Tonga Lagoon

Playful Pistachio by Nan Baker

Finished quilt: 45" square
Fabric Requirements

1/2 yard Tonga-B4441 Pond (A)
7/8 yard Tonga-B4436 Ocean (B)
3/8 yard Tonga-B4443 Neon (C)
1/3 yard Tonga-B4437 Lake (D)
1/3 yard Tonga-B4438 Island (E)
5/8 yard Tonga-B4442 Pacific (G)
1/4 yard Tonga-B4444 Sand (H)
3/8 yard Tonga-B4434 Mermaid (J)
2/3 yard Tonga-B4388 Navy (includes binding)
3 1/2 yards Tonga backing fabric of your choice
53" x 53" batting

Cutting
For easier assembly, label the cut fabric pieces with A-J (no I).

From Tonga-B4441 Pond (A):
- Cut two 2 1/2" x width-of-fabric (WOF) strips. Sub-cut fifteen 2 1/2" squares and six 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles.
- Cut two 2 1/8" x WOF strips. Sub-cut twenty 2 1/8" squares.

From Tonga-B4436 Ocean (B), cut ten 2 1/2" x WOF strips.
- From two strips, sub-cut four 2 1/2" x 11" strips and two 2 1/2" x 5" rectangles
- From four strips, sub-cut twenty-one 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strips.
- From four strips, sub-cut thirteen 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" strips and two 2 1/2" x 9" strips.

From Tonga-B4443 Neon (C), cut four 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut:
- Fifteen 2 1/2" squares
- Fifteen 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles
- Two 2 1/2" x 5" rectangles
- Four 2 1/2" x 7" strips

From Tonga-B4437 Lake (D):
- Cut two 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut nine 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strips.
- Cut one 2 1/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut five 2 1/8" squares.

From Tonga-B4438 Island (E):
- Cut two 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut:
  ~Six 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strips
  ~One 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangle
  ~One 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle
  ~Three 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" strips
- Cut one 2 1/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut five 2 1/8" squares.

From Tonga-B4442 Pacific (G), cut seven 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut:
- Nineteen 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles
- Fifteen 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strips
- Two 2 1/2" x 7" strips
- Four 2 1/2" x 9" strips

From Tonga-B4444 Sand (H), cut two 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut:
- Fifteen 2 1/2" squares
- Two 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles
- Four 2 1/2" x 5" rectangles

From Tonga-B4434 Mermaid (J):
- Cut three 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut:
  ~One 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangle
  ~Two 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles
  ~Six 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strips
  ~Three 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" strips
- Cut one 2 1/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut five 2 1/8" squares.

From Tonga-B4388 Navy:
- Cut five 1 1/2" x WOF border strips.
- Cut five 2 1/4" x WOF binding strips.

Block Construction
1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of twenty 2 1/8" Fabric A squares. With right sides together, place a 2 1/8" Fabric A square on top of a 2 1/8" Fabric D square. Sew 1/4" on either side of the diagonal line.
2. Cut on the diagonal line to make two A/D 2 1/2" half-square triangle units (HST). (figure 1)
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to make a total of nine HST using the A/D fabrics. Make a total of nine HST each using the A/E, A/F and A/J fabric combinations. (figure 2)
4. To make the block, stitch a 2 1/2" Fabric H square to a 2 1/2" Fabric C square. (figure 3) Add a 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" Fabric C rectangle to left side of that unit. (figure 4) Stitch a 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" Fabric G rectangle to the top of the unit. (figure 5). Continue adding the 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" Fabric G strip and the 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" and 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" Fabric B strips in the same manner. (figure 6)
5. Stitch an A/D HST to one end of the 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" Fabric D strip. (figure 7) Add this unit to the left side of the unit made in step 4. (figure 8) Stitch an A/F HST to the 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" Fabric F strip. Add the 2 1/2" Fabric A square to the left of that unit and sew to the top of the block. (figure 9) The interior block is now complete and should measure 10 1/2" square. Make a total of nine interior blocks with...
this color combination, and make four interior blocks with the color combination shown in figure 10.
6. Following figure 11, sew the designated lengths of 2½” strips together to make one each of the top-left and bottom-left corner blocks.

7. Following figure 12, sew the designated lengths of 2½” strips together to make two left-side blocks.
8. Following figure 13 and matching centers, sew the designated lengths of 2½” strips together to make one top-right and one bottom-right corner block.
9. Following figure 14, sew the designated lengths of 2½” strips together to make two right-side blocks.
10. Following figure 15, sew the designated lengths of 2½” strips together to make two each of the top and bottom blocks.

**Quilt Top Assembly**
11. Following the Quilt Assembly Diagram, lay out the quilt top in diagonal rows. Begin the quilt top assembly with the upper-left corner block and work downward toward the bottom-right corner block. Match adjacent seams and trim individual strips if needed to align the next row.
12. Trim the excess from the quilt top perimeter as shown, allowing 1/4” seam allowances to extend beyond any outer block intersections. (figure 16)
13. Measure the width of the quilt top through the center. Sew the 1½” x WOF border strips together end to end using diagonal seams to create two strips the length of this measurement. Sew one strip to each side of the quilt top. Press the seam allowances towards the border.

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