

Batik Beach Towel

Blend the brightness and unique characteristics of batik with the absorbency of terry cloth to make this eye-catching beach towel.

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Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Finished Size: approximately 38½" × 65½"



Batiks from Majestic Batiks (majesticbatiks.com) and 16-ounce terry cloth from Shannon Fabrics (shannonfabrics.com) were used in the featured project.

Materials

Yardage is based on 42"-wide fabric unless otherwise noted.

- (18) 2 1/2" x width of fabric assorted batik strips for center
- 1 1/2 yards of coordinating batik for border and binding
- 2 yards of 60"-wide coordinating terry cloth solid for backing

Cutting

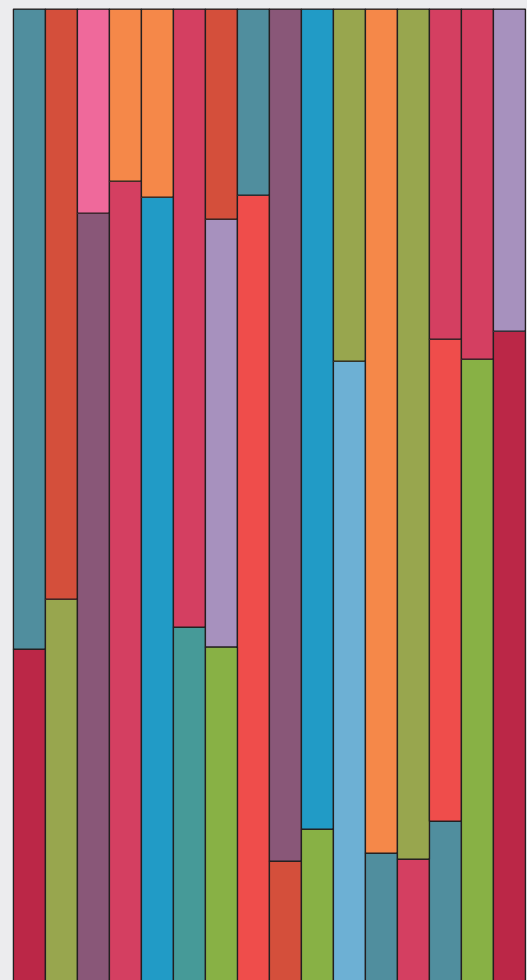
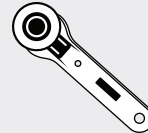
Coordinating Batik:

- (2) 9 1/2" x width of fabric (WOF) strips
- (3) 3 1/2" x WOF strips
- (6) 2 1/2" x WOF strips

Make the Beach Towel

Use a 1/4" seam allowance and sew with right sides together.

1. Trim the selvages from the ends of all the 2 1/2" x WOF assorted batik strips. Cut three of the strips in half crosswise to make six half strips approximately 2 1/2" x 21".
2. Randomly join the assorted batik strips and half strips end to end to make one long strip. Press the seams in one direction.
3. Fold the pieced strip in half crosswise, right sides together. Sew from the raw edges to the fold along one long edge of the strip. (Figure 1)
4. Using your rotary cutter and ruler, cut off the folded edge. You just need to cut off enough to be able to open up the piece. Press the seam to one side. (Figure 2)
5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 three more times. The pieced center should be 16 strips across. (Figure 3)



- Sew the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " \times WOF coordinating batik strips together end to end to make one long strip. Measure the length of the center unit. From the pieced coordinating batik strip, cut two border strips to the length measured. Refer to the towel assembly diagram to sew these strips to the sides of the center unit. Press the seams toward the border strips. Measure the width of the center unit, including the side borders. Trim each of the $9\frac{1}{2}$ " \times WOF coordinating batik strips to this length. Join the strips to the top and bottom of the quilt center. Press the seams toward the top and bottom borders.
- With wrong sides together, lay the beach towel top over the terry cloth; baste the layers together. Quilt as desired. Bind the beach towel edges using the $2\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide coordinating batik strips.

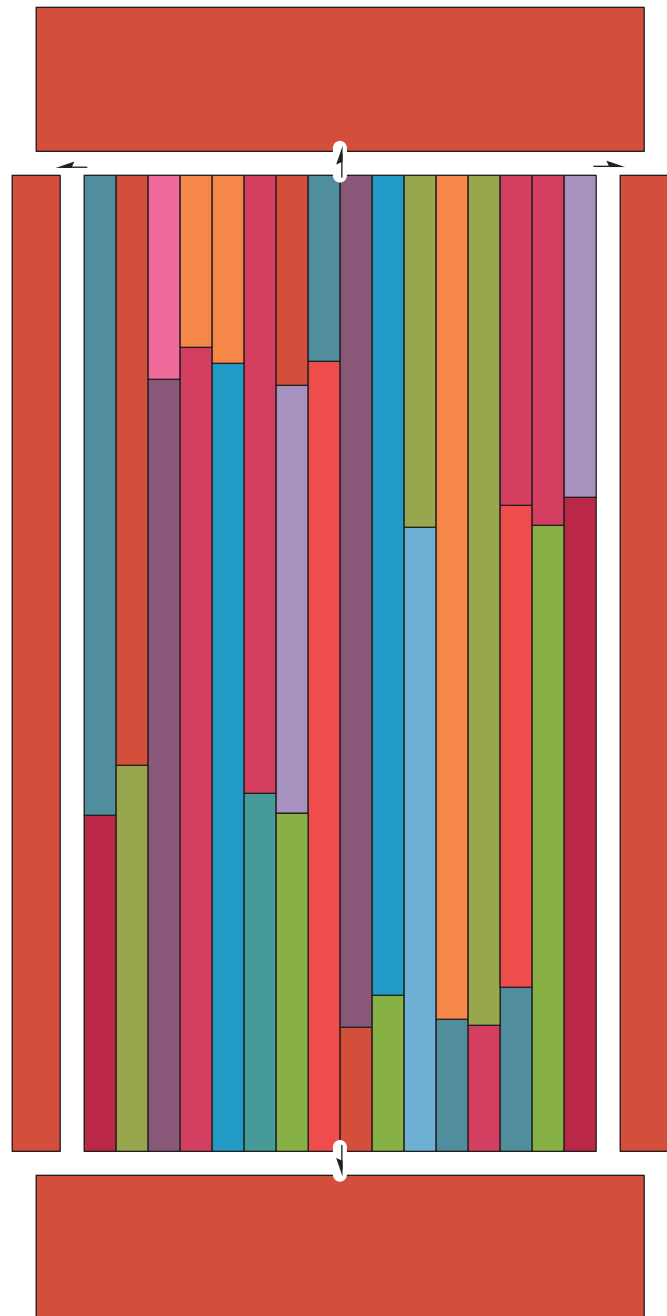


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