

# Tonga Sunburst by daniela stout

Circle Around quilt by Nancy Mahoney



#### **Fabric Requirements**

One package Sunburst Tonga Treat Squares (forty 10" squares, two each of twenty fabrics)

2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> yards Tonga print of your choice (backing)

1/2 yard Tonga-B2725 Envy (binding)

Other Supplies

21/2 yards 20"-wide fusible web

44" x 53" batting

### **Cutting**

Separate the 10" squares into two groups of twenty squares, making sure each group contains one square of each fabric.

## From each of twenty Tonga 10" Squares:

• Cut one 91/2" square.

### From each of twenty Tonga 10" Squares:

• Cut one 8" circle, prepared with fusible web (see step 1, below).

### From Tonga-B2725 Envy:

• Cut five 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x width-of-fabric (WOF) strips.

#### **Block Construction**

- 1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, trace twenty 8" circles onto the paper side of the fusible web. Roughly cut out each circle about 1/8" outside the drawn lines. To reduce bulk, trim away the center of the circle, leaving 1/4" *inside* the drawn lines. Fuse the remaining circle outline to the wrong side of a Tonga square. Cut out each circle on the drawn line and remove the paper backing.
- 2. Center and fuse a web-backed circle onto the right side of each Tonga  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Finish the circle raw edges with a decorative stitch, such as a satin or buttonhole stitch. Repeat to make twenty blocks.

#### **Quilt Top Assembly**

3. Referring to the quilt photo for color placement, lay out the blocks in five rows of four blocks each. Sew the blocks together in rows and then sew the rows together, matching adjacent seams.

#### **Finishing**

- 4. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.

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