

Make a Splash

52" x 58" Quilt



Exclusively Quilters
Style No. 4073

Revised 4/1/2016 to
accommodate discrepancies in
size of panels.

Designed for Exclusively Quilters
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Please read all the instructions thoroughly before you begin.

If you are unsure of any of the methods or techniques described in this pattern, please contact your local quilt shop or visit www.quilting.about.com for help.

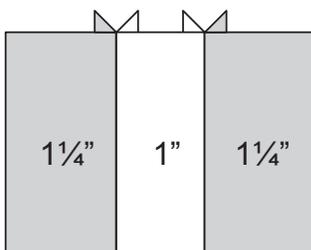
All seams are 1/4" unless otherwise noted and seam allowances are included in the cut sizes.

Fabric Requirements

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A		61186-20 panel	1	Blocks
B		61187-20 Dolphin Patches	3/4 yard	Fourth Border
C		61188-20 Dolphin swim	3/8 yard	Blocks
D		61189-8 Dolphins on gray	1/2 yard	Binding
E		61189-25 Dolphins on navy	1 yard	Sashing, First & Third Borders
F		61190-20 Clouds	1-1/4 yard	Second Border
		-----	3-1/3 yard	Backing

Practice the perfect 1/4" seam allowance



Start with three strips of fabric exactly $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Sew together as shown and press seams open. Finished "block" should measure exactly $3\frac{1}{2}$ " with individual strips measuring $1\frac{1}{4}$ ", 1" and $1\frac{1}{4}$ ". Adjust your technique until you can get consistent results.

A note from Exclusively Quilters:

An extra 1/8 to 1/2 yard is added to all yardages to account for shrinkage, straightening, cutting errors and prints that may require special cutting to get the best results.

You should protect your investment in time and fabric by making sample blocks before cutting into your fabric because Exclusively Quilters will take no responsibility for replacing fabrics.

Shops who wish to kit this design are responsible for figuring yardage for their kits if they wish to reduce yardages.

"Sometimes these things happen!" This pattern was designed digitally. In reality (actual fabric), there wasn't enough room between the panels to cut the medium and small blocks to the desired size. It's an easy fix...trim the blocks, leaving 1/4" outside the printed edges and frame them with the sashing fabric. Then cut to the final size. The extra seams will be barely noticeable once the quilting is finished. Thanks for your understanding!

Cutting instructions: WoF = Width of Fabric LoF = Length of Fabric

- Remove all selvages before cutting.
- LABEL AS YOU GO** - Take a few moments to label your pieces as you cut them. It will save time when you begin to sew. I suggest using a scrap of paper and a straight pin. Avoid stickers...they tend to fall off or stick to the wrong pieces.

A. Panel

Trim large block to 20½" wide and 22½" high

Trim Mom & Baby block to include a generous ¼" outside of the printed block

Trim remaining Dolphin blocks to include a generous ¼" outside of the printed squares

B. Dolphin Patches

Cut 3 strips - 3½" x WoF for fourth border, sides

Cut 3 strips - 4½" x WoF for fourth border, top and bottom

C. Dolphins, swimming

Cut 1 strip - 11½" x WoF; from this, cut 2 rectangles - 6½" wide and 11½" high

D. Dolphins on gray

Cut 6 strips - 2¼" x WoF for binding

E. Dolphins on navy

Cut 7 strips - 2½" x WoF; from these, cut the following:

1 - 22½" long

1 - 33½" long (remaining 5 strips are for the third border)

Cut 1 strip - 1½" x WoF; from this, cut 2 - 11½" strips

Cut 4 strips - 2" x WoF for first border

From remaining fabric, cut 2 - 2" x 19½" and 10 - 2" x 11½" strips

F. Clouds

Cut 2 strips - 3½" x LoF (parallel to the selvage edge) for second border sides

Cut 4 strips - 4½" x remaining WoF (approx. 33") for second border top and bottom

Backing

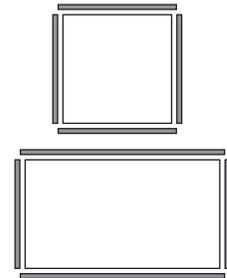
Cut 2 pieces - 60" x WoF

Framing the Blocks:

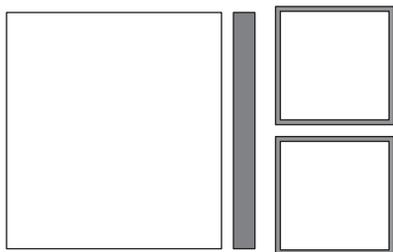
Pin and stitch framing strips to opposite sides of the medium and small dolphin blocks. Press seams away from center. Add remaining framing strips in the same manner.

Trim the Mom & Baby block to 19½" wide and 11½" high.

Trim remaining Dolphin blocks to 11½" x 11½" square.



Assembling the Sections:



Top Section

Sew 11½" square dolphin trio block to top of single dolphin block. Press seam open. Sew 2½" x 22½" navy strip to left side of blocks. Press seam toward navy strip. Sew large dolphin block to left side of navy strip, pressing toward strip.

Top section should measure 33½" wide x 22½" high.



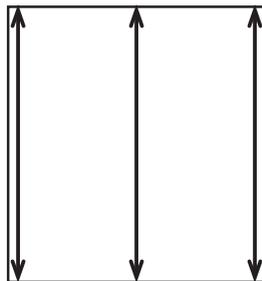
Bottom Section

Sew 1½" x 11½" navy strips to both sides of mom & baby block. Press seams away from center. Sew 6½" x 11½" dolphin swimming blocks to each end, making sure that the dolphins are all right side up. Press seams toward center.

Bottom section should measure 33½" wide x 11½" high.

Well-behaved Borders . . .

A word about borders: It is very important that you measure properly, trim the borders to size and pin in place before stitching. This will keep the quilt square and flat as you go and avoid stretching, distorting or rippling in the border. When you sew the first border to the quilt, sew with quilt on top and border strip against the bed of the machine so that you can see and control the block seams.



Get the Borders right!

Measure from top to bottom through center of the quilt and both outside edges. Add these measurements together and divide by 3 to figure the average length for the side borders. In the same manner, measure from side to side through the center, top and bottom to find the average width.

Assembling Quilt Sections

Sew $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 33\frac{1}{2}''$ navy strip between top and bottom sections.

Press seams toward navy strip.

Quilt should measure $33\frac{1}{2}'' \times 35\frac{1}{2}''$.

Adding Borders:

First Border (Dolphins on Navy)

Referring to "Well-behaved Borders" above, measure length of quilt and trim 2 - 2'' wide border strips to size. Pin and stitch to sides of quilt. Press seams toward border.

Measure width of quilt and trim remaining 2'' wide borders trips to size.

Pin and stitch to top and bottom of quilt. Press seams toward border.

Quilt should measure $36\frac{1}{2}'' \times 38\frac{1}{2}''$.

Second Border (Clouds)

Measure length of quilt and trim $3\frac{1}{2}''$ side borders to size. Pin and stitch to quilt, keeping the clouds floating right-side-up. Press seams toward first border.

Sew 2 - $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 33''$ strips together, end to end, matching design as best you can. Make 2 sets.

Measure width of quilt and trim top and bottom borders to size. Pin and stitch to quilt, keeping the clouds floating right-side-up. Press seams toward first border.

Quilt should measure $42\frac{1}{2}'' \times 46\frac{1}{2}''$.

Third Border (Dolphins on Navy)

Sew 5 - $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times \text{WoF}$ navy strips together, end to end on the diagonal as shown at right.

Measure length of quilt and trim side borders to size. Pin and stitch to quilt, pressing seams toward navy. Measure width of quilt, trim top and bottom borders to size and stitch to quilt. Press seams toward navy.

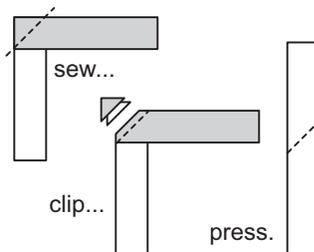
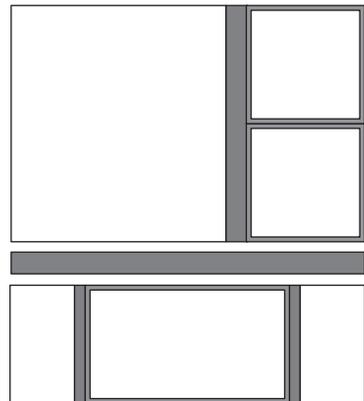
Quilt should measure $46\frac{1}{2}'' \times 50\frac{1}{2}''$.

Fourth Border (Dolphin Patches)

Sew together 3 - $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times \text{WoF}$ strips for side borders, matching design as best you can. Measure length of quilt, trim borders to size and stitch to sides of quilt. Press seams toward third border.

Sew together 3 - $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times \text{WoF}$ strips for top and bottom borders, again matching the design as best you can. Measure width of quilt, trim borders to size and stitch to top and bottom of quilt. Press seams toward third border.

Quilt should measure $52\frac{1}{2}'' \times 58\frac{1}{2}''$.



Making the Binding:

Sew binding strips together, end to end on the diagonal. Trim seam allowances and press seams open to reduce bulk. Fold and press entire length of binding in half, wrong sides together.

Making the Backing:

Remove selvages and stitch long edges of quilt backing together, using a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seam open to reduce bulk.

Finishing:

Layer, baste and quilt as desired. Bind quilt, using your favorite method.

