

Tonga Honeybee

It's A Buzz quilt by Nancy Mahoney



Finished quilt: 66" square

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Fabric Requirements

1⁷/₈ yard Tonga-B7900 Parchment

7/8 yard Tonga-B3801 Daffodil

3/4 yard Tonga-B3799 Eclipse

2/3 yard Tonga-B2582 Hive

5/8 yard Tonga-B3509 Jet

1/2 yard Tonga-B3798 Daisy

1/2 yard Tonga-B3800 Black

1/2 yard Tonga-B3800 Spell

1/2 yard Tonga-B3509 Coal (binding)

4¹/₄ yards Tonga backing print of your choice

74" x 74" batting

Cutting

From Tonga-B7900 Parchment:

• Cut four 37/8" x width-of-fabric (WOF) strips. Sub-cut thirty-nine 37/8" squares. Cut twenty-six squares in half once diagonally to yield fifty-two half-square triangles (HST).

• Cut thirteen 31/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut forty-eight 31/2" x $6^{1/2}$ " rectangles and forty-eight $3^{1/2}$ " squares.

From Tonga-B3801 Daffodil:

• Cut eight 31/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut ninety-six $3^{1/2}$ " squares.

From Tonga-B3799 Eclipse:

• Cut seven 3¹/₂" x WOF strips. Join the strips end to end using diagonal seams and cut two $3^{1}/2$ " x $66^{1}/2$ " strips and two $3^{1}/2$ " x $60^{1}/2$ " strips. From Tonga-B2582 Hive:

• Cut three 6⁷/8" x WOF strips. Sub-cut thirteen 6⁷/8" squares. Cut the squares in half once diagonally to yield twenty-six HST.

From Tonga-B3509 Jet:

• Cut five 31/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut fifty-two $3^{1/2}$ " squares.

From Tonga-B3798 Daisy:

- Cut four 3⁷/8" x WOF strips. Sub-cut thirty-nine 3⁷/8" squares. From Tonga-B3800 Black:
- Cut three $3^7/8$ " x WOF strips. Sub-cut twenty-six $3^7/8$ " squares. From Tonga-B3800 Spell:
- Cut two $6^{1/2}$ " x WOF strips. Sub-cut twelve $6^{1/2}$ " squares. From Tonga-B3509 Coal:
- Cut seven 21/4" x WOF strips for binding.

Block Construction

Block A

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each 3\%" B3798 Daisy square. Right sides together, layer a marked square with a 3\%" B3800 Black square. Sew 1/4" from

each side of the marked line. Cut the squares apart on the marked line to make two half-square-triangle (HST) units. (figure 1) Make a total of fifty-two Daisy/Black HST units.



fig. 1-Make 52.

2. Repeat step 1, using the remaining thirteen B3798 Daisy squares and thirteen 37/8" B7900 Parchment squares to make twenty-six Daisy/Parchment HST units.

3. Join two Daisy/ Black HST units from step 1 and two 3½" B3509 let squares to make a four-patch unit. (figure 2) Make fig. 2-Four-Patch Unit twenty-six four-patch units. Make 26. 4. Join two 3\%" B7900 Parchment triangles and one Daisy/Parchment HST unit from step 2 to make a unit. (figure 3) Sew one B2582 Hive HST to the

twenty-six corner units. Make 26. 5. Join two corner units and two four-patch units to make Block A. (figure 5) Make a total of thirteen of Block A.

fig. 4-Corner Unit

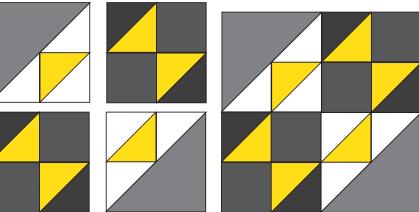


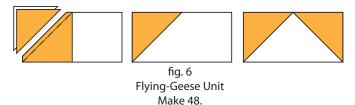
fig. 5-Block A-Make 13.

Block B

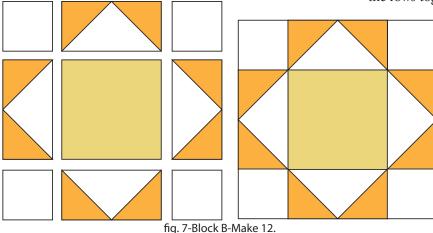
unit to make a corner

unit. (figure 4) Make

6. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each 3½" B3801 Daffodil square. Right sides together, layer a marked square on one end of a 3½" x 6½" B7900 Parchment rectangle, noting the orientation of the drawn line. Sew on the marked line and trim the excess corner fabric, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Press the seam allowances toward the resulting triangle. In the same way, sew a marked square to the opposite end of the rectangle to make a flying-geese unit. (figure 6) Make a total of forty-eight flying-geese units.



7. Lay out four flying-geese units, four $3\frac{1}{2}$ " B7900 Parchment squares and one $6\frac{1}{2}$ " B3800 Spell square in rows as shown in figure 7. Sew the blocks together in rows. Then sew the rows together to make one Block B. Make a total of twelve of Block B.



Quilt Top Assembly

8. Alternately lay out Blocks A and B in five rows of five blocks each, rotating the blocks as shown in the Quilt Assembly Diagram. Matching adjacent seams, join the blocks into rows; then sew the rows together in order.

9. Sew a $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $60\frac{1}{2}$ " B3799 Eclipse strip to each side of the quilt top. Sew a $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $66\frac{1}{2}$ " B3799 Eclipse strip to the top and another to the bottom of the quilt top.

Finishing

- 10. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.
- 11. Stitch the binding 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.
- 12. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.

