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Finished quilt size: 60¹/₂" x 72¹/₂"

It's a Plus

quilt pattern

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Featured fabrics: Hakuna Matata

Stitch up a sweet safari adventure with two big and easy blocks. This *It's a Plus* pattern is perfect for beginning quilters, and the large patches are great for showing off your favorite prints, like all the cute critters in Dear Stella's *Hakuna Matata*!



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IT'S A PLUS QUILT PATTERN

Materials and Cutting		
Fabric	Yardage	Cutting*
 NET Stella-370 Navy	1 1/4 yards	Cut: 1 strip, 12 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 2 squares, 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". 1 strip, 4 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 1 rectangle, 4 1/2" x 12 1/2", and 6 squares, 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". 1 strip, 3 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 8 squares 3 1/2" x 3 1/2". 7 strips, 2 1/2" x WOF, for binding.
 Elephant Trek Stella-972 White	3/4 yard <i>each</i>	From <i>each</i> fabric, cut: 2 strips, 4 1/2" x width of fabric (WOF). Sub-cut 1 rectangle, 4 1/2" x 12 1/2", and 10 squares, 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". 1 strip, 3 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 4 squares, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2". 1 square 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".
 Giraffe Stella-973 Denim		
 Zebraville Stella-971 Banana		
 Net Stella-370 Smoke		
 Hakuna Matata Stella-969 Midnight	3/4 yard	Cut: 1 strip, 12 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 2 squares, 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". 2 strips, 4 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 1 rectangle, 4 1/2" x 12 1/2", and 10 squares, 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". 1 strip, 3 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 4 squares, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2".
 Snakes Stella-974 Vapor	3/4 yard	Cut: 2 strips, 4 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 2 rectangles, 4 1/2" x 12 1/2", and 8 squares 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". 1 strip, 3 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 8 squares, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2". 1 square, 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".
 Zebraville Stella-971 Opal	3/4 yard	Cut: 1 strip, 12 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 2 squares, 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". 2 strips, 4 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 2 rectangles, 4 1/2" x 12 1/2", and 8 squares 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". 1 strip, 3 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 4 squares, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2".
 Positive Stella-592 Spearmint	3/4 yard	Cut: 2 strips, 4 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 1 rectangle, 4 1/2" x 12 1/2", and 10 squares, 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". 1 strip, 3 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 8 squares, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2". 1 square, 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".
 Tiger Land Stella-970 Midnight	2/3 yard	Cut: 1 strip, 12 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 3 squares, 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". 1 strip, 4 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 1 rectangle, 4 1/2" x 12 1/2", and 2 squares, 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". 1 strip, 3 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 4 squares 3 1/2" x 3 1/2".
 Positive Stella-592 Smoke	1/2 yard	Cut: 2 strips, 4 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 3 rectangles, 4 1/2" x 12 1/2", and 6 squares, 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". 1 strip, 3 1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 8 squares, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2".


Materials and Cutting continued on next page.



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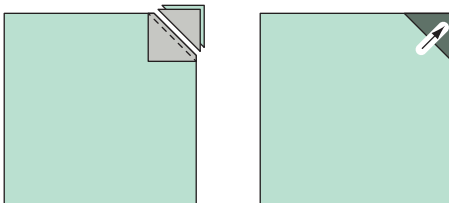
Materials and Cutting			
Fabric	Yardage	Cutting*	
 Snakes Stella-974 Vapor	3 ³ / ₄ yards	Backing	
Other			
Batting	68" x 80"		

Note: All seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise specified. Press seam allowances open unless otherwise indicated.

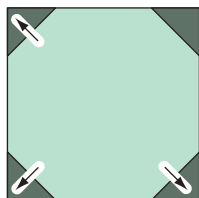
Make the Snowball Block

1 Referring to the quilt photo for fabric placement, select one 12¹/₂" square and 4 matching 3¹/₂" squares for each block. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each 3¹/₂" square.

2 Place one marked square right sides together on one corner of the 12¹/₂" square as shown. Sew on the marked line. Trim the excess corner fabric, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Fold the corner triangle to the right side, and press.



3 Repeat step 2 to add a corner triangle to each corner of the 12¹/₂" square. Press the seam allowances away from the block center. Make a total of 15 Snowball blocks.



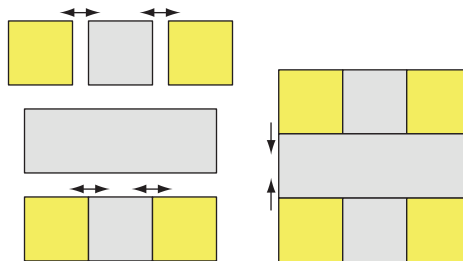
Snowball Block
Make 15.

Make the Plus Block

1 Referring to the quilt photo for fabric placement, select one 4¹/₂" x 12¹/₂" rectangle, two matching 4¹/₂" squares, and four contrasting 4¹/₂" squares.

2 Arrange the selected pieces in three rows, as shown. Sew the squares in rows 1 and 3 along adjacent edges and press the seam allowances open.

3 Sew rows 1 and 3 to either side of the 4¹/₂" x 12¹/₂" rectangle. Press the seam allowances toward the rectangle. Make a total of 15 Plus blocks.



Plus Block
Make 15.

Assembly

1 Referring to the quilt photo for block placement, arrange the blocks in 6 rows of 5 blocks each, alternating the Snowball and Plus blocks in each row.

2 Sew the blocks in each row together along adjacent edges. Press the seam allowances in alternating directions from row to row.

3 Sew the rows together, matching block seamlines. Press the seams in one direction.

Finishing

1 Remove the selvages, then cut the backing fabric into two equal lengths. Sew the two pieces together along the long edges using a 1/2" seam. Press the seam open.

2 Layer the quilt back, batting and quilt top. Quilt as desired. Stitch around the perimeter of the quilt, a scant 1/4" from the edge. Trim the excess fabric and batting. Use your favorite method to bind the quilt.

