CLAM CHOWDER QUILT

63" x 86"

Designed, Pieced and Quilted by
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MATERIALS:

[1] ANESH Panel
1-1/8 yards Blender Dots Navy
2/3 yard Blender Cross Hatch Aqua
2/3 yard Blender Stipple Yellow
1/3 yard Blender Cross Hatch Red
1/4 yard Signs Yellow
3/4 yard Roads Aqua
2-3/4 yards Border Stripe

BEFORE SEWING, READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS. USE A SCANT 1/4" SEAM ALLOWANCE. IT USES THE 6 1/2" MINI X-BLOCK TEMPLATE. IT IS ALWAYS HELPFUL TO PRESS BLOCKS WITH A LIGHT SPRAY STARCH OR STARCH ALTERNATIVE. BE SURE TO HANDLE THE BLOCKS CAREFULLY ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN CUT SINCE THE EDGES ARE BIAS AND MAY STRETCH. WOF = WIDTH OF FABRIC

CUTTING:

From ANESH Panel:
Cut [1] — 24-1/2" × 43"

From Blender Dots Navy Fabric:
Cut [8] — 2-1/2" × WOF strips, binding
Cut [2] — 3-1/4" × WOF strips
   Subcut [2] — 3-1/4" × 24-1/2" rectangles. If panel is not 43" make these a little wider **(A)**
Cut [5] — 1-7/8" × WOF strips **(B)**

From Blender Cross Hatch Aqua Fabric:
Cut [10] — 1-7/8" × WOF strips **(C)**

From Blender Stipple Yellow Fabric:
Cut [10] — 1-7/8" × WOF strips **(D)**

From Blender Cross Hatch Red Fabric:
Cut [5] — 1-7/8" × WOF strips **(E)**

From Yellow Signs Fabric:
Cut [1] — 6-1/2" × WOF strip
   Subcut [4] — 6-1/2" squares **(F)**

From Roads Aqua Fabric:
Cut [5] — 4-1/2" × WOF strips **(G)**

From Border Stripe Fabric:
Fussy Cut [4] lengths of fabric of the [3] different stripes (H, J, K) as per directions

BLOCK ASSEMBLY:

1. Sew [1] **(A)** rectangle to the top and [1] **(A)** rectangle to the bottom of the center panel. Press toward **(A)**. If you had to make the **(A)** bigger, retrim this unit to 24-1/2" × 48-1/2".

Block #1

Note: I like to make one complete strip set and test my template to ensure it aligns on the sewn lines before making all of the strip sets. I can make any adjustments in my seam allowance before I sew the remaining strip sets.

1. Sew [1] Blender Cross Hatch Red strip **(E)** to the left of one Blender Cross Hatch Aqua strip **(C)**. Press to **(E)**. Repeat for a total of [5] strip sets.

2. Sew a Blender Stipple Yellow strip **(D)** to the right of the strip set **(E/C)**. Press to **(D)**. Repeat for a total of five strip sets. Set aside and label the strip sets for Block #1.

Block #2

1. Sew [1] Blender Dots Navy strip **(B)** to the left side of Blender Cross Hatch Aqua strip **(C)**. Press toward **(C)**. Repeat for a total of [5] strip sets.
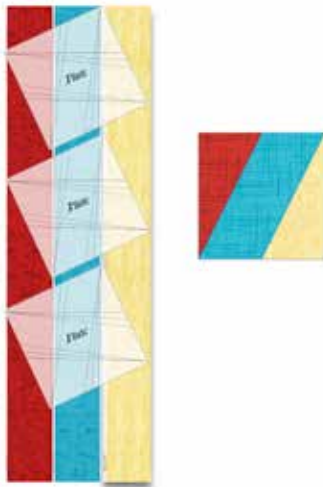
2. Sew one Blender Stipple yellow (D) to the right side of the strip set B/C. Press toward (C). Repeat for a total of five strip sets. Set aside and label the strip sets for Block #2.

Cutting Block #1

1. Place the 6-1/2″ Mini X-Block template right side facing up on the Block #1 strip set, matching the solid lines on the template to the sewn lines of the strip set; cut around the edges of the template with a rotary cutter. If you don't have this ruler, you can use a 3-1/2″ square ruler positioned as shown. Repeat down the strip set cutting as many Block #1 with the template. You should be able to get [10] Block #1 from each strip set. You will need a total of [48] Block #1. Label these cut blocks Block #1.
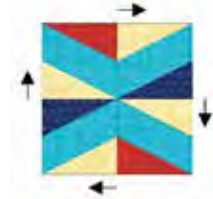

Cutting Block #2

1. Flip the 6-1/2″ Mini X-Blocks template over. By doing this you will create a mirror image blocks. Place the flipped (or upside down) 6-1/2″ Mini X-Block template on the Block #2 strip set, matching the solid lines on the template to the sewn lines of the strip set; cut around the edges of the template with a rotary cutter. Repeat down the strip set cutting as many Block #2 with the template. You should be able to get [10] Block #2 from each strip set. You will need a total of [48] Block #2. Label these blocks Block #2.
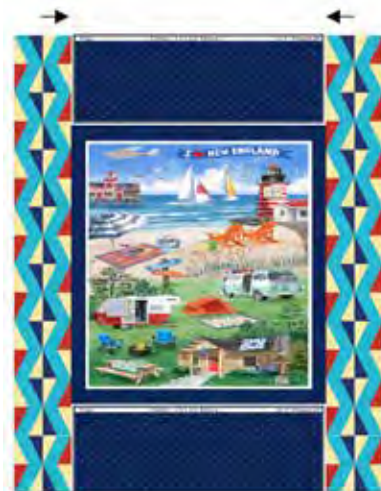

2. Sew together [2] Block #1 and [2] Block #2 to make an "X" as shown. Repeat with all of the Block #1 and Block #2 blocks to make a total of [24] "X" blocks. Press all seams in the same direction. These will measure 6-1/2″ square.

3. Sew [8] "X" blocks together into a row as shown, matching seams and edges. Press seams in each row in opposite directions to "nest" the seams. Repeat for a total of [2] rows.

4. Sew [1] row to the left of the center panel and sew one row to the right of the center panel. Press to the center panel.

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5. Sew [4] "X" blocks together into a row as shown, matching seams and edges. Press seams in each row in opposite directions to "nest" the seams. Repeat for a total of [2] rows.

6. Sew [1] Signs Yellow square **(F)** to each end of the [4] "X" block row. Press to **(F)**.

7. Sew [1] row to the top and [1] row to the bottom of center panel. Press to center panel.

BORDER ASSEMBLY

1. Sew all the Roads Aqua **(G)** strips together forming [1] long strip.

2. Measure the length of the quilt to determine side border measurements. It is important to measure through the vertical center of the quilt to get the most accurate measurement. It should be about 60-1/2". Cut [2] pieces that are your length. Sew these [2] borders to the sides of the quilt. Press to **(G)**.

3. Measure the width of the quilt to determine top and bottom border measurements. It is important to measure through the horizontal center of the quilt to get the most accurate measurement. It should be about 44-1/2". Cut [2] pieces that are your length. Sew these [2]

borders to the top and to the bottom of the quilt. Press to **(G)**.

4. Fussy cut the stripe fabric. I chose to cut [3] separate stripes (as indicated by the arrows in the diagram below) so that I could change the direction and order of the stripe. However. you can leave it as one stripe if you'd like. I also chose to miter the corners of the stripe fabric. Again. that is your choice.

5. Sew the stripe border to the quilt after measuring as described above for the Roads aqua border or choose your favorite mitered seam method. If you have never done a mitered border, there are plenty of YouTube videos to demonstrate how to do it. Below is a diagram of how I cut my three stripes for my border. You will cut a total of [4] sets of stripes.

FINISHING:

1. Layer batting between quilt top and backing.

2. Pin or baste layers together.

3. Quilt as desired.

4. Add binding, mitering corners.

5. Label & Enjoy!

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Doris began sewing at age seven in Nevada, Missouri. Upon working at a local fabric store, her love of quilting developed and she began teaching technique classes and workshops. Doris bought her first longarm machine in 1990 and mastered custom quilting techniques. After pausing to raise her family, she purchased her second longarm and reignited her passion for quilting. Known as the Quilting Queen, she has expanded to pattern design, opened Queen's Rustic Retreat for crafting getaways, and took over X-Blocks rulers and templates. She realized her dream to open a brick-and-mortar store, Cactus Queen Quilt Co.-a full-service quilt shop, in 2018. Now based in San Antonio, Texas, Doris continues to teach and inspire others with her work and expertise.