Bazaar Tonga Treats

Spools quilt designed by Osie Lebowitz

Finished quilt size: 60" x 68" • Finished block size: 8"
Fabric Requirements
1 package Bazaar Tonga Treat 2½" strips (forty strips, two each of twenty different fabrics)
1 package Black Tonga Treat 2½" strips (forty strips)
2 yards XTonga print (106" wide) or 4 yards of any 45"-wide Tonga print (backing)

Other Supplies
68" x 76" batting
Template plastic

Cutting
From template plastic:
• Cut one Template A.

From Bazaar Tonga Treats:
• Cut 112 assorted colors of Template A.
• Cut 224 assorted color 2½" squares.

From Black Tonga Treats:
• Cut 112 of Template A.
• Set aside seven strips for borders and eight strips for binding.

Block Construction
1. Sew four assorted 2½" Bazaar squares together to create a four-patch block. (figure 1)
2. Sew two Bazaar A pieces to opposite sides of four-patch block, starting and stopping stitching 1¼" from each end of the seams. (figure 2)
   Note: Do not press the block until it is finished. When working with both straight-of-grain and bias edges, pressing can easily distort the bias edge.
3. Sew two Black A pieces to the two remaining sides of the four-patch block in the same manner.
4. To sew the “Y” seams at the corners, line up the diagonal edges of the A pieces. Start sewing from the 1¼” seam point of the four-patch block and stitch outward to join the block borders. Repeat for all corners, being careful not to stretch the bias edges. The block should measure 8½” square. (figure 3)
5. Repeat steps 1 through 4 to make fifty-six blocks total.

Quilt Top Assembly
6. Arrange blocks in a pleasing color order, alternating spool directions. Set seven blocks across and eight rows down.
7. Sew the blocks together and then sew the rows together.
8. Stitch eight Black strips together end to end using diagonal seams for the borders.
9. Measure the quilt center length and cut two border strips that length. Sew one strip to each side of the quilt.
10. Measure the quilt center width and cut two border strips that length. Sew one strip to the top and one to the bottom of the quilt.

Finishing
11. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.
12. 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.

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