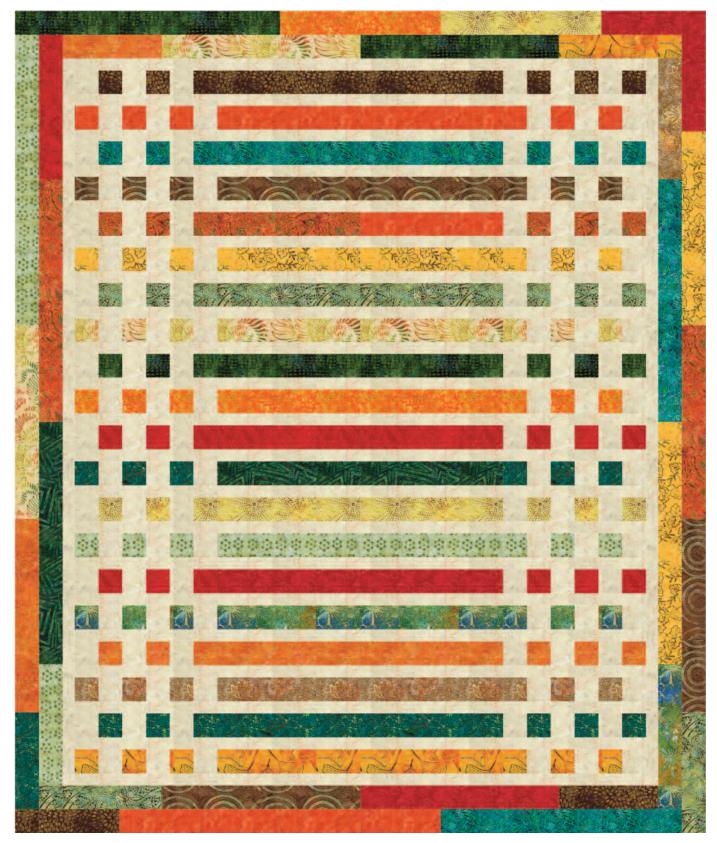


Tonga Punch Morse Code Quilt by Marlous Carter



Finished quilt : 58<sup>1</sup>/2" x 69<sup>1</sup>/2"

#### **Fabric Requirements**

1 package Punch Tonga Treat Strips (forty 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x width-offabric [WOF] strips, two of each color)

2 yards Tonga-B2041 Buff

 $3^{3/4}$  yards backing fabric of your choice 66" x 77" batting

# Cutting

Select twenty different Punch strips to use in the center of the quilt top. The remaining strips will be used for borders and binding.

# From <u>each</u> of the twenty selected Punch strips:

 $\bullet$  Cut five 21/2" squares and one 21/2" x 261/2" strip. Keep the cut pieces together by color.

### From Tonga-B2041 Buff:

• Cut eight  $2^{1/2}$ " x WOF strips. Sub-cut 120  $2^{1/2}$ " squares.

• Cut thirty 1<sup>1</sup>/2" x WOF strips.

# **Quilt Assembly**

Refer to the quilt photo for color positioning and strip orientation.

1. Sew together three  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Punch squares and three  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " B2041 Buff squares to make one  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " Unit 1. (figure 1)

2. Sew together three  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " B2041 Buff squares and two  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Punch squares to make one  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " Unit 2. (figure 2)

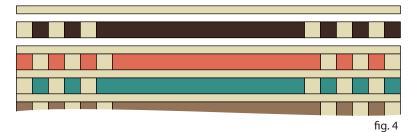
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3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to make Units 1 and 2 from each of the twenty selected Punch strips.

4. Sew one Unit 1 and one Unit 2 to the ends of the matching  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $26\frac{1}{2}$ " Punch strip to create Unit 3, measuring  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $48\frac{1}{2}$ ". Repeat with each of the nineteen remaining selected Punch strips. (figure 3)

5. Piece the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF B2041 Buff strips together as needed to make twenty-one  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $48\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.

6. Alternately sew  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $48\frac{1}{2}$ " B2041 Buff strips and Unit 3 color strips together. Begin and end with a B2041 Buff strip. Note that each Unit 3 strip is flipped 180° from the adjacent Unit 3 strips. (figure 4)



7. Cut and piece the remaining  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF B2041 Buff strips to make two  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $61\frac{1}{2}$ " strips. Sew one long strip to each side of the quilt top.

8. Refer to the quilt photo and, from the remaining  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF Punch strips, cut random lengths for the outer borders. Piece the random lengths together end to end. You will need a

total of at least 480" of pieced strips from which to cut the inner and outer borders.

9. From the pieced Punch strips, cut two  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips. Sew one to the top and one to the bottom of the quilt.

10. From the pieced Punch strips, cut two  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $65\frac{1}{2}$ " strips. Sew one to each side of the quilt top.

11. From the pieced Punch strips, cut two  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  " x  $54 \frac{1}{2}$  " strips.

Sew one to the top and the other to the bottom of the quilt.

12. From the pieced Punch strips, cut two  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $69\frac{1}{2}$ " strips. Sew one strip to each side of the quilt.

# Finishing

13. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired. 14. Stitch the remaining  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF color 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.

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

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