Gypsy Dreams
Quilt 1
by Denise Russell

Quilt size: 60” x 84”
Skill Level: Intermediate
Gypsy Dreams - Fabrics in the Collection

- 9744-22 Inspirational Blocks - Pink
- 9745-75 Stripe - Blue
- 9748-22 Butterflies - Pink
- 9748-77 Butterflies - Blue
- 9749-01 Dragonflies - White
- 9749-77 Dragonflies - Blue
- 9746-01 Floral Tile - White
- 9747-01 Lanterns - White
- 9748-77 Butterflies - Blue
- 3955 Eclipse-White
- 9745-75 Stripe - Blue
- 9749-01 Dragonflies - White
- 9749-77 Dragonflies - Blue
- 9750-22 Stitched Circles - Pink
- 9750-66 Stitched Circles - Green
- 9750-77 Stitched Circles - Blue
- 9751-77 Floral - Blue
- 3955 Eclipse-White
Cut Fabrics

**Note:** All strips are cut across the width of the fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage unless otherwise noted. If cut across the length of the fabric (LOF), the LOF notation will be indicated.

**From Starlet-6383 Petal:**
*Cut five 1-1/8” x WOF strips for border 5.

**From 9750-22 Stitched Circles-Pink:**
*Cut three 2-1/4” x WOF strips. Sub-cut:
  - Eight 2-1/4” x 5-5/8” rectangles (A); and
  - Eight 2-1/4” x 7-3/8” rectangles (B).
*Cut one 3-1/8” x WOF strip. Sub-cut four 3-1/8” squares.

**From 9749-77 Dragonflies-Blue:**
*Cut four 2-1/2” x WOF strips for border 2.

**From 9748-22 Butterflies-Pink:**
*Cut four 2-1/2” x WOF strips.

**From 9750-66 Stitched Circles-Green:**
*Cut four 2-1/2” x WOF strips.

**From Eclipse 3955-White:**
*Cut nine 1-1/2” x WOF strips – four for border 1 and five for border 3.

**From 9744-22 Inspirational Blocks-Pink:**
*Trim blocks to 9-1/8” square.

**From 9750-77 Stitched Circles-Blue:**
*Cut three 2-1/4” x WOF strips. Sub-cut:
  - Eight 2-1/4” x 5-5/8” rectangles (X); and
  - Eight 2-1/4” x 7-3/8” rectangles (Y).
*Cut eight 2-1/2” x WOF strips for binding.

**From 9751-77 Floral-Blue:**
*Cut twenty-two triangles T-c using template.
*Cut four 2-3/4” x 6-1/2” rectangles.
*Cut four 3-3/4” x 9” rectangles.

**From 9749-01 Dragonflies-White:**
*Cut six 2-1/4” x WOF strips. Sub-cut:
  - Sixteen 2-1/4” x 3-7/8” rectangles (C); and
  - Sixteen 2-1/4” x 5-5/8” rectangles (D).
*Cut five 2-1/2” x WOF strips for border 6.
*Cut four 2” x 3-1/4” rectangles.
*Cut four 3-3/4” x 6-1/2” rectangles.
*Cut four 3-3/4” x 9” rectangles.
*Cut twenty-two triangles T-a using template.
*Cut twenty-two triangles T-b using template.

**From 9745-75 Stripe-Blue:**
*Cut four 6-1/2” x LOF strips.

**Assemble Blocks**

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

1. Sew one Dragonflies-White rectangle D to one Stitched Circles-Blue rectangle Y (figure 1). Press seam to dark fabric. Repeat to make eight strips.

2. Repeat step 1 with the remaining Dragonflies-White rectangles D and the Stitched Circles-Pink rectangles B (figure 2, next page) to make eight strips. Press seams to dark fabric.

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Figure 1 – Make 8.
3. Sew one Dragonflies-White rectangle C to one Stitched Circles-Blue rectangle X (figure 3). Press seam to dark fabric. Repeat to make eight strips.

4. Repeat step 3 with the remaining Dragonflies-White rectangles C and the Stitched Circles-Pink rectangles A (figure 4) to make eight strips. Press seams to dark fabric.


6. Repeat step 5 with the step 4 strips and the following 9-1/8” Inspirational Blocks-Pink squares (figure 6): “Keep it Simple”, “Choose to Shine”, “Make a Wish”, and “Dare to Dream”.

7. Noticing fabric orientation, sew a step 1 strip to the top and one to the bottom of the step 5 center squares (figure 7). Press seams toward square.

8. Repeat step 7 with the step 2 strips and the step 6 center squares (figure 8).

9. Sew together two 2-1/2” Stitched Circles-Green and two 2-1/2” Butterflies-Pink strips to make a strip set of alternating colors. Press seams in one direction. Repeat to make two strip sets. Cut the strip sets into twenty-two 3-1/8” sections (figure 9).

- T-a and T-b: trace twenty-two times onto Dragonflies-White.
- T-c: trace twenty-two times onto Floral-Blue.

12. Trace the foundation piecing templates A and B four times each onto tracing paper including the patch numbers.

13. With the unmarked side of an ‘A’ foundation right side up (numbers will look reversed), pair a 3-3/4” x 9” Dragonflies-White rectangle with a 3-3/4” x 9” Floral-Blue rectangle with right sides together, layer the pair onto the foundation so the fabric edges extend at least 1/4” beyond all lines of piece A-1 and the Dragonflies-White rectangle is touching the paper, and pin. Turn foundation over to its marked side and stitch on the line between pieces B-1 and B-2 (figure 12). Finger press rectangles open and trim foundation pieced rectangle 1/4” beyond the outer lines. Repeat to make four rectangles B which measure 3-1/2” x 5-7/8”.

14. Place a postcard or credit card edge against the next stitching line between pieces A-2 and A-3, fold foundation over the card, align the lip of the Add-a-Quarter ruler with the edge of the card, and trim the Floral-Blue rectangle 1/4” beyond that stitching line.

15. Place a 2” x 3-1/4” Dragonflies-White rectangle under the trimmed Floral-Blue piece so their edges extend 1/4” beyond the stitching line between pieces A-2 and A-3. Sew on that line as in step 13, finger press open, and trim foundation pieced rectangle 1/4” beyond the outer lines (figure 11). Rectangles will measure 3-1/8” x 8-1/2”.

16. Repeat steps 13-15 with the remaining three foundation rectangles A.

17. With the unmarked side of a B foundation right side up (numbers will look reversed), pair a 3-3/4” x 6-1/2” Dragonflies-White rectangle with a 2-3/4” x 6-1/2” Floral-Blue rectangle with right sides together, layer the pair onto the foundation so the fabric edges extend at least 1/4” beyond all lines of piece B-1 and the Dragonflies-White rectangle is touching the paper, and pin. Turn foundation over to its marked side and stitch on the line between pieces B-1 and B-2 (figure 12). Finger press rectangles open and trim foundation pieced rectangle 1/4” beyond the outer lines. Repeat to make four rectangles B which measure 3-1/8” x 5-7/8”.

18. Following the quilt photo for block placement, lay out four rows of two blocks each. Sew the blocks together in each row, then sew the rows together in order, matching adjacent seams.

19. For border 1, sew four 1-1/2” Eclipse White 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 strips to the sides of the quilt top. Measure the width of the quilt top through its center. Cut two border strips that length and sew one to the top and one to the bottom. Press seams toward borders.

20. Repeat step 19 with the four 2-1/2” Dragonflies-Blue strips to make and add border 2.

21. Repeat step 19 with the five 1-1/2” Eclipse White strips to make and add border 3.

22. For border 4, arrange seven step 9 sections for each side of the quilt. Sew sections together and sew one border strip to each side of the quilt center. Press seam allowances toward quilt center. For the top and bottom, sew two strips of four step 9 sections each and add one 3-1/8” Stitched Circles-Pink square to each end of the strips. Sew one strip to the top and one to the bottom of the quilt center.

23. Repeat step 19 with the five 1-1/8” Petal strips to make and add border 5.
24. Repeat step 19 with the five 2-1/2” Dragonflies-White strips to make and add border 6.

25. For border 7, arrange seven step 10 rectangles for each side of the quilt, and add a step 17 foundation pieced rectangle to each end. Sew blocks together and sew one border strip to each side of the quilt center. Press seam allowances toward quilt center. For the top and bottom, sew two strips of four step 11 rectangles each and add one step 15 foundation pieced rectangle to each end of the strips. Sew one strip to the top and one to the bottom of the quilt center.

26. For border 8, mark the quilt center along the sides, top, and bottom. Mark the center of each 6-1/2” Stripe-Blue border strip. Matching the centers, sew each border strip in place beginning and ending exactly ¼” from the corners. DO NOT trim the extra length.

27. To miter the borders, fold one corner of the quilt on a 45⁰ angle so that the border strips are directly on top of one another and the seams nest together. Place rotary ruler on the fold of the quilt so that the long edge is against the fold and the 45⁰ line is on the side of the seam. Draw a line from the corner of the quilt top to the outside edge of the border. Pin the borders together. Position your needle on the inside corner where the border meets the quilt. Stitch directly on the line you have drawn to the outside edge of the border. Trim the excess fabric leaving a ¼” seam allowance. Press. Repeat the process for the remaining three corners of the quilt.

**Finishing**

28. Create a quilt 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.

29. Join the eight 2-1/2” Stitched Circles-Blue binding strips together end to end using a diagonal seam to make one long strip. Press in half lengthwise. Sew binding to the edges of the quilt top, mitering corners, and overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back of the quilt and stitch it in place by hand to finish.
Quilt Diagram
Gypsy Dreams - Templates

Foundation piecing
Template A

A-1

A-2

A-3

Foundation Piecing
Template B

B-1

B-2