

Whale's Tale Web Bonus: Queen Size



This quilt (64½" x 74½") is patterned in the August/September 2012 issue of McCall's Quick Quilts.

Adapted from a Quilt Designed by
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Finished Quilt Size
85½" x 93"

Number of Blocks and
Finished Size
36 Tail Blocks 5" x 20"

Note: See end of pattern for
template. Template is given
without seam allowance to use
with paper-backed fusible web.

Shop

18 assorted yellow, red, green, gray, and coral prints/textures (tails)	1 fat quarter*
Aqua/green waves print (blocks, piecing, border)	each
Green/gray/red/yellow stripe (binding)	7¾ yds.
Paper-backed fusible web	⅞ yd.
Backing (piece widthwise)	12½ yds.
Batting size	8¼ yds.
Batting size	94" x 102"

*A fat quarter is an 18" x 20-22" cut of fabric.

Plan

Colorful whales dive into a wave-filled sea in this quilt made with fabrics from the Salt Air collection by Cosmo Cricket™ for Moda. This quilt goes together in no time because there's no curved piecing. Instead, a circle is fused in place on a square and edge-stitched. The appliquéd square is trimmed and cut into fourths, making the four curved sections of the Tail Block. Minimal fusible web is used, and underlying fabric is trimmed away, creating a soft drapable quilt. See our how-to photos on page 2. Quick and easy, this quilt is the perfect gift for the ocean-lover in your life!

Cut

(in order listed)

Note: Tail fabrics are cut in Step 1.

Aqua/green waves print*

**2 strips 3" x 98", pieced from 5 width of fabric (WOF) strips

**13 strips 3" x 84", cut on lengthwise grain

36 squares 11½" x 11½"

12 rectangles 5½" x 8", cut on lengthwise grain

24 squares 5½" x 5½"

12 rectangles 3" x 5½", cut on crosswise grain

Green/gray/red/yellow stripe

10 strips 2½" x WOF (binding)

*Cutting based on featured directional fabric. If **not** using a directional fabric, you may cut both strips and rectangles on either grain.

**Strips include extra length for trimming.

Sew

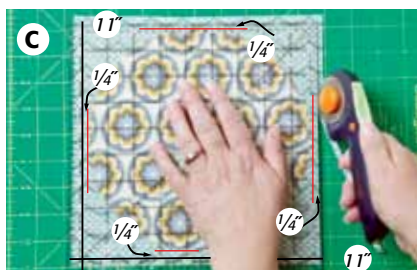
1 Follow manufacturer's instructions for paper-backed fusible web. Trace 36 Template A rings on paper side of fusible web. Cut apart, leaving small margin **beyond** outer edge of ring. Cut away center of ring by cutting directly on inner edge of ring. Fuse A ring to wrong side of tail fabric; cut out **on** outer drawn edge of ring (**Photo A**) to make circle.



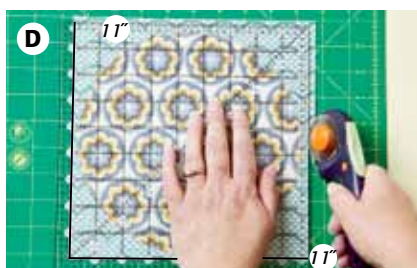
In same manner, cut 2 circles from each tail fabric (36 circles total). Fold aqua/green waves print 11½" square in half on both length and width; use folds as placement guide. Fuse circle in center of square. Use machine straight stitch to secure appliqué by stitching just inside edge of circle (**Photo B**).



2 Note: Photos C through F were created for a smaller size block. Use the printed measurements in instructions and printed for Steps 2 and 3. Referring to **Photo C**, position acrylic ruler so trimming lines (11" x 11") on left side and bottom of square are ¼" from appliquéd circle, and right side and top edge of ruler are ¼" from remaining sides of appliquéd circle. **Trim** square along ruler edges.



Rotate square 180° and reposition ruler so 11" lines align with trimmed edges of square and **trim** remaining 2 edges of square (**Photo D**).



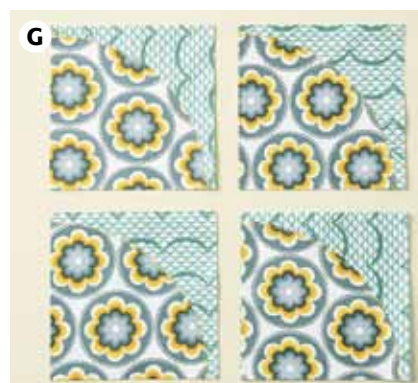
3 Referring to **Photo E**, align 5½" line on ruler with edge of square and cut square in half.



Align 5½" line on ruler with short side of half-square and cut in half again (**Photo F**) to make 2 matching block units.



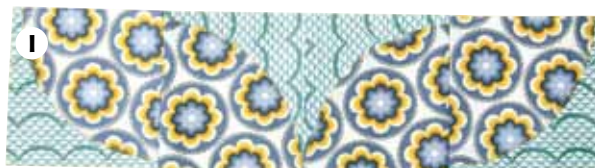
Repeat with other half to make 4 matching block units total (**Photo G**).



Trim away unfused aqua waves fabric **beneath** template shape (**Photo H**).



Stitch units together in arrangement shown (**Photo I**) to make Tail Block. The waves print in the blocks will run in 2 directions. Make 36 blocks total.



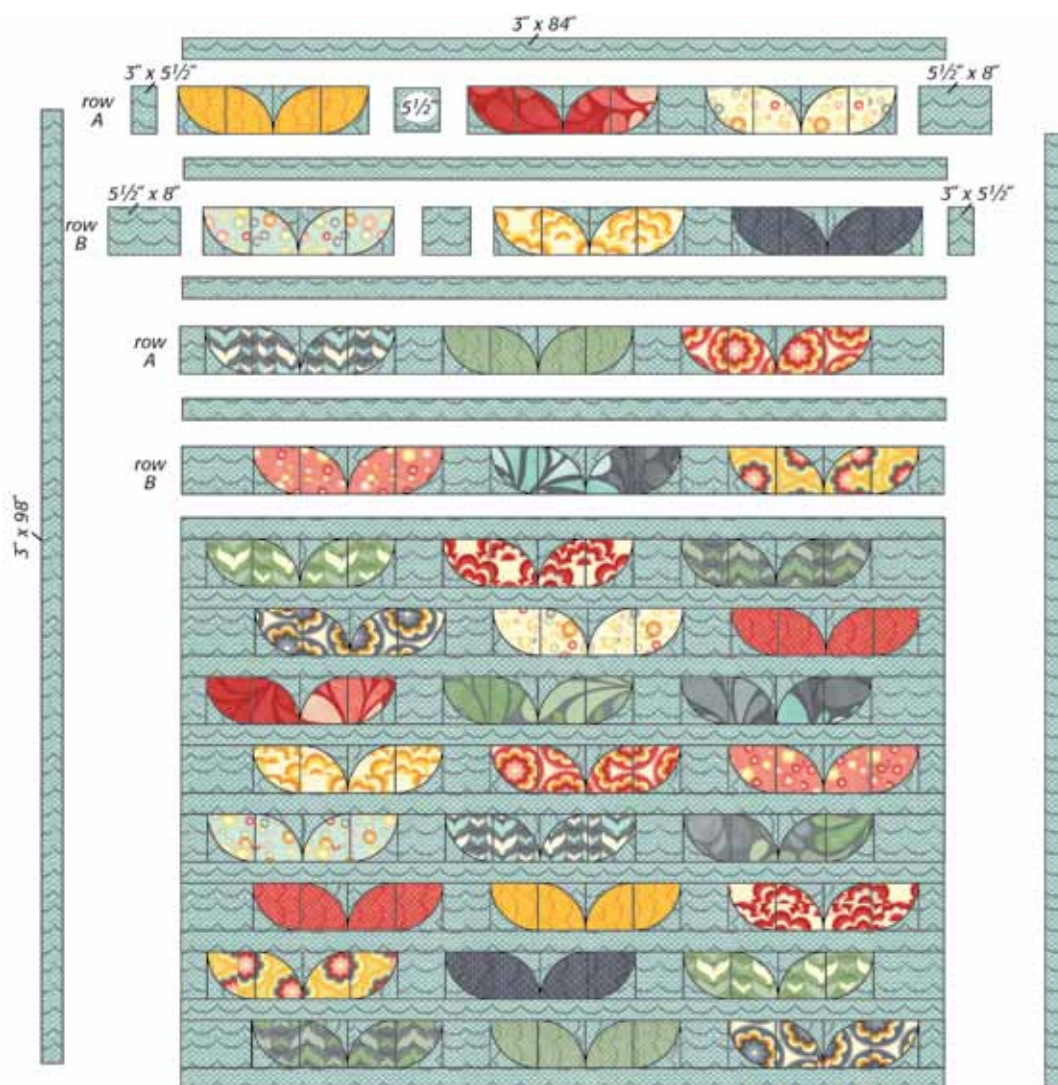
Make 36 total

- 4 Note:** Refer to **Assembly Diagram** for following steps. All aqua squares, strips, and rectangles are positioned so printed waves are right side up. Beginning with a small ($3'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$) rectangle, sew together 1 small rectangle, 3 Tail Blocks, 2 aqua $5\frac{1}{2}''$ squares, and 1 large ($5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 8''$) rectangle to make row A. Make 6 total. In similar manner, but beginning with a large rectangle and ending with a small rectangle, make row B. Make 6 total.

- 5** Watching positioning of rows A and B, sew together 13 aqua $84''$ strips and rows, alternating and trimming strips even after each addition.

- 6** Sew aqua $98''$ strips to sides; trim even with top and bottom.

- 7** Layer, baste, and quilt. Bind with green/gray/red/yellow stripe.



Assembly Diagram

