## Bargello - Achroma

Designed by Donna Jordan for Jordan Fabrics Finished Size 78 x 94"


Fabric Requirements:
1 Yard each of 9 fabrics for the Bargello patchwork. I used 4 darker blue/green prints, 4 light prints, and 1 purple accent. 1 Yard Outside Border
3/4 Yard Binding
7 Yards Backing

Bargello is a fun quilt to make and this one is created by making 20 of the blocks pictured below.


Cutting:
Cut each of the 9 yards into $13 @ 21 / 2$ " WOF (width of fabric).

## Sewing:

Select one strip of each fabric. Lay out the fabrics in the order you want them to appear in your Bargello. I started with the darkest blue/green print, then the green print, then the medium blue fabric, then the lighter blue print, then the purple accent, followed by the 4 lighter prints. Using a small stitch length (about 15 to $\mathbf{2 0}$ stitches per inch) stitch the first dark strip to the second strip along one long edge. Finger-press the seam allowances to the right. Add the next dark strip, but this time finger-press the seam allowances to the left. Keep adding strips until all 9 are sewn into a strip unit as shown below, alternating the direction of the seam allowances each time. Be careful not to stretch any of the fabrics as you stitch them together. If you are unsure if you are stretching, then pin the strips together before sewing.
Steam press the strip unit very flat.
Fold the strip unit in half and stitch to create a long strip tube.


Repeat to make a total of 13 strip tubes - be sure that the strips are sewn in the same order as your first strip tube!
Make the sub-cuts as shown in the picture below to make your first Bargello block:


On the 1 " strip unit, take out the stitching that is at the accent color of the strip tube and open up the strip as shown in the picture below. Rotate the $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " strips so that the accent print is moved up one position and take out the stitching to open the tubes into strips.


Continue rotating and taking out stitching to create all the strips as shown below. Note: there is a 3 " strip only on the right side of the block.

Stitch all the strips together. Most of the seam allowances at the intersections will be going in opposite directions and will nest (you can change the direction of some of the seam allowances as you stitch to get them all to nest). Finger-press the seam allowances to the right. Repeat to make 12 blocks. These blocks will be used in the first, third, and fifth rows.

Make an additional 8 blocks, but finger press the seam allowances to the left. These blocks will be used in the second and fourth rows.


Steam press all the blocks very flat.
Lay the blocks out into 5 rows with 4 in each row putting the blocks with seams pressed to the right in the first, third, and fifth rows, and the blocks with seams pressed to the left in the second and fourth rows.

Add one 3 " strip unit to the right side of each row as shown below. Stitch the rows together.


If you prefer to cut all the strip units of the same widths first instead of cutting all the different sizes needed for each block individually, here are the totals you need of each (cut the widest pieces first).

25@3"
80@2 $1 / 2$ "
40@2"
80@1 1/2"
20@1"

Outside border - cut 10 @ $31 / 4$ " WOF. Stitch onto all 4 sides of the quilt.
Quilt, bind, and enjoy!

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