

Lunarcy Quilt 2020

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Twin size quilt – Finished size 75.5" x 94"

Part 1: Instructions for assembling
the quilt top for the Lunarcy
twin-size (single bed) quilt.



Before you start

Please read all the instructions before beginning. WOF = width of fabric. Seam allowances of ¼" are assumed throughout.

Fabric and Notion Requirements

If you would like to make the quilt exactly as the sample shown, the Island Batik fabrics I used are listed with the generic fabric requirements below.

Assuming fabric of 42" WOF or wider, you will need:

- 3 yards of background fabric for blocks (bright pink, such as Island Batik Cat Scratch Watermelon BE29-B1)
- 2.5 yards of sashing/border fabric (orange/light pink sunset mixed colours, such as Leaf Vine Nasturtium BE18-C1)
- 1 yd of fabric to frame the appliqué blocks (yellow, such as Daffodil Blender BE22-C1)
- ¾ yd of binding fabric (dark red, such as Cherry Blender BE31-C1)
- 1 yd of fabric for animal and branch appliqués (gold, such as Mustard Basics).
- Six fat quarters for lanterns and flowers (warm colours in pinks and purples, such as Petal Basics, Peach Basics, Punch Basics, Mulberry Basics, Primrose Basics and Bubbles Carnation Blender BE32-B1).

You will also need:

- 6 yards of backing fabric. I chose Island Batik Marble Candy Blender BE24-C1
- approximately 3.5 yards x 24" paper-backed fusible adhesive for appliqué
- matching/contrasting sewing and appliqué threads as desired

Cutting the Patchwork and Binding

Step 1

Cut 12x main blocks from bright pink yardage, each 18.5" x 17".

Step 2

To frame the main blocks with the yellow yardage:

- cut 12x strips WOF of 1" wide. Cut to 24x lengths of 17".
- cut another 6x strips WOF of 1" wide. Cut to 12x lengths of 19.5".
- cut 6x strips WOF of 1.5" wide. Cut to 12x lengths of 19.5".

Step 3

For sashing between the appliqué blocks, from the orange-pink sunset yardage:

- cut 4x strips WOF of 4" wide. Cut to 8x lengths of 18.5".
- cut 5x further strips WOF of 4" wide. Cut two of these lengths in half.

Step 4

For the border from the orange-pink sunset yardage cut 8x strips WOF of 6" wide.

Preparing the Binding

For traditional double-fold straight-cut binding, cut 9x strips WOF of 2.25" wide from dark red yardage.

Preparing the Appliqués

Please note: the appliqué templates required to make the Lunarcy Quilt are provided as separate patterns, and are not in this document.

The appliqué templates provided for each block design are designed for fused appliqué, so they are already reversed ready for tracing onto the fusible paper-backed adhesive of your choice.

Trace each shape directly onto fusible paper-backed adhesive and fuse to the reverse side of your appliqué fabric. Carefully cut out each shape and fuse in place on your blocks as per the instructions for your brand of fusible adhesive.

Specific layout instructions are provided with each appliqué template file, but as an overview you will need:

- each zodiac animal and their tree branch shapes fused onto gold coloured fabric (eg Mustard Basics).
- up to 600 flower shapes using a mix of the three flower sizes supplied. Fuse and cut out in the following approximate ratio:
 - 75 flowers in hot pink (eg Punch Basics)
 - 100 flowers in each of: dark pink (eg Primrose Basics); purple (eg Mulberry Basics); peach (eg Peach Basics); and pale pink (eg Petal Basics)
 - 125 flowers in medium pink (eg Bubbles Carnation Blender).
- one copy each of the lantern shapes for each block in peach (eg Peach Basics).
- one copy of the lantern trimming shapes for each block in very dark red.

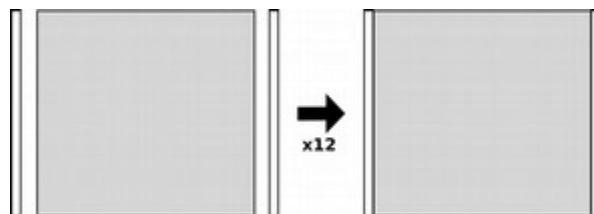
Note: If you wish to add flower appliqués to the block areas only, and not to the sashing and border spaces, you will only need approximately 250 flowers. If this is the case, do not include any hot pink flowers in the mix, but instead an approximately equal number of dark pink (eg Primrose Basics); purple (eg Mulberry Basics); peach (eg Peach Basics); and pale pink (eg Petal Basics) and medium pink (eg Bubbles Carnation Blender) flowers (about 50 flowers of each colour).

Constructing the Quilt Top

Always place fabrics right sides together to sew. Press each seam as it is sewn. Referring to the diagrams:

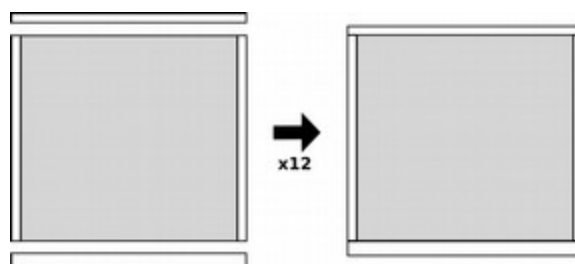
Step 1

- Sew one 1" x 17" yellow strip to the left edge of an 18.5" x 17" main block.
- Sew one 1" x 17" yellow strip to the right edge of each 19" x 17" main block created in Step 1a.
- Repeat 11 times to complete 12 units of 19.5" x 17" (main blocks flanked left and right by thin frames).



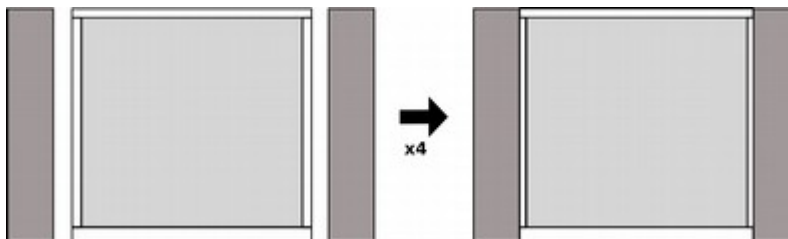
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- Sew one 1" x 19.5" yellow strip to the top of each 19.5" x 17" main block/yellow strips combo from Step 1.
- Sew one 1.5" x 19.5" yellow strip to the bottom of each 19.5" x 17.5" main block/yellow strips combo.
- Repeat 11 times to complete 12 units. You will have 12 yellow-framed main block units of size 19.5" x 18.5".



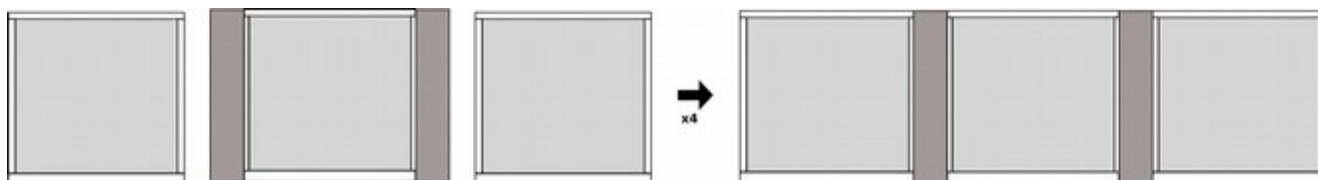
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- Sew one 4" x 18.5" orange sashing strip to the left edge of a 19.5" x 18.5" main block unit from Step 2.
- Sew another 4" x 18.5" orange-pink sashing strip to the right edge of the now 23" x 18.5" main block unit just completed.
- Repeat 3 times to complete 4 units of 26.5" x 18.5" (yellow-framed main blocks, now flanked left and right by orange-pink sashing).



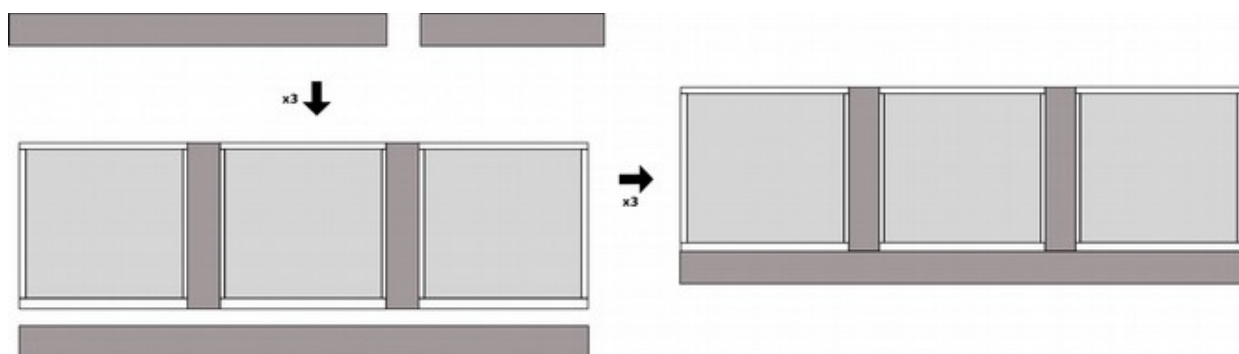
Step 4

- Sew one of the remaining 19.5" x 18.5" main block units from Step 2 to the left edge of one of the 26.5" x 18.5" sashed main block units from Step 3.
- Sew another of the remaining 19.5" x 18.5" main block units from Step 2 to the right edge of the double-main block unit made in Step 4a.
- Repeat with remaining 3 sashed blocks from Step 3 and 6 framed units from Step 2 to create 4 rows of three appliqué blocks of size 64.5" x 18.5".



Step 5

- Join a half-length WOF strip of 4" orange-pink sashing end-to-end with a full WOF of 4" orange-pink sashing.
- Repeat twice to create a total of three long 4" strips (there will be a half-length WOF strip remaining that is not required). Trim each long 4" sashing strip to 64.5" in length.
- Sew one 64.5" x 4" sashing strip to the bottom edge of one of the triple-main block strips created in Step 4c.
- Repeat with two of the remaining three rows of triple-main block units from Step 4c.

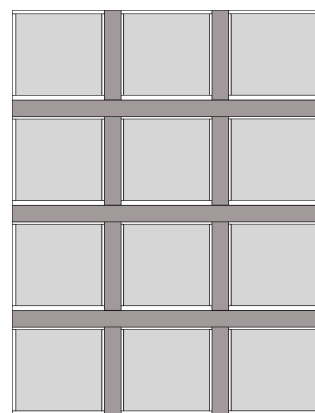


Step 6

- Assemble all triple-main block units into the Lunarcy quilt top arrangement as shown on the right. Sew the three sashed rows from Step 5d together, top to bottom. Then sew the remaining triple-main block unit to the bottom of the third row.

You have now completed the main body of the Lunarcy twin quilt. Your quilt body should measure 64.5" x 83".

If your quilt top has ended up a slightly different size, adjust your borders to fit accordingly. Make sure your borders fit the measurements of your actual quilt top to prevent unwanted waviness.



Constructing the Border

Step 7

- a) Join two WOF strip of 6" orange-pink sashing end-to-end to create one long 6" strip.
- b) Repeat with three additional pairs of 6" WOF strips.

c) Trim two long 6" strips to 83" each (or the length of your quilt). Hint: for neatest results trim your strip so that the seam is in the centre.
d) Sew the 83" strips to the left and right of your Lunarcy quilt top to create side borders.

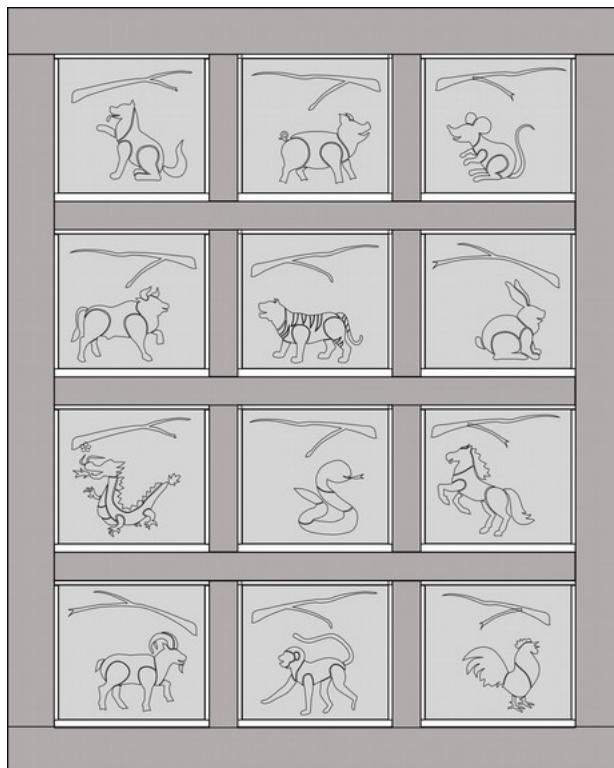
e) Trim the remaining two 6" strips to 75.5" each as for Step 7c.

f) Sew the 75.5" x 6" strips to the top and bottom of your quilt top.
Press entire quilt top well.

Congratulations, you have finished your Lunarcy quilt top, ready for the Zodiac appliqués.

You may wish to stay stitch or zigzag stitch around the edge of your quilt top to protect the edges while you work on the appliqués.

The cyclic order of the Zodiac is: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. 2020 is the Year of the Rat, but feel free to start your quilt anywhere in the cycle. In the sample quilt, I started with the Year of the Dog.



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