

# Equalizer Quilt Skill Level: Beginner

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Create a design that echoes a music equalizer, with vertical bars that vary in height. Finished Quilt Size is 60" x 78". Sample used Habitat by Jay McCarroll for Free Spirit and two coordinating solids.

#### **Fabrics Needed**

Assorted print fabrics Solid fabric for background Backing fabric Binding fabric

#### **Materials Needed**

Legacy<sup>™</sup> by Pellon<sup>®</sup> Natural Blend 80/20 Cotton/Polyester Batting

1 twin size (72" x 96")

3 yards 3-3/8 yards

1/2 yard

4 fat quarters and 8 fat eighths

### **Tools Needed**

Sewing machine and related supplies Rotary cutter and related supplies

## **Cutting and Assembly Instructions**

Seam allowance is 1/4" unless otherwise indicated.

Cut ninety-one 2-1/2" x 8-3/4" rectangles from the print fabrics:

Fifty from fat quarters

Forty-one from fat eighths

Cut four  $8-3/4" \times width$  of fabric from the background fabric. Subcut ninety-one  $1-3/4" \times 8-3/4"$  rectangles. Cut ten  $2-1/4" \times width$  of fabric from the background fabric. Piece these strips on the short ends and then cut seven  $2-1/4" \times 60"$  strips.

Cut five 8-3/4" x width of fabric from the background fabric. Subcut the strips in the following measurements:

Pieces A, L, and Q	Cut two 7" x 8-3/4"
Piece B	Cut one 8-3/4" x 19"
Piece C	Cut one 8-3/4" x 9-1/2"
Pieces, D, G, and I	Cut three 4" x 8-3/4"
Pieces E and J	Cut two 2-1/2" x 8-3/4"
Piece F	Cut one 8-3/4" x 13-1/2"
Piece H	Cut one 8-3/4" x 11-1/2
Piece K	Cut one 6-1/2" x 8-3/4"
Piece M	Cut one 8-3/4" x 18-1/2"
Piece N	Cut one 3-1/2" x 8-3/4"
Pieces O and U	Cut two 8-3/4" x 20-1/2"
Pieces P and T	Cut two 5" x 8-3/4"
Piece V	Cut one 8-3/4" x 15"



Cut seven 2-1/2" x width of fabric from the binding fabric. Piece these strips on the short ends. Set aside.

Place one background fabric 2-1/2" x 8-3/4" rectangle right sides together with one print 1-3/4" x 8-3/4" rectangle. Sew the 8-3/4" side using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams open being careful not to distort the pieces. Repeat this step until ninety-one pieced units are made.



Arrange the pieced units according to the diagram with like prints grouped together. The design can echo that of a music equalizer, with vertical bars that vary in height. Place the alphabetical pieces as shown in the diagram.



Once the columns are arranged, sew the pieces together using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams. open. Trim each column to 60".



Sew one  $2-1/4" \times 60"$  vertical sashing strip between each column using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams open.

Baste, quilt and bind as desired.

