## American Blues

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Quilt size: 56" x 68"



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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| L |  | 37098-64 indigo | 1/3 | - (2) 2-7/8" x WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into (22) 2-7/8" squares. <br> - (1) 2-1/2" $\times$ WOF strip. Sub-cut the strip into (16) 2-1/2" squares. |
| M |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 52552-1 } \\ & \text { light } \end{aligned}$ | 5/8 | - (3) $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut (2) 2-1/2" $\times 52-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. <br> - (3) 2-1/2" x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut (2) 2-1/2" $\times 44-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. <br> - (1) 2-1/2" $\times$ WOF strip. Sub-cut the strip into (4) 2-1/2" squares. |
| N |  | $\begin{aligned} & 52556-1 \\ & \text { light } \end{aligned}$ | 1/2 | - (3) $4-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut (2) 4-1/2" $\times 52-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. |
| 0 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 52556-3 \\ & \text { dark } \end{aligned}$ | 1/3 | - (1) $4-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strip. Sub-cut the strip into (4) 4-1/2" squares. <br> - (1) 2-7/8" $\times$ WOF strip. Sub-cut the strip into (10) 2-7/8" squares. |
| P |  | 52553-2 medium | 5/8 | - (5) 2-7/8" x WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into (60) 2-7/8" squares. |
| Q |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 52553-3 } \\ & \text { dark } \end{aligned}$ | 7/8 | - Fussy cut (6) $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips, so that (1) side is dark and the other is light as shown in picture. Sub-cut the strips into (56) $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 4-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. |
| R |  | 37098-32 <br> bluebird | 5/8 | - (7) 2-1/2" WOF strips. Sub-cut the strips into (112) 2-1/2" squares. |
|  | $+$ | Backing 52556-2 medium | 3-3/4 | - (2) 64 " $\times$ WOF strips. Sew the strips together and trim to 64 " $\times 76^{\prime \prime}$ for the pieced back. |
|  |  |  |  | Batting 64" $\times 76^{\prime \prime}$ |

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Block Assembly: (Pay attention to the orientation of the units while assembling the various components.) 1.
Sew (1) A 4-1/2" $\times 16-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip to the right side of (1) B $4-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 16-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip lengthwise. Sew (1) C
$8-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 12-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip to the top of the newly sewn strip to make the left column. Sew (1) A 4-1/2" $\times 28-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip to the right side of (1) B 4-1/2" $\times 28-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip lengthwise to make the right column. Sew the (2) columns together to make (1) Unit 1 strip (Fig. 1).
2. Sew (1) D $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 28-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip to each side of the Unit 1 strip. Sew (1) D 2-1/2" $\times 20-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip to the top and to the bottom of the Unit 1 strip to make the Center Block (Fig. 2).


Fig. 1


Fig. 2
3. Place (1) E 4-7/8" square on top of (1) F 4-7/8" square, right sides together. Draw a line across the diagonal of the top square (Fig. 3). Sew 1/4" away from each side of the drawn diagonal line (Fig. 3). Cut the (2) squares apart on the drawn diagonal line (Fig. 4) to make (2) half-square triangles. Trim the half-square triangles to measure $4-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 4-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ to make (1) Unit 2 square (Fig. 5). Repeat to make (14) Unit 2 squares total.
4. Repeat Step 3 and refer to Figures 6-7 for fabric identification and location to make (14) 4-1/2" Unit 3 squares and (2) 4-1/2" Unit 4 squares.


Fig. 3


Fig. 4


Fig. 5


Fig. 6
5. Sew (8) Unit 2 squares together to make (1) Border 1 strip (Fig. 8).
6. Sew (8) Unit 3 squares together to make (1) Border 2 strip (Fig. 9).
7. Sew (6) Unit 2 squares together. Sew (1) Unit 4 square to the right end of the newly sewn strip to make (1) Border 3 strip (Fig. 10).
8. Sew (6) Unit 3 squares together. Sew (1) Unit 4 square to the left end of the newly sewn strip to make (1)
Border 4 strip (Fig. 11).

Border 1 Border 2


Fig. 8


Fig. 9

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9. Place (1) $\mathbf{K} 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square on the top of (1) $\mathbf{I} 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 40-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip, right sides together and aligning the tops of the fabrics (Fig. 12). Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper right corner to the lower left corner (Fig. 12). Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ seam allowance (Fig. 13).
10. Place another $\mathbf{K} 2-1 / \mathbf{2}^{\prime \prime}$ square on the bottom of the $\mathbf{I} 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 40-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip, right sides together and aligning the bottoms of the fabrics (Fig. 14). Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper left corner to the lower right corner
(Fig. 14). Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ seam allowance to make (1) Unit 5 strip (Fig. 15).
11. Repeat Steps $\mathbf{9 - 1 0}$ to make a second Unit $\mathbf{5}$ strip.
12. Repeat Steps $\mathbf{9 - 1 0}$ and refer to Figure $\mathbf{1 6}$ for fabric identification, location and seam direction to make (2) Unit 6 strips.

Fig. 12



Fig. 13

Unit 5 Unit 6 make 2 make 2


Fig. 15
13. Repeat Steps $\mathbf{9 - 1 0}$ and refer to Figure $\mathbf{1 7}$ for fabric identification, location and seam direction while using (2) I 2-1/2" $\times 28-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips and (4) L 2-1/2" squares to make (2) Unit 7 strips.
14. Repeat Steps 9-10 and refer to Figure 18 for fabric identification, location and seam direction while using (2) H 2-1/2" $\times 28-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips and (4) $\mathbf{K}$ 2-1/2" squares to make (2) Unit 8 strips.


Fig. 17


Fig. 18
15. Repeat Step 3 and refer to Figure 19 for fabric identification and location while using (8) K 2-7/8" squares and (8) $\mathbf{L} 2-7 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ squares to make (16) 2-1/2" Unit 9 squares.
16. Sew (4) Unit 9 squares into a $2 \times 2$ matrix to make (1) Unit 10 square
(Fig. 20). Repeat to make (4) Unit 10 squares total.


Fig. 19

Unit 10 make 4


Fig. 20

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Border 6
make 2
Unit 7
Unit 8
Fig. 22

Fig. 21
19. Place (1) $\mathbf{K} 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square on the left side of (1) $\mathbf{J} 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 4-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip, right sides together (Fig. 23). Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper right corner to the lower left corner (Fig. 23). Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance (Fig. 24).
20. Place (1) $\mathbf{L} 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square on the right side of the $\mathbf{J}$ strip, right sides together (Fig. 25). Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper left corner to the lower right corner (Fig. 25). Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance to make (1) Unit 11 strip (Fig. 26).
21. Repeat Steps $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ to make (4) Unit $\mathbf{1 1}$ strips total.
22. Repeat Steps $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ and refer to Figure $\mathbf{2 7}$ for fabric identification, location and seam direction to make (4) Unit 12 strips.


Fig. 23


Fig. 24


Fig. 25


Fig. 26

Unit 12
make 4


Fig. 27

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23. Sew (1) Unit 11 strip to the top of (1) $\mathbf{J} 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 40-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip and (1) Unit $\mathbf{1 2}$ strip to the bottom of the $\mathbf{J}$ strip to make (1) Border 7 strip (Fig. 28). Repeat to make a second Border 7 strip.
24. Sew (1) Unit 11 strip to the left end of (1) $\boldsymbol{J} 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 28-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip. Sew (1) Unit $\mathbf{1 2}$ strip to the right end of the $\mathbf{J}$ strip. Sew (1) $\mathbf{M} 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square to each end of the newly sewn strip to make (1) Border 8 strip (Fig. 29). Repeat to make a second Border 8 strip.
25. Repeat Steps $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ and refer to Figure $\mathbf{3 0}$ for fabric identification, location and seam direction while using (56) $\mathbf{Q}$ 2-1/2" $\times 4-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips and (112) $\mathbf{R} 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares to make (56) Unit 13 strips.
26. Sew (28) Unit 13 strips together lengthwise to make (1) Border 9 strip (Fig. 31). Repeat to make a second Border 9 strip.
27. Repeat Steps 19-20 and refer to Figure $\mathbf{3 2}$ for fabric identification, location and seam direction while using (2) $\mathbf{N} 4-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 52-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips and (4) $\mathbf{O} 4-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares to make (2) Border 10 strips.


Fig. 28


Fig. 29

Border 9 make 2

Fig. 31

Border 10
make 2

Fig. 32

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28. Repeat Step 3 and refer to Figure 33 for fabric identification and location while using (10) O 2-7/8" squares and (10) P 2-7/8" squares to make (20) 2-1/2" Unit 14 squares.
29. Repeat Step 28 and refer to Figures 34-36 for fabric identification and location to make (28) Unit 15 squares, (40) Unit 16 squares and (32) Unit 36 squares.


Fig. 33


Fig. 34


Fig. 35

Unit 17


Fig. 36
30. Follow Figure $\mathbf{3 7}$ and sew together (4) Unit $\mathbf{1 4}$ squares, (6) Unit $\mathbf{1 5}$ squares, (20) Unit 16 squares and (2) Unit 17 squares to make (1) Border 11 strip. Repeat to make a second Border 11 strip.
31. Follow Figure $\mathbf{3 8}$ and sew together (6) Unit $\mathbf{1 4}$ squares, (8) Unit $\mathbf{1 5}$ squares and (14) Unit 17 squares to make (1) Border 12 strip. Repeat to make a second Border 12 strip.

Border 11


Fig. 37

Border 12 make 2

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Quilt Top Assembly (Refer to the Quilt Diagram while assembling the quilt top.)
32. Sew the Border 1 strip and Border 2 strip to the left and to the right side of the Center Block.
33. Sew the Border $\mathbf{3}$ strip to the top of the Center Block and the Border $\mathbf{4}$ strip to the bottom of the Center Block.
34. Sew (1) Border 5 strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew (1) Border 6 strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block.
35. Sew (1) Border 7 strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew (1) Border 8 strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block.
36. Sew (1) M 2-1/2" $\times 52-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew (1) M 2-1/2" $\times 44-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block.
37. Sew the (1) Border 9 strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew (1) Border 10 strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block.
38. Sew (1) Border 11 strip to each side of the Center Block and (1) Border 12 strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block to make the quilt top.

## Finishing

39. Layer and quilt as desired.
40. Sew the (7) $\mathbf{J} 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips together end-to-end with 45 -degree seams to make the binding. Fold this long strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press.
41. Bind as desired.

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## Quilt Diagram



