Up, Up and Away

Quilt Designed by Pine Tree Country Quilts
Finished size is approximately 47" x 53"
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Quilt Size: 47" x 53
Finished Block Size: 6" x 4 1/2"
Number of Blocks: 16

Yardages and Cutting

*Note: WOF means width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge.*

1 yard Lewe’s Balloons panel, SB20198-710
- 6 squares 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" with the motifs centered
- 1 rectangle approximately 16 1/2" x 22 1/2, cutting 1/4" from the edges of the inner design area all around

1 1/2 yards Black dot, SB20171-199
- 4 strips 1 3/4" x WOF; cut into (2) 23" lengths and (2) 19" lengths
- 10 strips 1 1/4" x WOF; cut into (4) 24 1/2" strips, (8) 12 1/2" strips and (32) 5" strips
- 4 strips 1 1/2" x WOF for first border
- 6 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding

1/2 yard White dot, SB20171-100
- 2 strips 1 1/4" x WOF for block strip set
- 7 strips 1 1/4" x WOF; cut into (32) 5" strips and (32) 3 1/2" strips

1/8 yard Blue bumblebees, SB2020197-710
- 1 strip 2" x WOF for block strip set

3/4 yard White balloons, SB20201-100
- 2 strips 3 1/2" x 24 1/2" along the length of the fabric
- 2 strips 3 1/2" x 24 1/2" across the remaining width of the fabric

1/2 yard Yellow swirls, SB20053-310
- 3 strips 1 1/4" x WOF; cut into (32) 3 1/2" strips
- 5 strips 1 1/4" x WOF for second border

1 3/8 yards White sheep, SB20051-100
- 2 strips 2 3/4" x 46" along the length of the fabric
- 3 strips 2 3/4" x approximately 36 1/2" across the remaining width of the fabric

1/2 yard Green dot, SB20157-810
- 5 strips 2" x WOF for fourth border

3 1/2 yards Blue sheep/balloons, SB20202-710
- 2 pieces 61" long for backing

Piecing the Blocks

*Note: Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all stitching.*

1. Sew the 2" x WOF blue bumblebees strip lengthwise between (2) 1 1/4" x WOF white dot strips to make a strip set. Press seams toward the blue strip. Crosscut the strip set into (16) 2" block centers.

2. Stitch a 1 1/4" x 3 1/2" yellow swirls strip to the long sides of each block center. Press seams toward the yellow strips. (See diagram on next page.)

3. Sew a 1 1/4" x 3 1/2" white dot strip to each end of the pieced units and then add a 1 1/4" x 5" black dot strip to the top and bottom. Press seams toward each added strip. (See diagram on next page.)

4. Stitch a 1 1/4" x 5" white dot strip to each end of the pieced units to complete (16) 6 1/2" x 5" blocks. Press seams toward the white dot strips. (See diagram on next page.)
Preparing the Center Panel

1. Center and stitch a 1 3/4” x 23” black dot strip to the long sides of the panel rectangle. Press seams toward the strips. Trim the strip ends even with the edges of the panel rectangle. Sew the 1 3/4” x 19” black dot strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips.

2. Trim the framed rectangle to 18 1/2” x 24 1/2” with the panel centered in the black dot frame.

3. Stitch the 3 1/2” x 24 1/2” lengthwise white balloon strips to the long sides of the framed panel and the 3 1/2” x 24 1/2” fabric width white balloon strips to the top and bottom. Press seams toward the strips to complete the 24 1/2” x 30 1/2” center panel.

Completing the Quilt

Note: Refer to the Exploded Quilt Diagram on the last page throughout the following steps. Press all seams toward the border strips as each strip is added.

1. Sew 2 blocks together on the white dot ends. Press seam to 1 side. Stitch a 1 1/4” x 12 1/2” black dot strip to opposite long sides of the block strip to complete 1 side block strip. Press seams toward the black dot strips. Repeat to make 4 side block strips.

2. Stitch 4 blocks together on the white dot ends. Press seams to 1 side. Stitch a 1 1/4” x 24 1/2” black dot strip to opposite long sides of the block strip to complete the top block strip. Press seams toward the black dot strips. Repeat to make the bottom block strip.
3. Referring to the Exploded Quilt Diagram, sew a 6 1/2" panel square between 2 side block strips to make the 6 1/2" x 30 1/2" left row. Press seams toward the panel square. Repeat to make the right row. Stitch the rows to the long sides of the center panel. Press seams toward the pieced rows.

4. Sew a panel square to each end of the top and bottom block strips to make 6 1/2" x 36 1/2" rows. Press seams toward the block strips. Stitch the rows to the top and bottom of the center panel to complete the 36 1/2" x 42 1/2" quilt center. Press seams toward the pieced rows.

5. Carefully remove the selvage edges from the 1 1/2" x WOF black dot strips. Measure strip lengths. If possible, trim 2 strips to 42 1/2" and 2 strips to 38 1/2". If strips are not long enough, stitch all 4 strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to 1 side. Cut into (2) 42 1/2" strips and (2) 38 1/2" strips. Sew the 42 1/2" strips to the long sides of the quilt center and the 38 1/2" strips to the top and bottom.

6. Stitch the 1 1/4" x WOF yellow swirls strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to 1 side. Cut into (2) 44 1/2" strips and (2) 39 1/2" strips. Sew the 44 1/2" strips to the long sides and the 39 1/2" strips to the top and bottom.

7. Sew the 2 3/4" x 46" white sheep strips to the long sides of the quilt center. Stitch the 2 3/4" x approximately 36 1/2" white sheep strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to 1 side. Cut into (2) 44 1/2" strips. Sew the strips to the top and bottom.

8. Stitch the 1 1/2" x WOF green dot strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to 1 side. Cut into (2) 50 1/2" strips and (2) 47 1/2" strips. Sew the 50 1/2" strips to the long sides and the 47 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the quilt top.

9. Remove the selvage edges from the 61" backing pieces. Join the pieces on the long edges with a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seam open. Trim the edges to make a 55" x 61" backing piece.

10. Layer, quilt, and bind using your favorite methods and the black dot binding strips to complete the quilt.
Exploded Quilt Diagram