right sides together and noting stitching line direction, layer a marked Ivory square on the right short end of one $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $3\frac{3}{4}$ " 2366-70 Small Flowers - Lt. Blue strip and stitch on the drawn line. Trim the seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press open. Make a total of thirty $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $3\frac{3}{4}$ " units.

Repeat this step with thirty more $1\frac{3}{4}$ " Ivory squares and $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $3\frac{3}{4}$ " Lt. Blue strips, this time sewing the Ivory squares to the left short end of the Lt. Blue strips. Make a total of thirty $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $3\frac{3}{4}$ " units. Sew the units together to make thirty $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x 7" strips (*figure 2*). Press the seams open.



Make 30 Make 30
Figure 2 – Make (30) $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x 7" strips.

3. Noting fabric orientation, sew one Step 2 strip to the top and one to the bottom of each Step 1 unit (*figure 3*). Press the seams away from the center.



Figure 3

4. Repeat Step 2 with the remaining $1\frac{3}{4}$ " 1178-41 Chameleon – Ivory squares and the $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5" 2366-70 Small Flowers - Lt. Blue strips to make thirty $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " strips (*figure 4*).

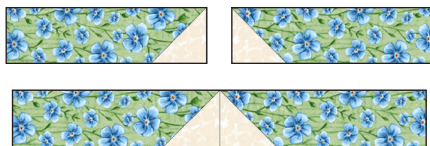


Figure 4 – Make (30) $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.

5. Sew one Step 4 strip to the right and one to the left side of each Step 3 unit to make fifteen $9\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks (*figure 5*). Press the seams away from the center.



Figure 5 – Make (15) assorted $9\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks.

Assemble Quilt Top

- Referring to the quilt photo for block placement and color orientation, lay out the blocks, the $9\frac{1}{2}$ " 2365-95 Tropical Blocks – Charcoal squares, and the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " 1178-41 Chameleon – Ivory sashing strips in six rows, and join the blocks, squares, and sashing strips together in each row. Press the seams toward the sashing.
- To make the horizontal sashing rows, sew together the six $1\frac{1}{2}$ " 1178-41 Chameleon – Ivory strips end to end using diagonal seams. Cut five $49\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths.
- Sew block rows and horizontal sashing strips together. Press the seams in one direction.
- For border 1, join all the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " 1178-41 Chameleon – Ivory 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 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. Save remaining long strip for border 3.
- Repeat Step 9 with the seven $4\frac{1}{2}$ " 2370-66 Toucans – Green strips to make and add border 2.
- Repeat Step 9 the remaining $1\frac{1}{2}$ " 1178-41 Chameleon – Ivory long strip to add border 3.

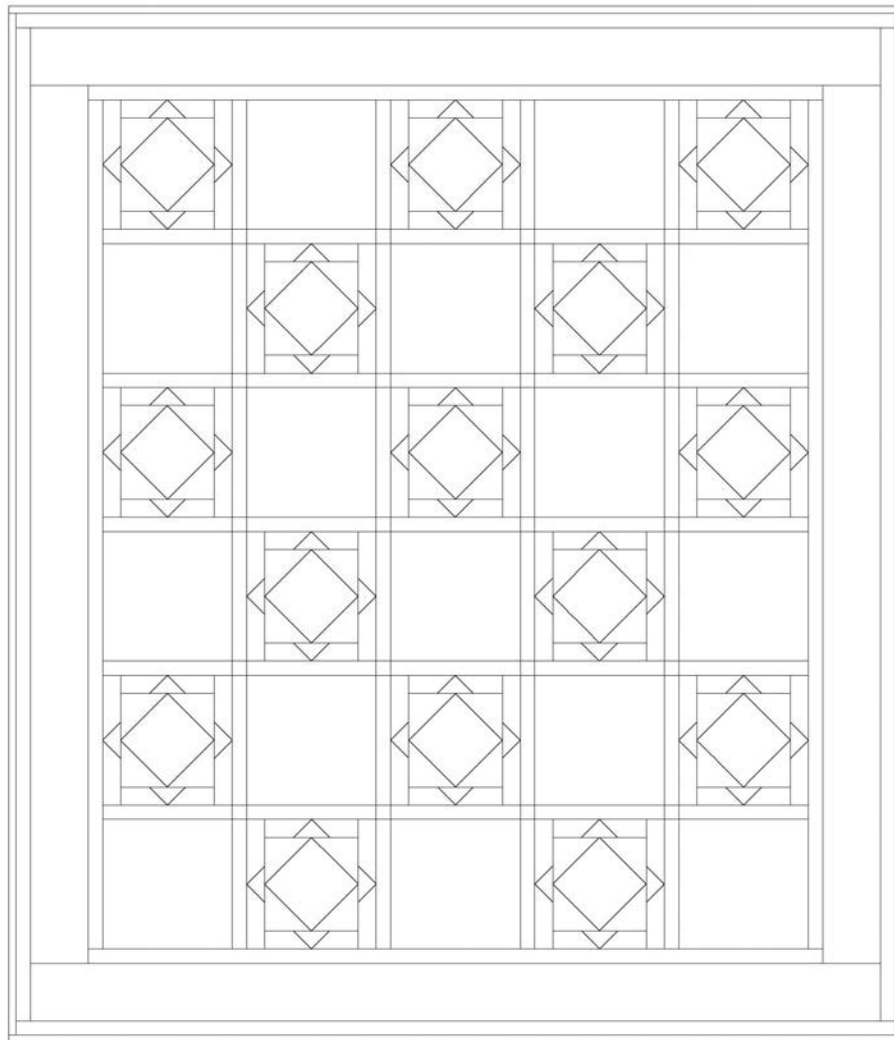
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Finishing

12. 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.

13. Join the seven 2-1/2" 1178-99 Chameleon – Black 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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