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Project: Batik Patches Quilt

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Combine dozens of batiks in a rainbow palette to create a scrappy lap-size quilt. The 25-Patch blocks feature randomly placed lights and darks while each Nine-Patch block uses just two batiks. Fabrics are from the Batik Paradise collection from Connecting Threads (connectingthreads.com).

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Materials

- 1¾ yards total assorted light and dark batiks in yellow, tan, cream, blue, red, green, orange, black, and purple (blocks)
- 1¾ yards blue batik (sashing, border, binding)
- 2**1/8** yards backing fabric
- 50×64" batting

Finished quilt: $41\frac{1}{4} \times 55\frac{1}{4}$ "

Finished blocks: 25-Patch, 83/4" square; Nine-Patch, 51/4" square

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From assorted light and dark batiks, cut:

- 30—2¼" squares (6 sets of 5 matching squares) for Nine-Patch blocks
- 24—2½" squares (6 sets of 4 matching squares) for Nine-Patch blocks
- 300—2½" squares for 25-Patch blocks

From blue batik, cut:

- 17—5¾×9¼" sashing rectangles
- 10—2½×42" strips for border and binding

Assemble Blocks

- 1. Referring to Diagram 1, lay out one set of five matching batik 2¼" squares and one set of four matching batik 2¼" squares in three rows. Sew together squares in each row. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row. Join rows to make a Nine-Patch block. Press seams in one direction. The block should be 5¾" square including seam allowances.
- 2. Repeat Step 1 to make six Nine-Patch blocks total.
- 3. Referring to Diagram 2, lay out 25 assorted light and dark batik 2½" squares in five rows. Sew together squares in each row. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row. Join rows to make a 25-Patch block. Press seams in one direction. The block should be 9½" square including seam allowances.
- **4.** Repeat Step 3 to make twelve 25-Patch blocks total.

Assemble Ouilt Center

- Referring to photo and Quilt Assembly Diagram, lay out Nine-Patch blocks, 25-Patch blocks, and blue batik sashing rectangles in seven horizontal rows. Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams toward sashing rectangles.
- 2. Join rows to make quilt center. Press seams in one direction. The quilt center should be 37¼×51¼" including seam allowances.

Add Border

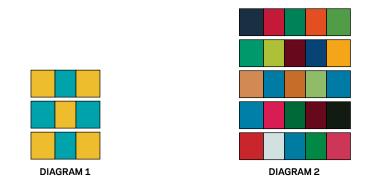
- 1. Cut and piece blue batik 2½×42" strips to make:
 - 2-21/2×511/4" border strips
 - 2-2½×41¼" border strips
- 2. Sew long border strips to long edges of quilt center. Add short border strips to remaining edges to complete quilt top. Press all seams toward border.

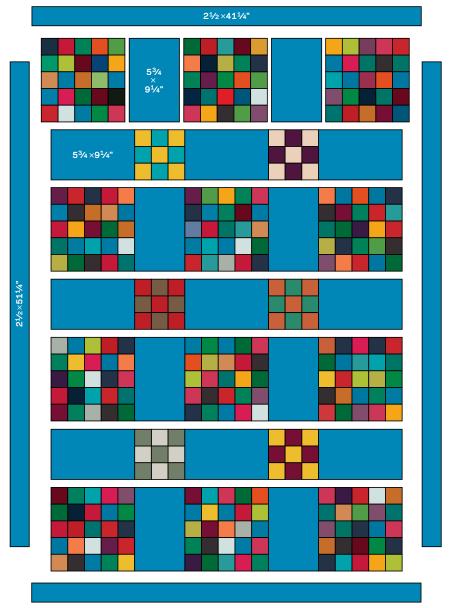
Finish Quilt

- Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste. Quilt as desired.
- 2. Bind with remaining blue batik 2½×42" strips.

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QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM