hippo party featuring CONGO HIPPOS by katy tanis

The Congo Hippos Collection by Katy Tanis is the latest and most amusing addition to her fabulous wildlife creations. Adorable hippos and colorful fish swim among lily pads and dancing lights in 2 distinct color palettes of aqua, pink, navy and green to create this whimsical fabric collection. See the entire Congo Hippos collection on our website: www.blendfabrics.com

Quilt Design by Mary Kay Davis for Threads on the Floor.
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Finished Quilt Size: 50" x 59"
Finished Block Size: 9"
Finished Panel Size: 9" x 27"

Be sure to read through instructions before beginning. Cutting instructions include 1/4" seam allowance. Yardage is based on 42" of usable fabric width. All strips are cut across the width of fabric (WOF) unless otherwise stated. Press all seams as you assemble your blocks. Border lengths given are exact measurements. You may want to cut borders slightly longer to allow for variations in seams and mitering corners.

Fabric Requirements:

Panels:
River Hippos Aqua 124.109.01.1 1-5/8 yards

Blocks:
Large Triangle - River Fish Aqua 124.109.03.1 5/8 yard
Small Triangle - Lily Pads Pink 124.109.04.1 3/8 yard
Small Triangle - Dancing Light Pink 124.109.02.1 5/8 yard

Outer Border:
Dancing Light Pink 124.109.02.1 1/2 yard

Binding:
Lily Pads Pink 124.109.04.1 1/2 yard

Backing:
Any Congo Hippos pattern 3-1/4 yards

Sewing Instructions:

Panels:
From River Hippos Aqua - Cut (5) 9-1/2" x 27-1/2" panels.
*Note direction of fabric.

Blocks:
From River Fish Aqua - Cut (8) 9-7/8" squares.
Cut squares in half diagonally to create (16) half-square triangles. There will be one half-square triangle left over.

From Lily Pads Pink - Cut (23) 3-7/8" squares.
Cut in half diagonally to create (46) half-square triangles. There will be one half-square triangle left over.

From Dancing Light Pink - Cut (45) 3-7/8" squares.
Cut squares in half diagonally to create (90) half-square triangles.

Sew half-square triangles together to make small half-square triangle blocks. Assemble the blocks by sewing the small half-square blocks to the remaining half-square triangles to create rows. Sew the rows together to create a large pieced half-square triangle. Attach one of each pieced half-square triangle to a large half-square triangle.

Per Quilt Diagram: Sew three blocks together to create a column. Make five columns. Layout the columns with the panels and sew together into two rows. Sew two rows together.

Finishing:

**Before adding a border, it is always a good idea to measure the quilt. Measure down the middle and then a few inches in from either side. If the numbers differ, take the average measurement.

Outer Border:
From Dancing Light Pink - Cut (6) 2-1/2" x WOF strips.
Sew the strips together to create a single strip. From this strip, cut two strips equal to the sides of the quilt. Sew to sides of quilt. Measure quilt again and cut the remaining strip into two strips equal to the top and bottom measurements of the quilt. Attach one to top and bottom of the quilt.

Binding:
From Lily Pads Pink - Cut (6) 2-1/2" x WOF strips.
Sew the strips together to create a single strip. Fold in half lengthwise, press and attach to sides of quilt after quilting.