Tonga Boysenberry
Bella
Quilt Designed by Marlous Carter

Finished quilt: 60½" x 72½" • Finished block: 12"
Fabric Requirements
1/2 yard each: (Rail Fence and Star Blocks)
- Tonga-B2511 Abyss
- Tonga-B2508 Berry
- Tonga-B2345 Teal
- Tonga-B9529 Dive
- Tonga-B9105 Beet
- Tonga-B2266 Raisin
- Tonga-B1568 Deep
- Tonga-B9856 Emerald

1/3 yard each: (Rail Fence Block)
- Tonga-B2174 Sunset
- Tonga-B2015 Cocoa
- Tonga-B2010 Velvet
- Tonga-B9838 Canyon

1/4 yard each: (Star Block)
- Tonga-B9838 Purple
- Tonga-B2040 Va-Va-Voom
- Tonga-B2510 Ruby
- Tonga-B9846 Plum

1 1/8 yards Tonga-B2047 Gold (Star Block and binding)
4 yards 45"-wide Tonga backing fabric or 2 yards XTonga (106"-wide) backing fabric of your choice

Cutting
From each of the 1/2 yard fabrics:
• Cut four 2 1/2" x width-of-fabric (WOF) strips for the Rail-Fence Blocks. Set aside the remainder for the Star Block cutting.

From each of the 1/3 yard fabrics:
• Cut four 2 1/2" x WOF strips for the Rail-Fence Blocks.

From Tonga-B2047 Gold:
• Cut one 6 1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut the strip into six 6 1/2" squares. Cut each square in half twice diagonally to make a total of twenty-four quarter-square triangles (QST).
• Cut two 5" x WOF strips. Sub-cut each strip into twelve 3 1/2" x 5" rectangles.
• Cut seven 2 1/2" x WOF strips for binding.

See below for cutting the star fabrics.

Block Construction
Rail-Fence Block
Note: Sort the strips as detailed in step 1 to match the sample quilt shown, or piece the strips randomly for a scrappier look.

1. Sort the forty-eight 2 1/2" x WOF Rail-Fence strips into four groups of twelve strips each, as follows:
   - Group A – B9856 Emerald/B2508 Berry/B2511 Abyss
   - Group B – B9529 Dive/B2345 Teal/B2174 Sunset
   - Group C – B2015 Cocoa/B9105 Beet/B2010 Velvet
   - Group D – B1568 Deep/B2266 Raisin/B9838 Canyon

2. Cut each strip set into six 6 1/2" squares, making a total of ninety-six 6 1/2" squares. (figure 2)

3. Sew together two different pieced squares (A and B), alternating strip direction. Repeat using the same colors to make twenty-four sets.

4. Repeat step 3 using two different squares (C and D). Press all seams open.

5. Sew the two two-block units from steps 3-4 together, matching center seams, to make the Rail-Fence Block. Make a total of twenty-four 12 1/2"-square blocks. (figure 3)

Star Block
Note: Because each of the star blocks uses different fabrics, the instructions refer to the fabric position within the block, rather than a specific fabric. The background for all stars is B2047 Gold. (figure 4)

Sort the star fabrics into contrasting pairs and decide which will be B and which will be C for each block.

As you cut, keep the pairings together.

Each of the six Star Blocks requires four B2047 Gold background triangles, four B2047 Gold 3 1/2" x 5" rectangles, four
fabric C QST, one 3½" fabric C center square and four fabric B half-square triangles (HST).

From each fabric B:
• Cut one 6" x WOF strip. Sub-cut two 6" squares. Cut each square in half once diagonally to make a total of four HST. Repeat with the B fabrics for all six star blocks. (figure 5)

From each fabric C:
• Cut one 6½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut one 6½" square and one 3½" center square. Cut the 6½" square twice diagonally to make four QST. Repeat with the C fabrics for all six star blocks. (figure 6)

6. Sew a fabric C QST to a B2047 Gold QST. Make four of the same pairing for each block. (figure 7)

7. Sew a fabric B HST to the unit from step 6. Repeat for each block. Trim the unit to 5" square, centering the long diagonal seam from corner to corner. (figure 8)

8. Sew the 3½" x 5" B2047 Gold rectangle to the unit from step 7, keeping the orientation as shown. Make four for each block. (figure 9)

9. To join the block units together, use a partial seam to sew the unit from step 8 to the 3½"-square fabric C block center. Place the pieces right sides together, lining up the right edge. Begin sewing 1" in from the left corner of the center square. (figure 10)

10. Continue working around the block away from the partial seam to add the other units. (figure 11)

11. When all the units are joined, finish sewing the partial seam. (figure 12) Press all seams open. Make a total of six 12½" square blocks.

Quilt Top Assembly
12. Following the quilt photo for orientation, lay out the blocks in six rows, each comprised of four Rail-Fence Blocks and one Star Block. Press seams in alternate directions by row. Sew the blocks together in rows, matching adjacent seamlines.

Finishing
13. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.
14. 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.
15. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.
1/2 yard each for Rail-Fence and Star Blocks

1/3 yard each for Rail-Fence Block

1/4 yard each for Star Block

1 1/8 yards for Star Block & Binding

ALL FABRICS SHOWN 25% OF ACTUAL SIZE.