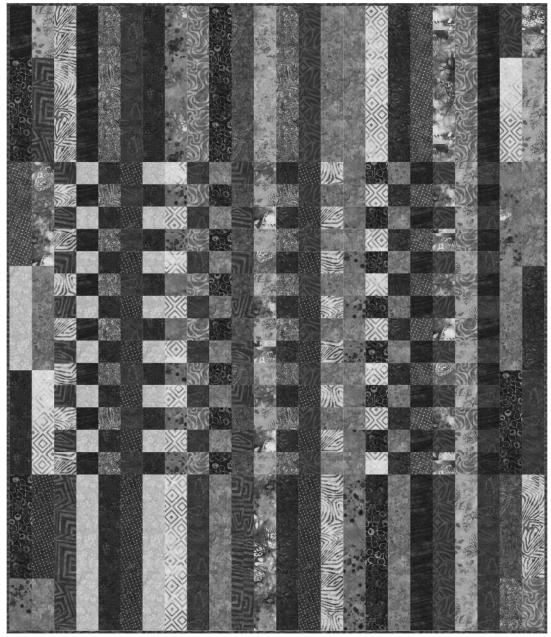


Interweave Quilt designed by Marlous Carter for 2½" Strips



Finished quilt: 481/2" x 561/2"



### **Fabric Requirements**

Forty  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x width-of-fabric [WOF] strips 3 yards Tonga backing fabric of your choice 1/2 yard Tonga binding fabric of your choice 56" x 64" batting

#### Cutting

fig. 1

fig. 2

Sort the strips into twenty pairs of contrasting colors and keep fabric pairings together throughout construction.

From each strip:

• Cut one 2½" x 14½" strip.

Cut seven 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" squares.

From each of twenty-eight assorted strips:

• Cut one 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x10" border strip.

From the binding fabric:

• Cut five 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x WOF strips.

### **Block Construction**

1. Working with the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares cut from one color pair, alternately sew the squares together to make a strip that measures  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $28\frac{1}{2}$ ". (figure 1) Do not press the seams.

2. Working with the same fabric pairing as in step 1, sew a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $14\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to each end of the pieced strip. Note the fabric placement so as not to sew matching fabrics together. The strip should measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $56\frac{1}{2}$ ". (figure 2) Do not press the seams.

3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to make a total of twenty pieced strips.

4. Arrange the strips as desired and press the seams of each strip in one direction, alternating the seam direction on adjacent strips.

5. Sew the strips together in order, matching adjacent seams. (figure 3)

# **Quilt Top Assembly**

6. Sort the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" border strips into four groups of seven strips each. Sew the strips in each group together end to end to make a long strip. Repeat to make a total of four long pieced strips.

7. Measure the quilt top length and trim each border strip to this length by trimming half the extra length from each end of the strip. Sew the long edges of two strips together to make a border for each side.

8. Sew one border to each side of the quilt top and press the seam allowances toward the borders. (figure 4)

# Finishing

9. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.

10. 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.

11. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.

