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# Island Punch Tonga Treats

Tropical Punch quilt designed by Karen Montgomery



Photo: D. James Dee

Finished quilt size: 45" x 54" • Finished block size: 4½"

## Fabric Requirements

1 package Island Punch Tonga Treats 10" squares  
1 yard Tonga-B7791 Orange  
1/2 yard Tonga-B7900 Turquoise (binding)  
1 1/2 yards XTonga-B2336 Lagoon (backing)  
53" x 62" batting

### Optional tools:

Creative Grids Hatchet Template  
Creative Grids Quick Trim Ruler

## Cutting

Each Tonga Treats package contains two 10" squares each of twenty different colors (forty squares total). Remove all of the yellow and orange squares from the fabric pack and set aside.

### Using thirty of the 10" blue/green squares:

Cut each in half in both directions to yield four 5" squares. You will need 120 blue/green 5" squares.

### Using the eight 10" yellow/orange squares:

Cut four 3 1/2" squares from each square. Sub-cut each square in half diagonally to yield two half-square triangles (HST). You will have sixty-four HSTs from the squares.

### From Tonga-B7791 Orange:

Cut eight 3 1/2" x width-of-fabric strips. Sub-cut strips into eighty-eight 3 1/2" squares, and then cut each square in half diagonally to make 176 orange HSTs. You should have a total of 240 yellow/orange HSTs (cut from the squares and the Tonga-B7791 Orange fabric).

### From the Tonga-B7900 Teal, cut:

Five 2 1/4" x width-of-fabric strips.

## Quilt Top Assembly

3. Arrange the completed blocks in twelve rows of ten blocks each, alternating the direction of the blue centers and rotating the blocks forming a grid pattern of blues/greens (figure 1).

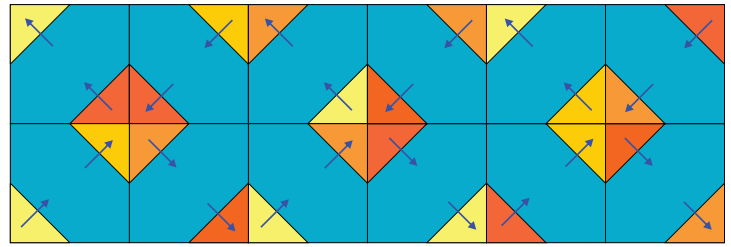


fig. 1

4. Stitch the blocks together in rows, then stitch the rows together to form the completed quilt top.

## Finishing

5. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.

6. Stitch the binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Fold and press the resulting long strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Stitch to the quilt front, matching raw edges and mitering the corners.

7. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.

### Option: Cool Tools

- To cut quilt pieces using the Creative Grids Hatchet Template, follow the instructions above to cut each 10" blue/green square into four 5" squares. Place the template diagonally across the 5" square and trim the opposing corners using a rotary cutter.
- To cut the HSTs using the Creative Grids Quick Trim Ruler, cut each 10" yellow/orange square into three 3 1/8" strips (indicated by the white dashed line on the ruler). Using the instructions supplied with the ruler, cut each strip into HSTs. Each triangle will have one pre-trimmed corner. Each square will yield twelve HSTs.
- Continue cutting the Tonga-B7791 Orange fabric in the same manner until you have a total of 240 yellow/orange HSTs.

## Block Construction

1. Using the template provided, trim opposing corners from each 5" blue/green square.
2. Right sides together, place one randomly selected yellow/orange triangle centered on each of the blue/green trimmed corners. Stitch in place using a scant 1/4" seam allowance. Press one of the seams toward the center of the square and the other seam away from the center of the square. Make 120 pieced squares.

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Hatchet Template  
for Tropical Punch Quilt

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