

Starry Night

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Quilted by Cathy Franks



A touch of Van Gogh! The colors and motifs in these unusual batiks evoke the artist's famous painting.

Skill level: Beginner

Block size sewn into quilt:

9½" x 9½"

Number of blocks: 20 (4 Block A,

10 Block B, 6 Block C)

Finished quilt size: 59" x 68½"

MATERIALS

Ordering information: Yardage is based on 42" wide useable fabric from *Timeless Treasures'* Tonga Blueberry Pie collection. Fabric to make the quilt top only (includes binding) is available for \$94.99 (plus \$13.99 s&h within continental U.S., \$2.35 extra for certain rural locations; outside U.S., call for rates; Massachusetts residents add 6.25% sales tax) from Heartbeat Quilts, 765 Main St., Hyannis, MA 02601, while supplies last. Phone (800) 393-8050 or (508) 771-0011 or visit www.heartbeatquilts.com.

- ✿ 20 assorted 10" batik squares ranging from light to dark (for blocks)*
- ✿ Forty-eight 3½" batik squares ranging from light to dark (for block corners)*
- ✿ ¾ yd. of dark blue leaf (No. B7790-Ink)
- ✿ ⅝ yd. of medium brown circle (No. B7804-Apricot)
- ✿ 1¾ yds. of dark blue circle (No. B5759-Blueberry, includes binding)
- ✿ 67½" x 77" piece of backing fabric
- ✿ 67½" x 77" piece of batting
- ✿ Thread in colors to match fabrics
- ✿ Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
- ✿ Basic sewing supplies

*The kit contains a *Tonga Treats pack* of forty 10" squares. If using the kit, cut two 3½" squares from each of sixteen squares and four 3½" squares from each of four squares.

CUTTING DIRECTIONS

Note: Cut all 42" strips horizontally from selvage to selvage.

From the dark blue leaf fabric, cut:

Five 2" x 42" strips (for inner border)

From the medium brown circle fabric, cut:

Five 3½" x 42" strips (for middle border)

From the dark blue circle fabric, cut:

Six 6½" x 42" strips (for outer border)

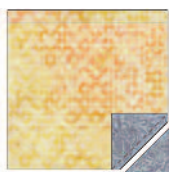
Seven 2½" x 42" strips (for binding)

DIRECTIONS

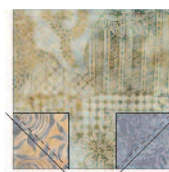
Note: Use a ¼" seam allowance throughout. Sew all pieces with right sides together and raw edges even, using matching thread. Press seams as indicated.

Block Assembly

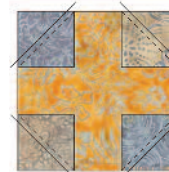
1. Arrange the 10" squares as desired into five horizontal rows of four squares each as shown in the **Quilt Layout Diagram** on page 50.
2. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 3½" square. Again using the **Quilt Layout Diagram** as a guide, pin the squares right sides together on the appropriate corners of the large squares so that a secondary hour-glass design, containing two matching light values and two matching dark values, will be formed once the units are trimmed. Number the backs of the blocks so that the arrangement can be re-created when the quilt top is assembled.
3. Referring to the **Block Diagrams**, sew on the drawn line of each 3½" corner square, trim ¼" away from the line through both layers, then press the seam away from the triangle. Make 4 Block A (corner blocks), 10 Block B (side blocks), and 6 Block C (center blocks), for a total of 20 blocks.



Make 4 A



Make 10 B



Make 6 C

Block Diagrams

Quilt Assembly and Finishing

Note: Refer to the **Quilt Layout Diagram** for steps 1 through 4. Measure your quilt top vertically and horizontally through the quilt center before trimming the border strips. If your measurements are different from those given,

adjust your strip lengths accordingly. Press all border seams away from the quilt center after adding each strip.

1. Noting orientation, sew the blocks together into five horizontal rows of four blocks each. Press row seams in opposing directions. Stitch the rows together, matching all seams, to complete the 38½" x 48" quilt center.

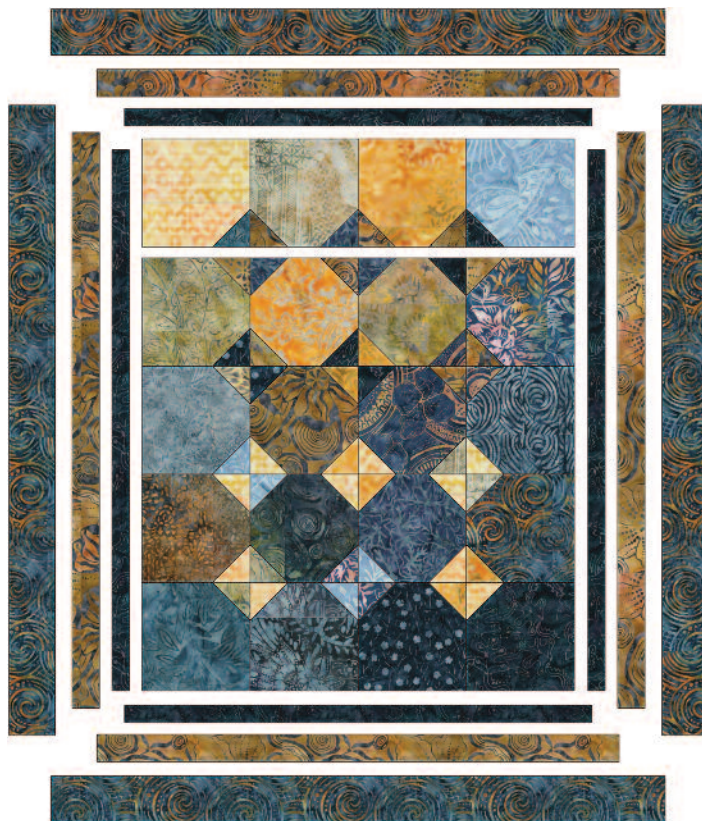
2. *Inner border.* Sew the five 2" x 42" dark blue leaf strips short ends (or diagonally) together to make one long strip. Press seams open. Cut two 48" lengths and two 41½" lengths. Stitch the longer strips to the long sides of the quilt center and then the shorter strips to the other sides. The quilt top measures 41½" x 51".

3. *Middle border.* Sew the five 3½" x 42" medium brown circle strips short ends (or diagonally) together to make one long strip. Cut two 51" lengths and two 47½" lengths. Attach in the same manner as the inner border. The quilt top measures 47½" x 57".

4. *Outer border.* Stitch the six 6½" x 42" dark blue circle strips short ends (or diagonally) together to make one long strip. Cut two 59½" lengths and two 57" lengths. Attach in the same manner as the other borders. The quilt top measures 59½" x 69".

5. Layer the quilt top right side up on top of the batting and the wrong side of the backing. Baste the layers together and quilt as desired. (**Note:** The featured quilt was quilted in the ditch and with spiral designs in the blocks and borders.) Trim backing and batting even with the quilt top.

6. Bind as desired using the seven 2½" x 42" dark blue circle strips. (See *Quilting Basics* for help.)



Quilt Layout Diagram

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