Tonga Piñata & Tonga Topaz
Moulinets by Marlous Carter

Finished quilt: 63½" x 71½"
Collect a variety of small colored squares to work with Block A. Decide on colors before beginning the project. (figure 1)


cut twelve 2 1/2" squares.

From Tonga background fabric:
- Cut twelve 4 1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut sixteen 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles from each strip.
- Cut sixteen 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut sixteen 2 1/2" squares from each strip.
- Cut six 1 1/2" x WOF strips for inner border.

From Tonga outer border fabric:
- Cut seven 3" x WOF strips.

From Tonga binding fabric:
- Cut two 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Pair these with the five leftover Tonga Treat Strips.

Block Construction
Block A—In each block, work with eight rectangles cut from the same Tonga Treat strip.

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each 2 1/2" background square. Place a marked square right sides together on the left side of the 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" colored rectangle, noting the line direction. (figure 1)
2. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowances to 1/4" and press the triangle open. (figure 2)
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2, placing the background square on the right side of the rectangle, noting the line direction. Make a total of four pieced units. (figures 3 and 4)
4. Sew a 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" colored rectangle to a pieced unit from step 3 as shown in figure 5. Make a total of four units.
5. Sew the four pieced units together as shown to make Block A. (figure 6)
6. Repeat steps 1-5 to make a total of thirty-two of Block A.

Block B
7. Repeat steps 1 and 2 using one 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" background rectangle and a 2 1/2" colored square. (figure 7)
8. Make a total of four units using two pairs of matching 2 1/2" squares.
9. Sew one 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" background rectangle to each of the pieced units from step 7. (figure 8)
10. Sew four of the pieced units from step 8 together, as shown, to make Block B. (figure 9)
11. Repeat steps 7-9 to make a total of twenty-four of Block B.

Quilt Top Assembly
Refer to the quilt photos for color placement.

11. Create a pleasing color arrangement of Block A in four vertical rows of eight blocks each. Do the same to create three vertical rows of Block B.
12. Sew the blocks together in each row, then alternately sew the A and B rows together to make the quilt top, matching adjacent seams.
13. Sew the 1 1/2" x WOF inner border strips end to end using diagonal seams. Cut two 1 1/2" x 56 1/2" top/bottom borders and two 1 1/2" x 66 1/2" side borders. Sew one 1 1/2" x 56 1/2" strip to the top and another to the bottom of the quilt top. Press seam allowances toward the border. Sew one 1 1/2" x 66 1/2" strip to each side of the quilt top.
14. Following step 13, add the outer borders using the 3" x WOF strips. Cut top/bottom borders 3" x 58 1/2" and side borders 3" x 71 1/2".

Finishing
15. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.
16. Stitch the assorted 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.
17. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.
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