

ORIENTAL TRADITIONS

Quilt design and instructions by Linda Miller

FINISHED QUILT SIZE: approx. 60" x 66"

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:	ı	USED FOR:	CUTTING:	Cut all strips crosswise except for the Side Borders.
ETJM-9505-192 Spring	1 yd.	Background A	Cut five 6	½" x 44" strips.
ETJM-9503-192 Spring	1¾ yd.	Background B	Cut five 6	½" x 44" strips.
		Center Strips	Cut five 2	½" x 44" strips.
AAFM-9502-192 Spring	½ yd.	Center Strips	Cut five 2	½" x 44" strips.
ETJ-9508-15 lvory	½ yd.	Center Strips		½" x 44" strips.
AAFM-9502-172 Cocoa	½ yd.	Center Strips	Cut five 2	½" x 44" strips.
ETJM-9507-192 Spring	½ yd.	Center Strips	Cut five 2	½" x 44" strips.
ETJM-9509-192 Spring	½ yd.	Center Strips	Cut five 2	½" x 44" strips.
ETJ-9506-192 Spring	1 yd.	Center Strips	Cut five 2	½" x 44" strips.
		Binding		
AMB-9504-192 Spring	1% yds.	Top/Bottom Borders	Cut three 6	½" x 44" strips.
		Side Borders	Cut LENGT	HWISE: two 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 44" strips and two 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 23" strips.

CENTER BLOCKS:

1. Sew 3 different strips together to make a strip unit. This is done randomly with no particular pattern. You must select carefully, though, so you don't end up with two or three of the same strips for the last unit. Be very accurate using a scant ¼" seam allowance. The strip units MUST measure 6 ½" in width when completed. Press the seams in one direction. You will make 11 units. Set one of these units aside to be used in the border.

2. Divide the remaining 10 units into two groups. You will use five units with Background A and the other five with Background B
With right sides together, place a Background A strip on top of a strip unit. Be sure to line up the long edges so they are eve

Pin in place. Stitch together down both long edges. Press the

sets so they lie flat. This is a good place to use spray starch!

Repeat this step with the remaining four units for Background A.

When completed, repeat for Background B. You will have five complete units for each background color.

3. Place a Background unit with the wrong side of its background fabric facing you. Starting on the right side of the unit, line up the 45° line of your ruler on the stitching line on the bottom of the unit. Cut along the right side of the ruler to remove the corner of the unit.

4. Flip or rotate the ruler to align the 45° line on the ruler with the top stitching line of the unit. Continue to cut the strip unit, flipping or rotating the ruler as needed with each cut to create five triangles. Cut ONLY FOUR A and FOUR B units this way.

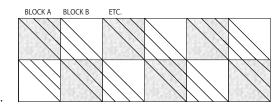
5. You need a total of 42 triangles (now referred to as Blocks A and B) for this quilt. Cut one more triangle each from the remaining Background A and Background B units. This will leave a portion of each fifth A and B units uncut that you may use in your border. Set those uncut sections aside.

6. Remove the stitches at the tip of each triangle, and gently open the triangles to reveal your squares. From the back of the block, press the middle seam in the same direction as the strip unit seams. Use spray starch again to help the block keep its shape. This is important as these blocks have bias edges and can easily be pressed out of shape.

7. Square up each block by using a bias square ruler. This is achieved by putting the diagonal line of the ruler down the center seam of the block. Trim the right and left sides, then rotate the block and trim the other sides. The final measurement of your blocks should be 8 ½" after trimming. If your blocks come out smaller than 8 ½", find the smallest block measurement and square all blocks to that size. The size of the blocks is not that important, but it is crucial that all the blocks are exactly the same size so your quilt will fit together properly.

ASSEMBLY:

Arrange the blocks in 7 rows containing 6 blocks each. Alternate Blocks A and B. Sew the blocks together in horizontal rows. Then join all rows. Press the quilt top from the back, pressing all seams in the same direction to create a flat finish. Use spray starch again to help keep the quilt in shape. The edges are on the bias and are easily stretched. When all of the rows are sewn together, the quilt top should measure approximately 48 ½" X 56 ½".



BORDER: Top and Bottom border fabrics have a directional pattern. Be sure your origami cranes "fly" right side up!

All four sides of the border have a 3-strip unit inserted so it continues the pattern of the quilt (see quilt photo). Lay your quilt top flat, and position your extra 3-strip unit extending out from one 3-strip pattern in the quilt as shown. Finger-press the corner of t hat 3-strip unit back to mark the direction of your first cut, and trim that corner at a 45° angle. Then cut four 6 ½" wide diamonds parallel to that first cut. Trim the Top and Bottom Border strips on a 45° angle to generously fill either side of the 3-strip units, to the widt h of the quilt. Assemble, stitch to the quilt top, and trim to match the its width. Trim the Side Border strips on a 45° angle to generously fill above and below the 3-strip units, to the height of the quilt including top and bottom borders. Assemble, stitch to the quilt, and trim.