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# Gelato Tonga Treats Minis

## Askew Designed by Wendy Ulmer

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Finished quilt size: 54" x 60"

## Fabric Requirements

One package Gelato Tonga Treats 10" squares
One package Gelato Tonga Treat 5" squares
1½ yard Tonga–B8713 Purple for outer border and inner frame
1/3 yard Tonga–B8423 Bubblegum for inner border
3½ yards Tonga–B8421 Dusty (backing)
1/2 yard Tonga–B6430 Violet (binding)
62" x 68" batting

## Cutting

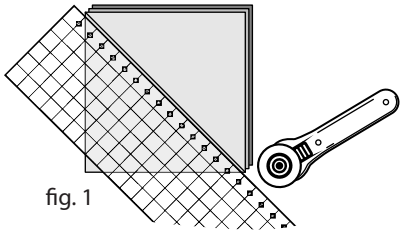
*Select four 10" squares for the corners and set aside.*
*From one 10" square:*
• Cut two 5" squares for the triple-strip blocks.
*From Tonga–B8713 Purple:*
• Cut four 3¾" x 7" rectangles and two 3¾" x 26½" rectangles for the inner frame.
• Cut six 6" WOF strips for outer border.
*From Tonga–B8423 Bubblegum:*
• Cut five 2" width-of-fabric (WOF) strips.
*From Tonga–B6430 Violet:*
• Cut six 2½" WOF strips.

## Triple-Strip Block Construction

*Note: The quilt uses both Large Triple-Strip squares (LTS) made from the 10" squares and Small Triple-Strip squares (STS) made from the 5" squares).*

### Large Blocks

1. Select twenty-four large squares and arrange in eight sets of three squares each using a light, medium and dark for each grouping.
2. Stack the squares, aligning the edges, and cut diagonally through the center. (figure 1)
3. Without moving the stack, cut again 3" on both sides of the first diagonal cut. (figure 2)
4. Rearrange the pieces to form three groupings of three different fabrics using the same fabric in opposite corners. (figure 3)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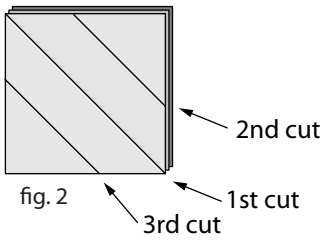

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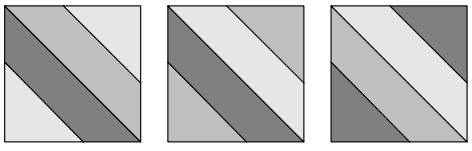
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### Small Blocks

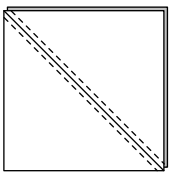
5. Using forty-two small squares (including those cut from a 10" square), make fourteen sets of three using a light, medium and dark for each grouping.
6. Follow steps 2-4 above, cutting 1½" on both sides of the first diagonal cut.

### Large and Small Blocks

7. Sew the shuffled block pieces together using a scant 1/4" seam, being careful not to stretch the bias edges. Press seams open.
8. To true the blocks, place the 45° line of a ruler on the longest diagonal line and square the large blocks to 7" and the small blocks to 3¾". You will have twenty-four large triple strip blocks and forty-two small triple strip blocks. This is more blocks than you need for the quilt, but you'll have some color options to play with.

## Other Block Construction

### Half-Triangle Blocks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9. Select four 10" squares (two light and two dark or medium) to use in the quilt center. Stack them in pairs with right sides together and draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the top square in each pair. Sew 1/4" on each side of the drawn diagonal line. (figure 4)
10. Cut on the drawn line to form four half-triangle blocks.

### Small Triple-Diamond Blocks

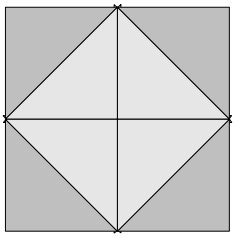
11. Select four STS blocks and arrange them in a diamond pattern. Sew together to form a pieced block for the quilt side centers. Make two.

### Corner blocks

12. Trim each of the four corner blocks to 7" square.

## Quilt Top Assembly

*Note: Match seamlines when joining adjacent blocks.*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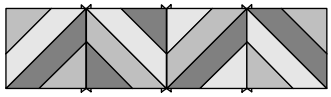
13. Sew the four half-square triangles together to form the center diamond block. (figure 5)
14. Sew together four STS blocks in alternating directions to form a zigzag pattern; make two. (figure 6) Sew these to the top and bottom of the center diamond block.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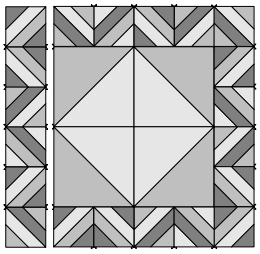
15. Sew together six STS blocks in alternating directions to form a zigzag pattern. Make two. Sew these to the side of the center diamond block. (figure 7)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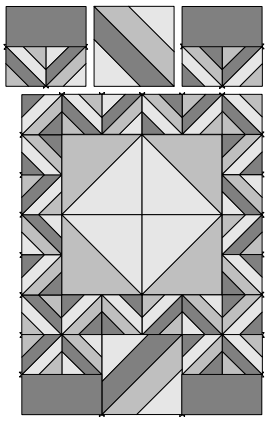
16. Make four blocks by sewing together two STS at opposite angles and adding one 3¾" x 7" Tonga-8713 Purple rectangle to the long side. Add a LTS between two of the blocks. Make two. Sew to the top and bottom of the quilt center. (figure 8)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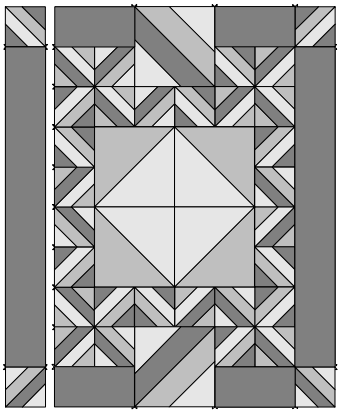
17. Sew one STS to each end of the 3¾" x 26½" Tonga-8713 Purple rectangles, alternating angles. Sew to the sides of the quilt center. (figure 9)
18. Sew together four LTS to form a zigzag pattern; make two. Sew to the top and bottom of quilt center. (figure 10)
19. Sew seven blocks together in the following order:
10" block–LTS–LTS (at opposite angle)–STS diamond block–LTS–LTS (at opposite angle)–10" block
Make two and sew to the sides of the quilt center. (figure 11)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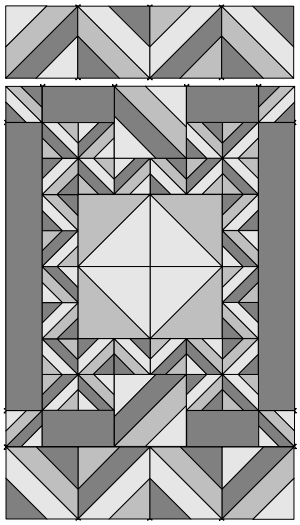
20. Stitch the 2" Tonga–B8423 Bubblegum inner border strips together using a diagonal seam. Cut two 2" x 46" inner side borders and two 42½" inner top and bottom borders.
21. Sew a 2" x 46" Tonga–B8423 Bubblegum inner border to each side of the quilt, then sew a 2" x 42½" Tonga–B8423 Bubblegum inner border to the top and bottom.
22. Stitch the 6" Tonga–B7813 Purple outer border strips together using a diagonal seam. Cut into two 6" x 49" side outer borders and two 6" x 54" top and bottom outer borders.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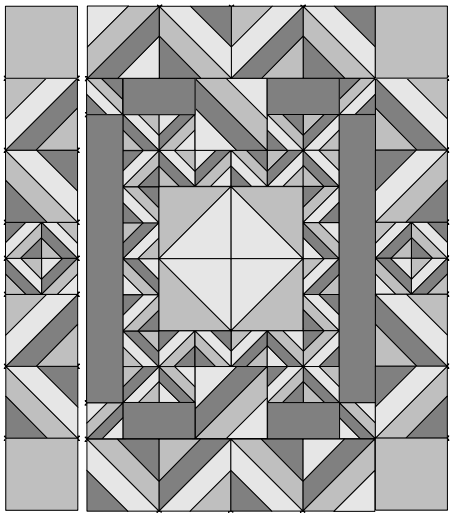
23. Sew a 6" x 49" Tonga–B7813 Purple outer border to each side of the quilt, then sew a 6" x 54" Tonga–B7813 Purple outer border to the top and bottom.

## Finishing

24. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.
25. 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.
26. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.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## *A Wee Bit Askew*

*An Askew "cousin," this little quilt can also become a fun table topper or a great floor pillow.*
Finished size: 32" x 32"
Finished block size: 3¼"

### Fabric Requirements

One package Island Punch Tonga Treats 5" squares
1⅛ yards Tonga–B7779 Island for outer border and binding
1/4 yard solid for inner border (optional) *Note: Featured quilt uses a scrappy border.*
1¼ yards Tonga–B7792 Lagoon (backing)
40" x 40" batting

### Cutting

*Select twelve squares for the center diameter border.*
• Carefully trim them to 3¾", saving the trimmings to use in the scrappy inner border.
*From the block trimmings:*
• Cut four 1" x 4½" strips, and twenty 1" x 3¾" strips for the scrappy inner border.
*If you prefer a solid inner border, cut four 1" width-of-fabric (WOF) strips from solid fabric.*
*From Tonga–B7779 Island:*
• Cut four 6" WOF strips for outer borders. Sub-cut into two 6" x 21" side borders and two 6" x 32" top and bottom borders.
• Cut four 2½" WOF strips for binding.

### Block Construction

1. Select twenty-four squares, mixing light, medium and darks and make eight sets of three squares each.
2. Stack the squares aligning the edges and cut diagonally. (figure 1)
3. Without moving the stack, cut 1½" again on both sides of the first diagonal cut. (figure 2)
4. Rearrange the pieces to form three groupings of three different fabrics using the same fabric in opposite corners. (figure 3)
5. Sew the shuffled block pieces together using a scant 1/4" seam, being careful not to stretch the bias edges. Press seams open.
6. To true the blocks, place the 45° line of a ruler on the longest diagonal line and square blocks to 3¾". You should have twenty-four pieced squares.

### Quilt Top Assembly

*Note: Match seamlines when joining adjacent blocks.*
7. Select four blocks and sew them together, alternating directions to form the center diamond.
8. Sew together two unpieced blocks for each side of the quilt center, and four unpieced blocks each for the top and bottom. Sew the side blocks in place first, then sew the top and bottom blocks to the center.
9. Select four pieced blocks for each side and join them in alternating directions to form a zigzag pattern. Sew to the quilt center side edges.
10. Select six pieced blocks for the top and bottom. Join them in alternating directions to form a zigzag pattern. Sew to the quilt top and bottom.

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**Scrappy Inner Border**

11. For inner side borders, sew six 1" x 3¾" strips together end to end. Make two. Sew to the sides of the quilt.
12. For each inner top and bottom borders, sew four 1" x 3¾"border strips together end to end. Add one 1" x 4½" strip to each end. Sew to the top and bottom of the quilt.

**Solid Inner Border (optional)**

13. Sew 1" strips to the quilt sides and trim excess length. Then sew top and bottom strips to the quilt and trim excess length.

**Outer Borders**

14. Sew one 6" x 21" Tonga–B7779 Island strip to each side of the quilt.
15. Sew one 6" x 32" Tonga–B7779 Island strip to the top and bottom of the quilt.

**Finishing**

16. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.
17. Stitch the binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Fold and press the resulting long strip in half lengthwise wrong sides together. Stitch to the quilt front, matching raw edges and mitering the corners.
18. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.

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