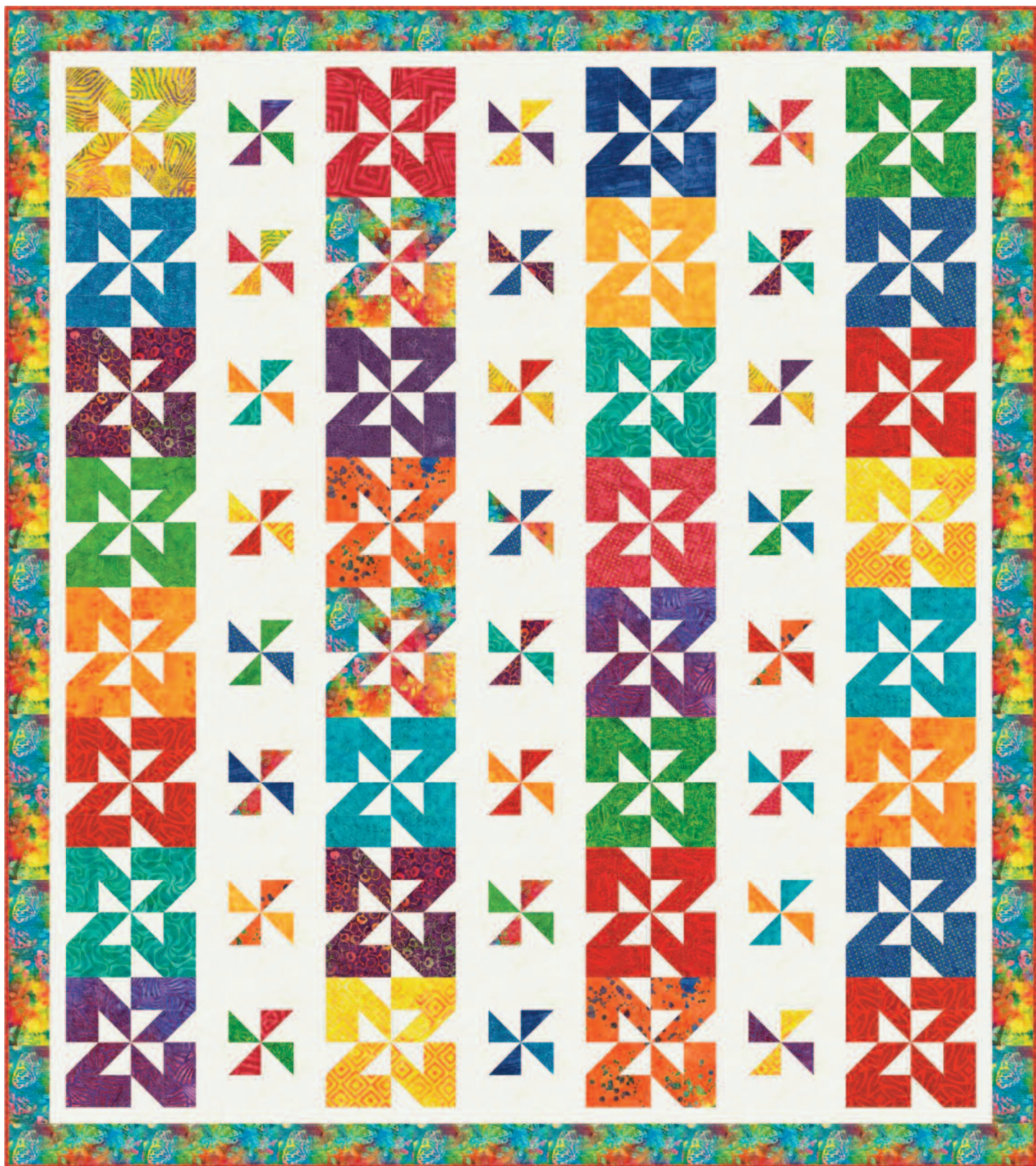




Tonga Piñata & Tonga Topaz

Moulinets by Marlou Carter



Tonga Piñata

Finished quilt: 63½" x 71½"

Fabric Requirements

One Tonga Treat Piñata or Topaz 2½" Strip pack (forty 2½" x width-of-fabric [WOF] strips, two each of twenty fabrics)

3 yards background fabric (includes inner border)

- Tonga Piñata: B7900 Parchment
- Tonga Topaz: B4181 Coconut

2/3 yard outer-border fabric

- Tonga Piñata: B4169 Piñata
- Tonga Topaz: B4171 Topaz

1/4 yard Tonga binding fabric of your choice

3¾ yards Tonga backing fabric

71" x 79" batting

Cutting

From each of thirty-two Tonga Treat strips:

- Cut eight 2½" x 4½" rectangles and two 2½" squares.
- Keep all the rectangles cut from one strip together and the squares from one strip together.

From each of three Tonga Treat strips:

- Cut twelve 2½" squares.

From Tonga background fabric:

- Cut twelve 4½" x WOF strips. Sub-cut sixteen 2½" x 4½" rectangles from each strip.
- Cut sixteen 2½" x WOF strips. Sub-cut sixteen 2½" squares from each strip.
- Cut six 1½" x WOF strips for inner border.

From Tonga outer border fabric:

- Cut seven 3" x WOF strips.

From Tonga binding fabric:

- Cut two 2½" x WOF strips. Pair these with the five leftover Tonga Treat Strips.

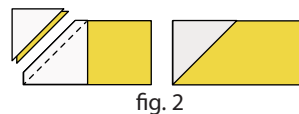
Block Construction

Block A—In each block, work with eight rectangles cut from the same Tonga Treat strip.

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each 2½" background square. Place a marked square right sides together on the left side of the 2½" x 4½" colored rectangle, noting the line direction. (figure 1)



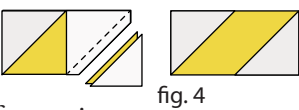
2. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowances to 1/4" and press the triangle open. (figure 2)



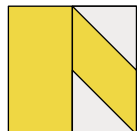
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2, placing the background square on the right side of the rectangle, noting the line direction. Make a total of four pieced units. (figures 3 and 4)



4. Sew a 2½" x 4½" colored rectangle to a pieced unit from step 3 as shown in figure 5. Make a total of four units.



5. Sew the four pieced units together as shown to make Block A. (figure 6)



6. Repeat steps 1-5 to make a total of thirty-two of Block A.

fig. 5-Make 4.

Block B

7. Repeat steps 1 and 2 using one 2½" x 4½" background rectangle and a 2½" colored square. (figure 7) Make a total of four units using two pairs of matching 2½" squares.

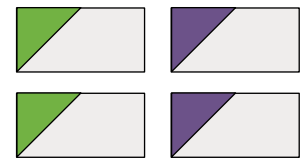


fig. 7-Make 4.

8. Sew one 2½" x 4½" background rectangle to each of the pieced units from step 7. (figure 8)

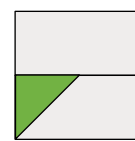


fig. 8

9. Sew four of the pieced units from step 8 together, as shown, to make Block B. (figure 9)

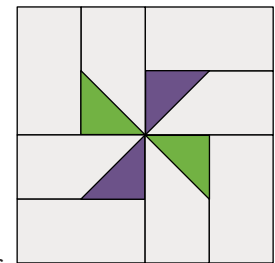


fig. 9-Block B-Make 24.

10. Repeat steps 7-9 to make a total of twenty-four of Block B.

Quilt Top Assembly

Refer to the quilt photos for color placement.

11. Create a pleasing color arrangement of Block A in four vertical rows of eight blocks each. Do the same to create three vertical rows of Block B.

12. Sew the blocks together in each row, then alternately sew the A and B rows together to make the quilt top, matching adjacent seams.

13. Sew the 1½" x WOF inner border strips end to end using diagonal seams. Cut two 1½" x 56½" top/bottom borders and two 1½" x 66½" side borders. Sew one 1½" x 56½" strip to the top and another to the bottom of the quilt top. Press seam allowances toward the border. Sew one 1½" x 66½" strip to each side of the quilt top.

14. Following step 13, add the outer borders using the 3" x WOF strips. Cut top/bottom borders 3" x 58½" and side borders 3" x 71½".

Finishing

15. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.

16. Stitch the assorted 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.

17. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.

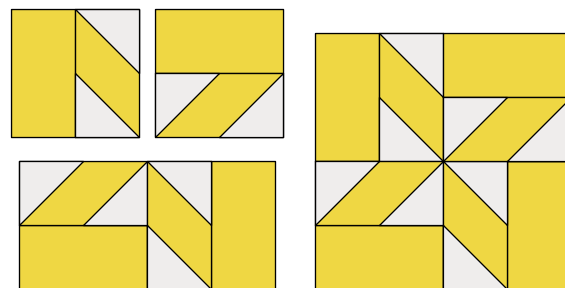
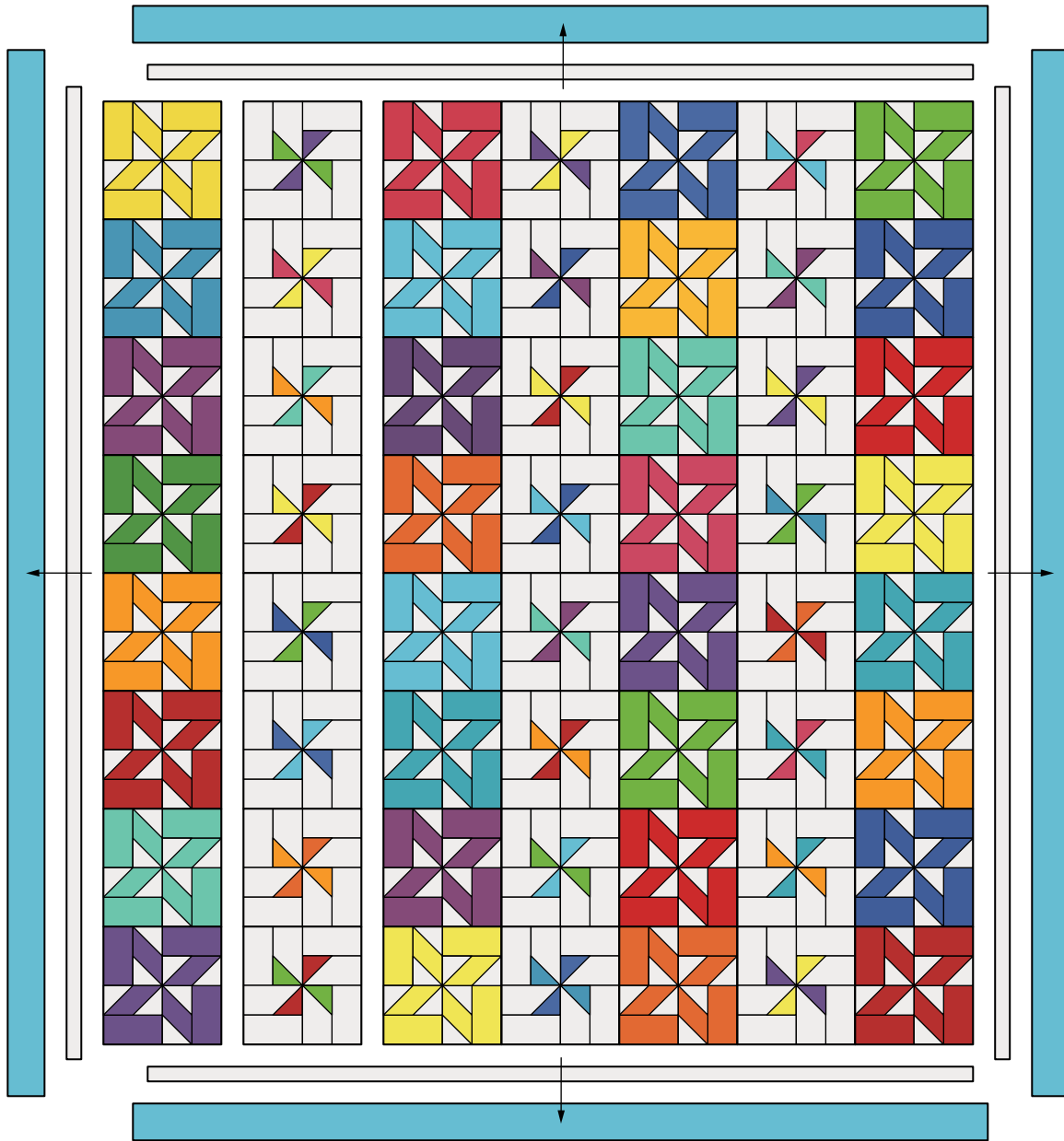


fig. 6-Block A-Make 32.



Quilt Assembly Diagram

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