Guatemalan Flora
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Quilt center:


With stripes running lengthwise, cut 3-1/8" wide strips x length of fabric. Cut 45 degree triangles from these strips as illustrated [the long edge of the triangles should measure 5-5/8"]. Stripes should run along the base of the triangles, so they form a square-within-a-square type block when sewn together. Sew 4 triangles together for each block.

Block B (1/2 yard Kona® Cotton - Bone + 2/3 yard API-9756-194 Fiesta): Floral appliqué blocks. 17 total blocks needed.

From the Kona® Cotton - Bone, cut (3) 5-1/2" strips. Subcut (17) 5-1/2" squares. Set aside for block backgrounds. From API-9756-194, fussy cut (17) 4-1/2" circles, centering a floral motif within each circle. Using your preferred fusible, center and fuse each circle onto each 5-1/2" background square. Applique the circles' edges using a zig-zag or blanket stitch. Arrange blocks A & B as shown, or adjust to fit your preference, and sew together to make the center of the quilt.

First border (2/3 yard API-9758-195 Bright)
Cut (4) 3-1/2" wide x width of fabric strips, centering the floral motifs. Measure length of quilt center and cut side borders to fit. Press seams open. Again, measure the width of center and cut top and bottom borders to fit.

Second border (2/3 yard API-9759-195 Bright)
Cut (4) 5-1/2" x width of fabric strips. Repeat steps from the first border for measuring and attaching side, top, and bottom borders.

Third border (1-1/2 yards API-9755-194 Black)
Cut (7) 7-1/2" x width of fabric strips. Repeat steps from the first border for measuring and attaching side, top, and bottom borders. You will have to piece strips together to be large enough for all borders.

Fourth border (5/8 yard API-9760-195 Bright)
Fussy cut (centering the floral motifs) (7) 2-3/8" x width of fabric strips. Repeat steps from the first border for measuring and attaching side, top, and bottom borders. You will have to piece strips together to be large enough for all borders.

Binding (1/2 yard)
Cut into 2-1/2" strips (if using a stripe, cut on the bias). Join strips together to make at least 274" of binding. (If using straight cuts, you will need (7) 2-1/2" strips.)

Backing (3-3/4 yards)
Once your quilt top is complete, layer, quilt and bind!