Hope Takes Flight Kona

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Featuring Kona Cotton
Charm Square Friendly!

Supplies Needed

1 Charm packs: CHS-139-41
1 yard Kona Black
4 yards Kona White
4 yards Backing
Twin-sized Batting

Finished Quilt measures 59" x 86"

Pattern Level: Confident Beginner

“I have basic block construction down and would like to learn a new trick!”

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Notes Before You Begin

• All of the seam allowances are 1/4” unless otherwise noted.
• Remember to measure twice and cut once!
• Please read through all of the instructions before beginning.

Cutting Instructions

Kona Black
For Butterfly Blocks: Cut 7 strips 1-1/2" x WOF (width of fabric)
- subcut each strip into 6 strips 1-1/2" x 6-1/2" (41 total).
For Binding: cut 8 strips 2-1/2" x WOF.

Kona White
For Butterfly Blocks: Cut 6 strips 5" x WOF (width of fabric), then subcut to make 41 squares 5" x 5".
For Background: Cut 13 strips 6" x WOF, then subcut the strips as follows:
• Cut 2 strips 6" x 39"
• Cut 2 strips 6" x 28" and 6" x 11-1/2"
• Cut 1 strip 6" x 9", & 3 strips 4" x 6" (sew these to 4 of the 6" x WOF strips to make longer strips).
For Borders: Cut 4 strips 2-1/2" x WOF for side borders.
Cut 3 strips 6-1/2" x WOF for top and bottom borders.
Sewing Instructions

Step 1: Prepare the Charms

• Cut a white 5” charm in half diagonally, from corner to corner, but keep the two halves together.

Step 2: Make the Wings

• Pair a colored 5” charm with one set of white triangles, right sides together, and then sew them together with a scant 1/4” seam around all four sides.

• Place the sewn charm on your cutting mat with the cut on the horizontal plane. Then place your ruler from the top corner to the bottom corner, across the vertical plane, and cut through both layers.

• You will end up with two triangles that, once opened up and pressed, become the wings. Press seam allowances toward background fabric.
• Trim each wing section to 2-3/4" x 6-1/2" in preparation for attaching to the black body. You want to trim it on the point of the wing.

You can see these starting to look more like wings and less like triangles after this step.

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### Step 3: Attach the Body

• Sew a 1-1/2" x 6-1/2" black strip to each wing, and press the seams toward the black.

• Trim block to 6" x 6".

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### Repeat steps 1-3 to make 41 blocks.

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### Step 4: Sew Sets of Butterflies

• Refer to the quilt diagram (in Step 5) and you’ll see that each column of the quilt contains a vertical row of 4 or 5 butterflies. Choose which butterflies you want to pair together (the fun part!), and then sew the butterflies together in a column, remembering to alternate the direction of the block.

*From this point forward, it is best to press seams open to reduce the bulk when you nest the seams from the butterflies together.*

• Sew butterflies into 10 sets (with 5 butterflies in the first column and 4 in the rest).
Step 5: Sew the Background

Take the 13 white background strips and sew them to the sets of butterflies according to the diagram.

- To create your columns, start by sewing the 44-1/2" strip to the bottom of your first column, then sewing a 44-1/2" strip to the bottom of the second column, then a 39" strip to the bottom of the third column, etc., until 9 strips of background fabric are sewn to the bottom of each column of butterflies except for the last column.

- Go back and sew a 6" square to the top of the second column (skip column one!), then an 11-1/2" strip to the top of the third column, the 17" strip to the top of the fourth column, etc., until your remaining 9 strips are sewn to the top of each column of butterflies.

- Sew all 9 columns together, taking care to match up the seams and line up the butterflies in a cascading manner. Press your seams open.

Step 6: Adding the Borders

- Sew together the short ends of two 2-1/2" x WOF border strips and sew to the left side of the quilt. Repeat for the right side.

- Sew together the short ends of two 6-1/2" x WOF border strips, and sew the strip to the top of the quilt. Trim the excess, and sew the excess to the remaining border strip. Sew this strip to the bottom of the quilt.

Step 7: Finishing

- Layer the quilt top, batting and backing, and quilt as desired. Attach binding using your favorite method, and enjoy your new quilt!