

Midnight Dreams

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MIDNIGHT DREAMS, 56¾" x 67¾", by Marjorie Rhine

When I first saw the Durum Dreams line of stamped batiks from SewBatik, I was intrigued by the variety of textures from selvage to selvage within a single cut of fabric. I designed this pattern to use the complete range of textures in the Midnight Garden coloration

of Durum Dreams in one quilt. The stalks along one fabric edge are perfect for the outer border. I strategically cut other patches for the quilt from the remaining fabric.

If you are making MIDNIGHT DREAMS from Durum Dreams fabric, use the yardage and cutting requirements

#1 on page 57 and refer to the layout diagram on page 58. If you choose other fabrics, use the yardage and cutting requirements #2 on page 59.

For more detailed information on making quilts, see the AQS Quilting Essentials & Tested Tips at www.AmericanQuilter.com.

Tip for Using Durum Dreams Fabric

Working with a piece of fabric measuring over 3 yards can be a challenge, but following this tip will help. Prewash and press the fabric piece. Fold the fabric in half from cut end to cut end, and then fold it again, bringing the cut ends to the fold. Carefully line up the selvages of both sides of the folded piece and press lightly. Trim away the selvages from both sides of the fabric, removing about ¼" on each side. The length of the folded fabric parallel to the selvege will probably be longer than your ruler, so after making a partial cut for each strip, carefully align your ruler with the partial cut line to finish cutting the strip.

Making the blocks

To make a strip-set, sew a dark blue 4" strip to a multicolor 4" strip. Press the seam allowances in the direction of the arrow (fig. 1). Repeat to make 4 strip-sets. Cut the strip-sets into 40 units 4" wide. Join 2 segments to make a four-patch unit (fig. 2). Make 20 four-patch units.

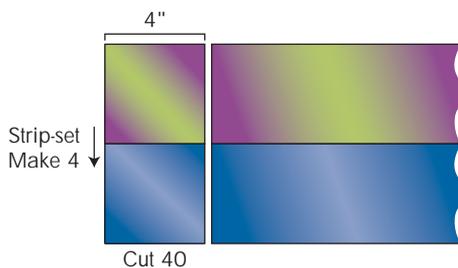


Fig. 1

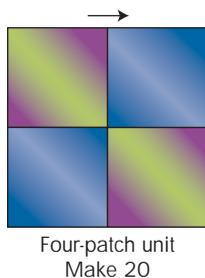


Fig. 2

FABRIC & CUTTING REQUIREMENTS #1
using fabrics from SewBatik

Skill level: Intermediate

Quilt size: 56¾" x 68"
Finished block size: 10" x 10"

• Requirements are based on 44" fabric width.

Pansy/Grasshopper Cabernet (multicolor batik floral) – 7/8 yard

- strips for strip-sets, 4 strips 4" x 41"
- border #1 strips, 6 strips 1¾" x 41"

Batik Spray/Sprout (green) – ½ yard

- 40 A

Batik Spray/Merlot (purple) – ½ yard

- 40 A

Batik Spray/Grasshopper Cabernet (light green & purple) – 1/8 yard

- 30 C

Durum Dreams/Midnight Garden* (dark blue multi-textured batik) – 3¾ yards

- stalks – border #2 sides, 2 strips 4½" x 62½"***
- stalks/foilage – border #2 top/bottom, 2 strips 4½" x 59½"***
- foliage – 49 B
- sprigs – strips for strip-sets, 4 strips 4" x 41"
- plain blue – 80 A
- binding – 2¼" strips cut length of fabric to make 261" of continuous binding

Backing – 2 yards of 108" wide backing

- 1 panel 65" x 76"

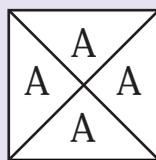
Batting

- 65" x 76"

* See the fabric layout on page 58 for directions on cutting this fabric.
** Lengths include seam allowances plus 2" extra.

ROTARY CUTTING

Rotary dimensions include seam allowances.



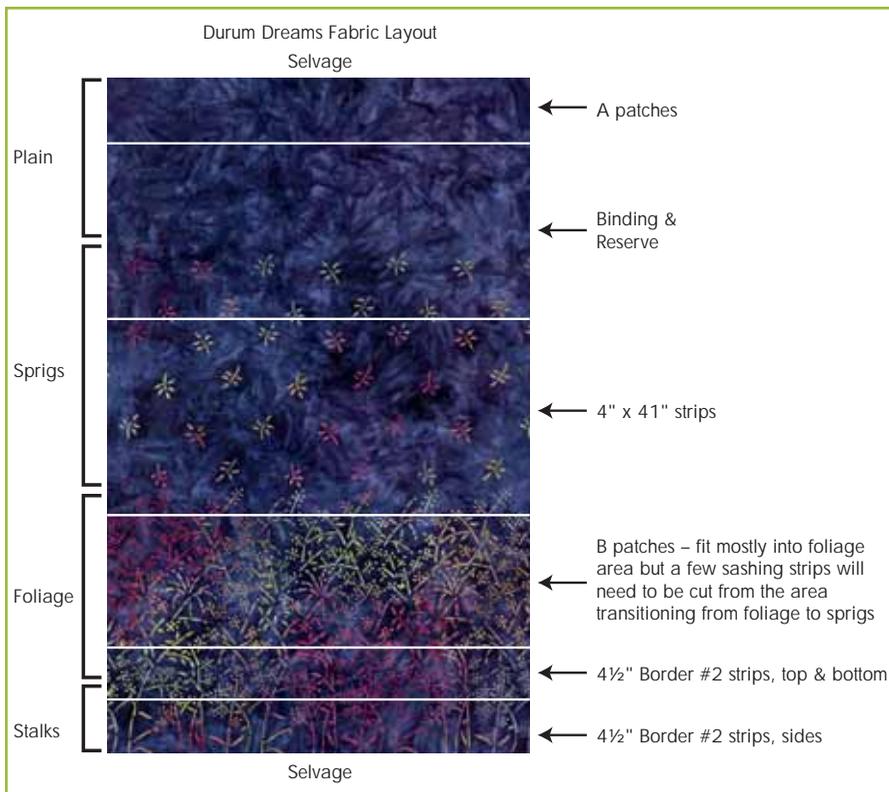
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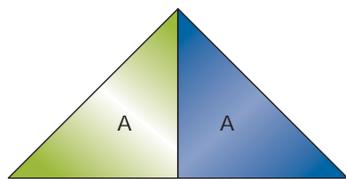
1¾" x 10½"



1¾" x 1¾"



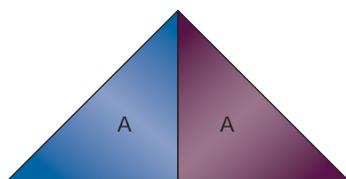
Noting the orientation of the A patches (fig. 3), sew a green A patch to a blue A patch. Repeat to make 40 green and blue triangle units. Press the seam allowances toward the blue fabric.



Green & blue units – Make 40

Fig. 3

Again noting the orientation of the A patches (fig. 4), sew a purple A patch to a blue A patch. Repeat to make 40 purple and blue triangle units. Press 20 of the units with seam allowances toward the blue and 20 toward the purple.



Purple & blue units – Make 40

Fig. 4

Referring to figure 5, sew purple triangle units to the top and bottom of the four-patch units.

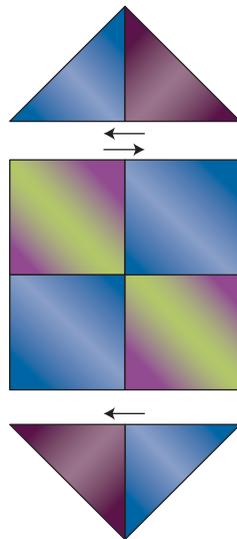
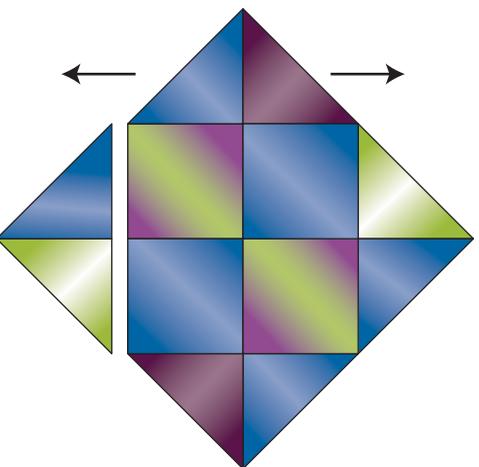
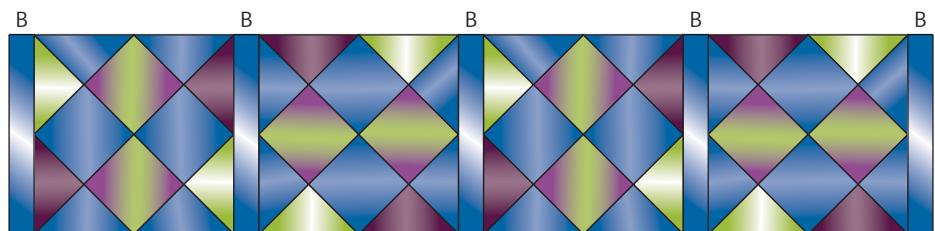


Fig. 5



Block – Make 20

Fig. 6



Block row – Make 5

Fig. 7

Tip: By using one triangle unit pressed toward the purple and one triangle unit pressed toward the blue, you can take advantage of the opposing seam allowances to help align triangle units with the four-patch units.

Add the green triangle units to the sides of the four-patch units to complete a block (fig. 6). Make 20 blocks.

Assembling the quilt center

Join 4 blocks and 5 B patches to make a block row, noting that the second and fourth blocks are rotated 90° (fig. 7). Repeat to make 5 block rows. Referring to the quilt assembly diagram on page 60, join 4 B patches and 5 C patches to make a sashing row. Repeat to make 6 sashing rows.

Sew sashing rows and block rows together, referring to the assembly diagram and noting that the second and fourth block rows are rotated 180° to form green pinwheels and purple pinwheels where the block corners touch the C patches. Press the seam allowances toward the sashing rows.

FABRIC & CUTTING REQUIREMENTS #2

Skill level: Intermediate

Quilt size: 56¾" x 68"

• Requirements are based on 40" fabric width.

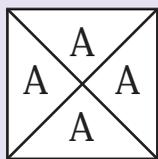
Finished block size: 10" x 10"

Multicolor batik – 7/8 yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strips for strip-sets, 4 strips 4" x 40" • border #1 strips, 6 strips 1¾" x 40"
Green batik – ½ yard	• 40 A
Purple batik – ½ yard	• 40 A
Light purple & green batik – 1/8 yard	• 30 C
Blue for border #2 – 1 7/8 yards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • border sides, 2 strips 4½" x 62½" * • border top/bottom, 2 strips 4½" x 59½" *
Blue for sashes – 1 yard	• 49 B
Blue for strip-sets – 5/8 yard	• strips for strip-sets, 4 strips 4" x 40"
Blue for triangles – 7/8 yard	• 80 A
Binding – 5/8 yard	• 7 strips 2¼" x 40" for 261" of continuous binding
Backing – 3 7/8 yards	• 2 panels 39" x 65"
Batting	• 65" x 76"

* Border #2 strips are cut parallel to the selvages. Lengths include seam allowances plus 2" extra.

ROTARY CUTTING

Rotary dimensions include seam allowances.



6¼" x 6¼"



1¾" x 10½"



1¾" x 1¾"

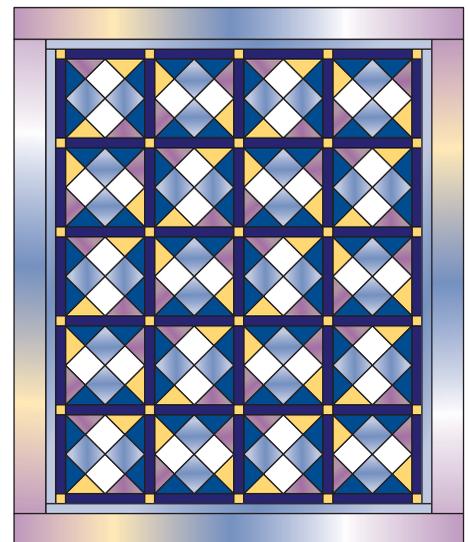
Adding the borders

Using diagonal seams, join the border #1 strips to make one long strip. Press the quilt top well. Measure the vertical length of the quilt through the center and cut 2 border #1 strips this measurement. Sew them to the sides of the quilt. Press these seam allowances away from the quilt center. Measure the width of the quilt through the center, including the side borders you just added. Cut 2 border #1 strips this length and sew them to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press these seam allowances away from the quilt center. Add border #2, measuring the quilt and trimming the border strips as you did for border #1.

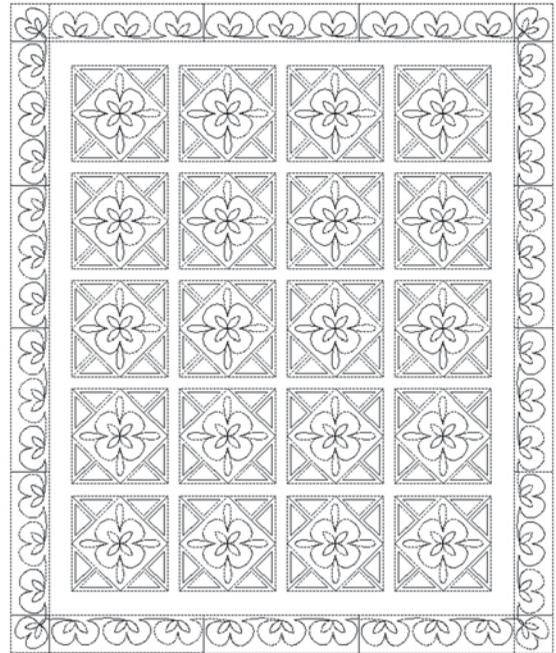
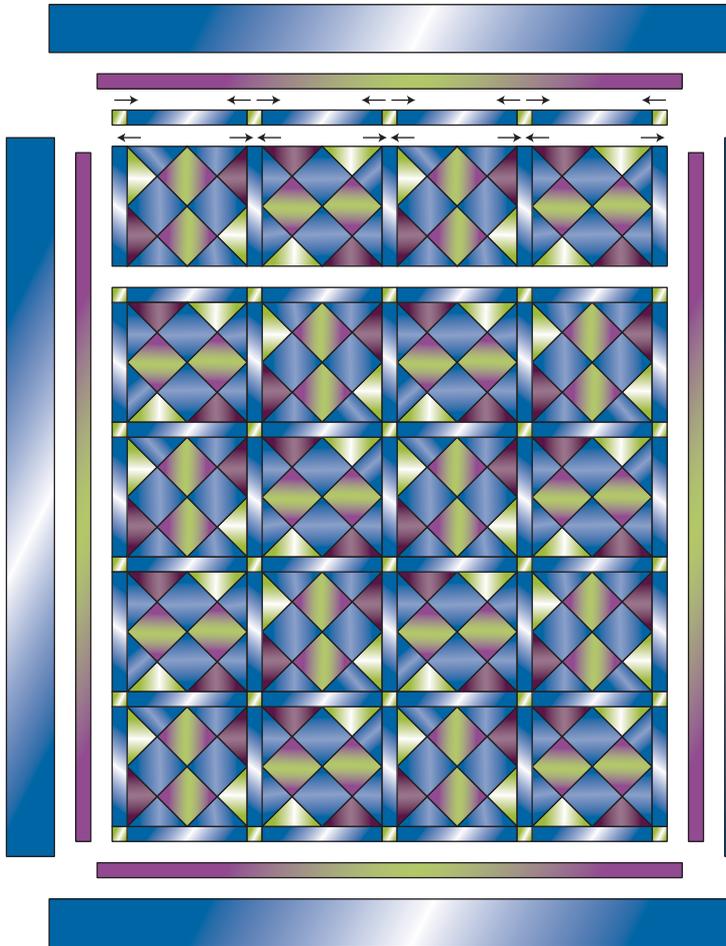
Quilting and finishing

Layer the backing, batting, and quilt top. Baste the layers together. Quilt as desired.

Sew the binding strips together, end-to-end, to make 261" of continuous binding. Finish the edges of your quilt with double-fold binding. ♦



Alternate coloration



Suggested quilting diagram

Quilt assembly

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