

### ***Erik's Tips:***

This is the final step in the Non-Traditional Setting! It has a few more pages than previous steps simply because of Pages 2, 4, and 5 having large diagrams.

For the Top and Bottom Borders, we used the yardage indicated, piecing the strips to the length needed; the fabrics were busy all-over designs and the piecing in virtually impossible to see. If you chose a fabric that you feel would look better un-pieced...by all means, do it...you will have to figure the yardage based on the entire length needed. Your quilt measurement on Page 2 is your guide.

The Side Borders are a patchwork themselves! We chose to complete these borders using the extra blocks in this way so that if you did not do the bonus blocks, or opted to omit a block or two, there would be some flexibility in the last borders. If you did not make the two bonus blocks, simply use an assorted scrap 12 1/2-inch square, for those two blocks...or sew together some of your remaining 6 1/2-inch squares to use in their places....you could even use 12 1/2-inch border fabrics in the same spot, if you like; it's up to you. Because we used a solid Blue fabric for the Side Borders, we chose not to piece them for the final length. If you want to piece your borders, we figured 2 yards as sewn, would be enough cutting 4 12 1/2-inch width of fabric strips; double check these measurements against your own quilt, just to be sure. The difference was only a half of a yard when we did our figuring.

As always, you can follow our on-line tutorial for more information.

*Shortly we will post the photos of both quilts...in the meantime, if you would like to take a quick peek at the Non-Traditional Setting, follow the link on our on-line post! It is just a peek and not the final photograph!! Next month we will finish the instruction booklet for the entire project as well as more Ben Franklin things! See you then!*