Tonga Patriot

True Patriot
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Finished quilt size: 52½” x 68½”
Fabric Requirements

1/4 yard each:
- Tonga-B6939 Cadet
- Tonga-B6941 Heritage
- Tonga-B6940 Red
- Tonga-B6936 Hero
- 1/2 yard Tonga-B6641 Firework
- 5/8 yard Tonga-B6641 Liberty (binding)
- 7/8 yard Tonga-B6932 United
- 7/8 yard Tonga-B6932 Patriot
- 1 3/4 yards Tonga-B5041 Courage
- 3 1/2 yards backing fabric of your choice
- 61" x 77" batting

Cutting

From Tonga-B6939 Cadet:
- Cut one 3" x width-of-fabric (WOF) strip. Sub-cut twelve 3" squares.

From Tonga-B6941 Heritage:
- Cut one 6" x WOF strip. Sub-cut two 6" squares.

From Tonga-B6940 Red:
- Cut two 3" x WOF strips. Sub-cut twenty-four 3" squares.

From Tonga-B6936 Hero:
- Cut one 6" x WOF strip. Sub-cut three 6" squares.

From Tonga-B6941 Firework:
- Cut six 2 1/2" x WOF strips.

From Tonga-B6641 Liberty:
- Cut seven 2 1/2" x WOF strips for binding.

From Tonga-B6932 United:
- Cut three 8 1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut nine 8 1/2" squares.

From Tonga-B6932 Patriot:
- Cut six 3 1/2" x WOF strips. Trim each strip to 3 1/2" x 40 1/2".
- Cut three 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut thirty-six 2 1/2" squares.

From Tonga-B5041 Courage:
- Cut three 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut thirty-six 2 1/2" squares.
- Cut two 3" x WOF strips. Trim each strip to 3" x 40 1/2".
- Cut two 5 1/4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut nine 5 1/4" squares.
- Cut five 5 1/2" x WOF strips. Trim each strip to 5 1/2" x 40 1/2".
- Cut one 6" x WOF strip. Sub-cut five 6" squares.

Block Construction

All seam allowances are 1/4" and pieces are sewn right sides together.

Block A

1. Place two 3" B6939 Cadet squares in opposite diagonal corners of one 5 1/4" B5041 Courage square. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the top squares and stitch 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line (figure 1).

   Fig. 1

2. Cut on the drawn line and press open. You now have two heart-shaped units.

3. Place one 3" B6939 Cadet square in the unsewn corner of a heart-shaped unit. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner as shown and stitch 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line (figure 2).

   Fig. 2

4. Cut on the drawn line and press open to make two B5041 Courage/B6939 Cadet flying geese units. Repeat with the other heart-shaped unit to make a total of four Courage/Cadet flying geese. Trim the flying geese units to 2 1/2" x 4 1/2".
5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 to make a total of twelve B5041 Courage/B6939 Cadet flying geese and twenty-four B5041 Courage/B6940 Red flying geese (figure 3).

6. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the back of one 6” B5041 Courage square, and place it on top of one 6” B6941 Heritage square. Stitch 1/4” on both sides of the drawn line.

7. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the back of the 6” B5041 Courage square in the opposite direction. Stitch 1/4” on both sides of the drawn line (figure 4).

8. Draw a line across the square through the middle in both directions. Cut on these lines and on the previously drawn lines. Press. Trim the resulting half-square triangles (HST) to 2 1/2” square (figure 5).

9. Repeat steps 6-8 to make twelve B5041 Courage/B6941 Heritage HST (figure 6).

10. Arrange four B5041 Courage/B6941 Heritage HST as shown in Figure 7. Stitch the units together each row, pressing seams in alternate directions. With the center seam matching, sew the rows together to make one Unit 1. Make a total of three B5041 Courage/B6941 Heritage Unit 1.

11. Repeat steps 6-10 to make a total of six B5041 Courage/B6936 Hero Unit 1 (figure 8).

12. Arrange four 2 1/2” B5041 Courage squares, four B5041 Courage/B6939 Cadet flying geese and one B5041 Courage/B6941 Heritage Unit 1 as shown in Figure 9. Stitch together the units in each row, then stitch the rows together, matching adjacent seams, to make Block A. Trim to 8 1/2” square. Repeat to make a total of three Block A.

13. Arrange four 2 1/2” B5041 Courage squares, four B5041 Courage/B6940 Red flying geese, and one B5041 Courage/B6936 Hero Unit 1 and stitch together to make one Block B. Trim to 8 1/2” square. Repeat to make a total of six Block B (figure 10).
Block C

14. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 2 1/2” B6932 Patriot square. Following Figure 11 for line direction, place a marked square on each corner of an 8 1/2” B6932 United square. Sew on the marked lines, trim the seam allowance to 1/4” and press open the triangle. Make a total of nine Block C.

Quilt Top Assembly

15. Following the Quilt Assembly Diagram, lay out Blocks A, B and C as shown. Sew the blocks together in each row, pressing seams in alternate directions for adjacent rows. Stitch the rows together to complete the top section of the quilt.

16. Arrange two 3” x 40 1/2” B5041 Courage strips, five 5 1/2” x 40 1/2” B5041 Courage strips and six 3 1/2” x 40 1/2” B6932 Patriot strips as shown. Stitch the long edges together to make the bottom section of the quilt. Press seams in one direction.

17. Sew the top and bottom sections together to make the quilt top center.

18. Sew six 2 1/2” x WOF B6641 Firework strips together end to end. Sub-cut two 2 1/2” x 64 1/2” border strips and sew one to each side of the quilt top center. Sub-cut two 2 1/2” x 52 1/2” border strips and sew one to the top and the other to the bottom.

Finishing

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

20. 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.

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