

Tonga Boysenberry Bella Quilt Designed by Marlous Carter



Finished quilt: 60¹/₂" x 72¹/₂" • Finished block: 12"

Fabric Requirements

1/2 yard each: (Rail Fence and Star Blocks)

Tonga-B2511 Abyss

Tonga-B2508 Berry

Tonga-B2345 Teal

Tonga-B9529 Dive

Tonga-B9105 Beet

Tonga-B2266 Raisin

Tonga-B1568 Deep

Tonga-B9856 Emerald

1/3 yard *each*: (Rail Fence Block)

Tonga-B2174 Sunset

Tonga-B2015 Cocoa

Tonga-B2010 Velvet

Tonga-B9838 Canyon

1/4 yard each: (Star Block)

Tonga-B9838 Purple

Tonga-B2040 Va-Va-Voom

Tonga-B2510 Ruby

Tonga-B9846 Plum

1¹/₈ yards Tonga-B2047 Gold (Star Block and binding)

4 yards 45"-wide Tonga backing fabric or 2 yards XTonga (106"-wide) backing fabric of your choice

Cutting

From each of the 1/2 yard fabrics:

• Cut four $2^{1/2}$ " x width-of-fabric (WOF) strips for the Rail-Fence Blocks. Set aside the remainder for the Star Block cutting. From <u>each</u> of the 1/3 yard fabrics:

 \bullet Cut four $2^{1}\!/2^{\!\!\!\! "}$ x WOF strips for the Rail-Fence Blocks.

From Tonga-B2047 Gold:

- Cut one $6^{1/2}$ " x WOF strips. Sub-cut the strip into six $6^{1/2}$ " squares. Cut each square in half twice diagonally to make a total of twenty-four quarter-square triangles (QST).
- Cut two 5" x WOF strips. Sub-cut each strip into twelve $3^{1/2}$ " x 5" rectangles.
- Cut seven 21/2" x WOF strips for binding.

See below for cutting the star fabrics.

Block Construction

Rail-Fence Block

Note: Sort the strips as detailed in step 1 to match the sample quilt shown, or piece the strips randomly for a scrappier look.

1. Sort the forty-eight $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF Rail-Fence strips into four groups of twelve strips each, as follows:

Group A – B9856 Emerald/B2508 Berry/B2511 Abyss

Group B – B9529 Dive/B2345 Teal/B2174 Sunset

Group C – B2015 Cocoa/B9105 Beet/B2010 Velvet

Group D – B1568 Deep/B2266 Raisin/B9838 Canyon

Divide each group into four labeled strip sets, each of which should contain one of each of the fabrics in that group. Refer to figure 1 for color placement and sew each strip set together. Press seams in one direction. Label the strip sets as A, B, C and D. (figure 1)



2. Cut each strip set into six $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, making a total of ninety-six $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. (figure 2)

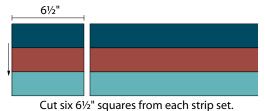
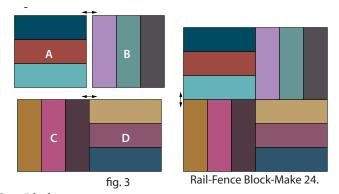


fig. 2

- 3. Sew together two different pieced squares (A and B), alternating strip direction. Repeat using the same colors to make twenty-four sets.
- 4. Repeat step 3 using two different squares (C and D). Press all seams open.
- 5. Sew the two two-block units from steps 3-4 together, matching center seams, to make the Rail-Fence Block. Make a total of twenty-four 12½"-square blocks. (figure 3)



Star Block

Note: Because each of the star blocks uses different fabrics, the instructions refer to the fabric position within the block, rather than a specific fabric. The background for all stars is B2047 Gold. (figure 4)

Sort the star fabrics into contrasting pairs and decide which will be B and which will be C for *each* block.

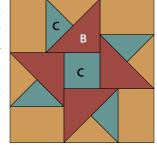


fig. 4 Star Block-Make 6.

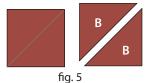
As you cut, keep the pairings together.

Each of the six Star Blocks requires four B2047 Gold background triangles, four B2047 Gold $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" rectangles, four

fabric C QST, one $3\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric C center square and four fabric B half-square triangles (HST).

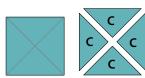
From each fabric B:

• Cut one 6" x WOF strip. Sub-cut two 6" squares. Cut each square in half once diagonally to make a total of four HST. Repeat with the B fabrics for all six star blocks. (figure 5)



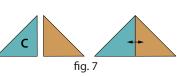
From each fabric C:

• Cut one $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strip. Sub-cut one $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square and one $3\frac{1}{2}$ " center square. Cut the $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square twice diagonally to make four QST.

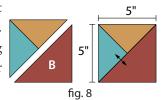


Repeat with the C fabrics for all six star blocks. fig. 6 (figure 6)

6. Sew a fabric C QST to a B2047 Gold QST. Make four of the same pairing for *each* block. (figure 7)



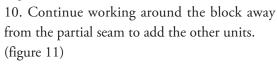
7. Sew a fabric B HST to the unit from step 6. Repeat for each block. Trim the unit to 5" square, centering the long diagonal seam from corner to corner. (figure 8)



8. Sew the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" B2047 Gold rectangle to the unit from step 7, keeping the orientation as shown. Make four for *each* block.

(figure 9)

9. To join the block units together, use a partial seam to sew the unit from step 8 to the $3\frac{1}{2}$ "-square fabric C block center. Place the pieces right sides together, lining up the right edge. Begin sewing 1" in from the left corner of the center square. (figure 10)



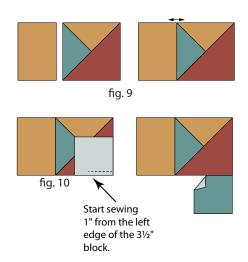
11. When all the units are joined, finish sewing the partial seam. (figure 12) Press all seams open. Make a total of six $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square blocks.

Quilt Top Assembly

12. Following the quilt photo for orientation, lay out the blocks in six rows, each comprised of four Rail-Fence Blocks and one Star Block. Press seams in alternate directions by row. Sew the blocks together in rows, matching adjacent seamlines.

Finishing

- 13. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.
- 14. Stitch the binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Fold and press the resulting long strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Stitch to the quilt front, matching raw edges and mitering the corners.
- 15. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.



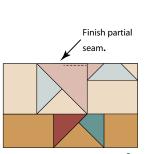


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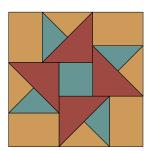
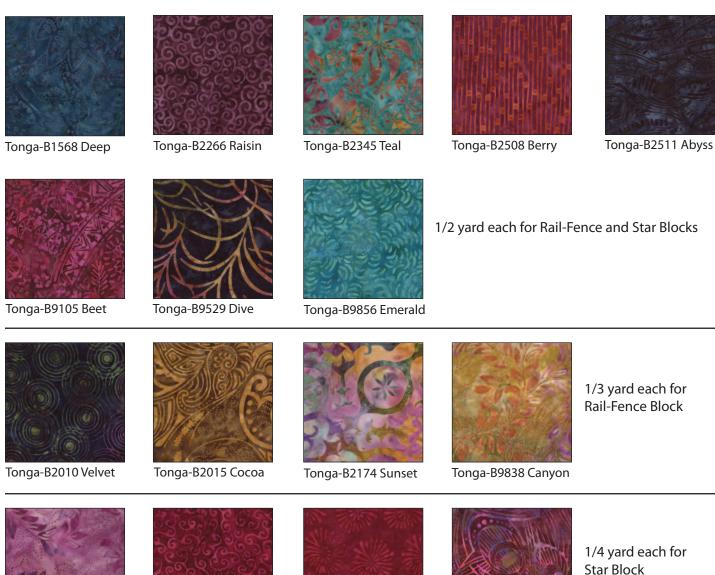


fig. 12





Tonga-B9838 Purple



Tonga-B2040 Va-Va-Voom Tonga-B2510 Ruby





Tonga-B9846 Plum



1¹/₈ yards for Star **Block & Binding**

ALL FABRICS SHOWN 25% OF ACTUAL SIZE.

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