

Project: Beachy T-Shirt Throw

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Life's a beach with this sand castle-inspired T-shirt throw. A muted background of tone-on-tone tans and ocean blues lets the summer-theme shirts shine in the sun.

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Materials

- 14 T-shirts
- $\frac{1}{3}$ yard tan rectangle batik (blocks)
- $1\frac{3}{4}$ yards tan wheat batik (blocks, border, binding)
- $\frac{1}{3}$ yard tan crescent batik (blocks)
- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard blue-green batik (blocks, border, corners)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard green dot batik (blocks)
- $\frac{1}{3}$ yard cream dot batik (blocks)
- $\frac{1}{3}$ yard tan circle-and-swirl batik (blocks)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard mottled tan batik (blocks)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard cream batik (blocks)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard light blue batik (blocks)
- $\frac{1}{8}$ yard cream triangle batik (blocks)
- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard blue-and-brown batik (border)
- 7 yards ultralightweight fusible interfacing (such as Pellon 911FF)
- $4\frac{7}{8}$ yards backing fabric
- 71x86" batting

Finished quilt: 62½x77½"

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

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Prepare T-Shirts

1. Cut T-shirts open; remove collars and armholes but do not trim to size.
2. Place T-shirts facedown. Lay fusible interfacing over printed designs.
3. Following manufacturer's instructions, press fusible interfacing onto wrong sides of T-shirts; let cool.

Cut T-Shirts

From interfaced T-shirts, cut:

- 6— $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $16\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles
- 8— $12\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From tan rectangle batik, cut:

- 2— $1\frac{1}{2}$ x42" strips
- 2— $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

From tan wheat batik, cut:

- 7—3x42" strips for border
- 8— $2\frac{1}{2}$ x42" binding strips
- 2— $1\frac{1}{2}$ x42" strips
- 1— $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $15\frac{1}{2}$ " strip
- 2— $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 4— $2\frac{1}{2}$ x16" strips
- 2— $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $16\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

From tan crescent batik, cut:

- 2— $1\frac{1}{2}$ x42" strips
- 2— $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

From blue-green batik, cut:

- 2— $1\frac{1}{2}$ x42" strips
- 2— 2 x $16\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 4—4" squares

From green dot batik, cut:

- 4— $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $15\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

From cream dot batik, cut:

- 1— $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $15\frac{1}{2}$ " strip
- 2— $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

From tan circle-and-swirl batik, cut:

- 2— $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $16\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 4— $2\frac{1}{2}$ x16" strips

From mottled tan batik, cut:

- 2— 2 x $20\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 2— 2 x $16\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

From cream batik, cut:

- 2— 2 x42" strips

From light blue batik, cut:

- 2— $1\frac{1}{2}$ x42" strips

From cream triangle batik, cut:

- 2— 2 x $20\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

From blue-and-brown batik, cut:

- 7— $1\frac{1}{2}$ x42" strips for border

Assemble Block A

1. Sew together a tan rectangle batik $1\frac{1}{2}$ x42" strip and a tan wheat batik $1\frac{1}{2}$ x42" strip to make a strip set. Press seams

toward tan rectangle batik strips. Repeat to make a second strip set. Cut strip sets into two $12\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide segments and two $20\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide segments (Diagram 1).

2. Add $12\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide segments to short edges of a T-shirt $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $16\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Press seams toward pieced segments (Diagram 2). Join $20\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide segments to remaining edges to make Block A. Press seams toward pieced segments. Block A should be $16\frac{1}{2}$ x $20\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
3. Using tan crescent batik and blue-green batik $1\frac{1}{2}$ x42" strips, repeat steps 1 and 2 to make a second Block A.

Assemble Block B

1. Sew a tan crescent batik $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to top edge of a T-shirt $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square (Diagram 3). Press seam toward tan crescent batik. Add a green dot batik $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $15\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the right-hand edge to make Block B. Press seam toward strip. Block B should be $14\frac{1}{2}$ x $15\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Repeat to make a reversed Block B, sewing tan crescent batik strip to bottom edge and green dot batik strip to left-hand edge.
2. Using tan rectangle batik $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " strips and green dot batik $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $15\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, repeat step 1 to make a second Block B and a second reversed Block B.

Assemble Block C

1. Referring to Diagram 4, sew a tan wheat batik $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to top edge of a T-shirt $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Sew a second tan wheat batik $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to bottom edge of a second T-shirt $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

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2. Sew together Step 1 units and a tan wheat batik $3\frac{1}{2}\times 15\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to make Block C. Press seams in one direction. Block C should be $27\frac{1}{2}\times 15\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.

3. Using cream dot batik $3\frac{1}{2}\times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " and $3\frac{1}{2}\times 15\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, repeat steps 1 and 2 to make a second C block.

Assemble Block D

1. Join a blue-green batik $2\times 16\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to left-hand edge of a T-shirt $12\frac{1}{2}\times 16\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle (Diagram 5). Press seam toward blue-green batik strip.

2. Sew a tan circle-and-swirl batik $2\frac{1}{2}\times 16\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to right-hand edge of T-shirt rectangle. Press seam toward tan circle-and-swirl strip.

3. Add tan circle-and-swirl batik $2\frac{1}{2}\times 16$ " strips to top and bottom edges of T-shirt rectangle. Press seams toward tan circle-and-swirl strips.

4. Sew a mottled tan batik $2\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to left-hand of T-shirt rectangle. Press seam toward mottled tan batik strip.

5. Sew together a cream batik 2×42 " strip and a light blue batik $1\frac{1}{2}\times 42$ " strip to make a strip set. Press seam toward light blue batik strip. Make a second strip set. Cut strip sets into four $20\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide segments.

6. Sew a $20\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide segment to right-hand edge of T-shirt rectangle to make Block D (Diagram 5). Press seams toward segment. Block D should be $20\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle including seam allowances.

7. Assembling in a mirror-image fashion and using a $20\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide segment, repeat steps 1–5, then Step 6 to make a mirror-image D block.

8. Using the following pieces and referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, repeat steps 1–4, 6, and 7 to make a second D block and a second mirror-image D block: two T-shirt $12\frac{1}{2}\times 16\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, two mottled tan batik $2\times 16\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, two tan wheat batik $2\frac{1}{2}\times 16\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, four tan wheat batik $2\frac{1}{2}\times 16$ " strips, two cream triangle batik $2\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, and remaining strip sets.

Assemble Quilt Center

1. Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, sew together blocks in four horizontal rows. Press seams open. Each row should be $55\frac{1}{2}$ " wide including seam allowances.

2. Join rows to complete quilt center. Press seams open. The quilt center should be $55\frac{1}{2}\times 70\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.

Add Borders

1. Cut and piece blue-and-brown batik $1\frac{1}{2}\times 42$ " strips to make:

- $2-1\frac{1}{2}\times 70\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- $2-1\frac{1}{2}\times 55\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

2. Cut and piece tan wheat batik 3×42 " strips to make:

- $2-3\times 70\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- $2-3\times 55\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

3. Sew together a blue-and-brown batik $1\frac{1}{2}\times 70\frac{1}{2}$ " strip and a tan wheat batik $3\times 70\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to make a long border unit. Press

seam toward blue-and-brown batik. Repeat to make a second long border unit. Join long border units to the long edges of quilt center. Press seams toward border units.

4. Sew together a blue-and-brown batik $1\frac{1}{2}\times 55\frac{1}{2}$ " strip and a tan wheat batik $3\times 55\frac{1}{2}$ " strip. Press seam toward blue-and-brown batik. Add a blue-green print 4" square to each end of pieced strip to make a short border unit. Press seams toward pieced strip. Repeat to make a second short border unit. Join short border units to remaining edges of quilt center to complete quilt top. Press seams toward border units.

Finish Quilt

1. Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste. Quilt as desired.

2. Bind with tan wheat batik binding strips.

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DIAGRAM 1

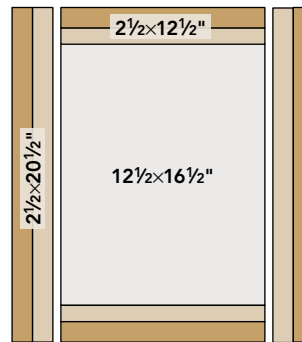


DIAGRAM 2
BLOCK A

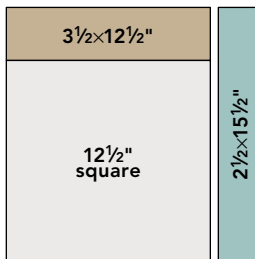


DIAGRAM 3
BLOCK B

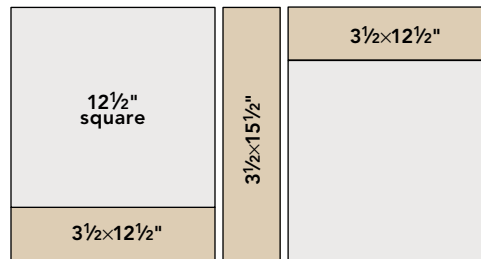


DIAGRAM 4
BLOCK C

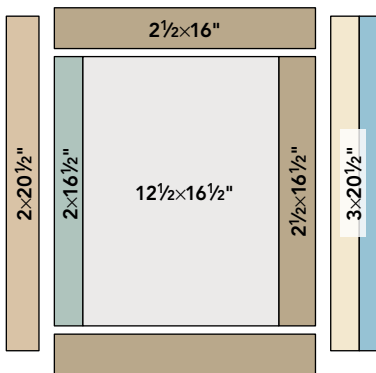
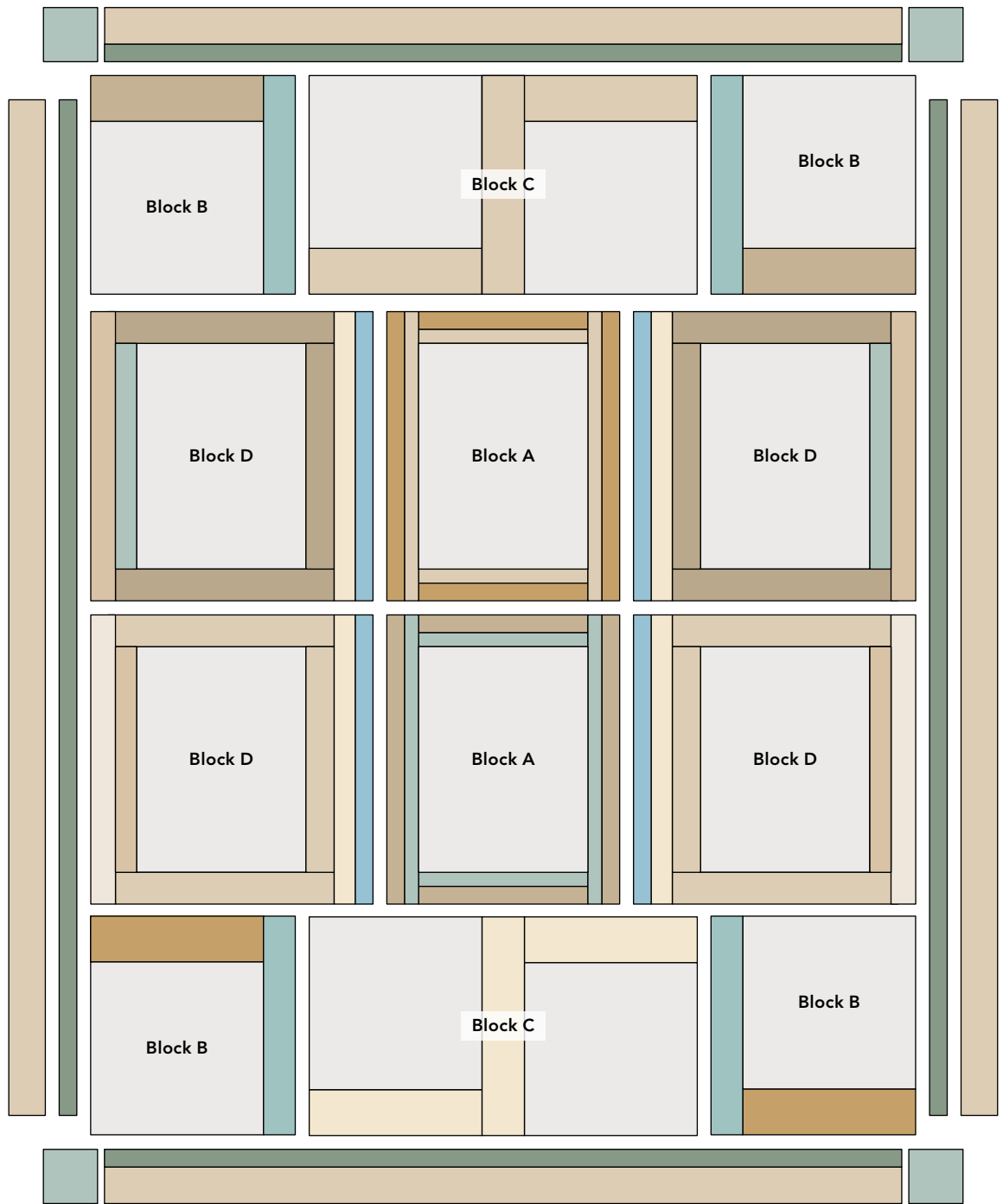


DIAGRAM 5
BLOCK D

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QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM