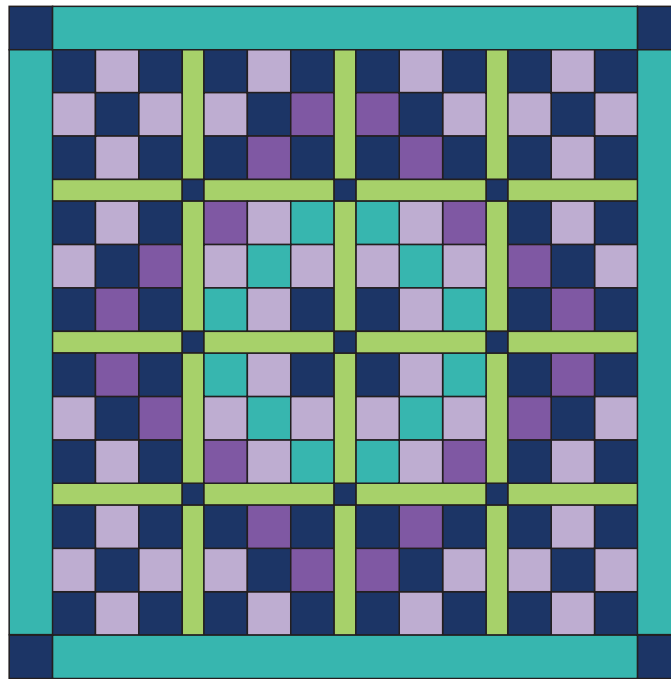




# Let's Quilt

Beginners' Series with *Bonnie*



## Six Lessons:

1. Gather Tools and Materials
2. Choosing Pattern & Cutting Fabric
3. Seam Allowance & Sewing Patchwork
4. Assembling the Quilt
5. Borders & Quilting the Quilt
6. Finishing Touches – Binding and Edge Finishes

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## Gather Tools and Materials

Sewing Machine

Thread

\*Cutting Equipment

\*Scissors & Rotary Cutter

\*Straight Pins – glass heads and flat heads

\*Pincushion – magnetic (Zirkel)

\*Seam Ripper

\*Marking Pencil – Sewline

\*Iron

\*Clips

Batting

\*Fabric – kit available at [ShopAQS.com](http://ShopAQS.com)

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## Demonstration – Setting up your sewing station

					
Sewing Machine	Thread	Lighting	Rotary Cutter and Scissors	Go! Cutting Machine, Mat, and Ruler	Sewing Table

## Choosing Fabric

Tips for choosing fabric for a quilt:

- ❖ Use a collection of fabric by a specific designer – this is the easiest way to choose fabrics. Personally, I like to mix different collections, and I find that choosing fabric from several designers adds more variety to a quilt.
- ❖ Choose a favorite blouse or dress and select fabrics from the colors in that garment.
- ❖ Use a favorite photo of a flower garden, a vacation scene, a bowl of fruit, a favorite beach, or even things you see in the grocery store like a bag of cherries or grapes as inspiration.
- ❖ Select a photo of a favorite quilt and use those colors.
- ❖ Mix a scale of pattern, small floral design and large-scale prints.
- ❖ Add variety of designs: florals, stripes, dots, plaids, and round, and straight geometric designs.
- ❖ Use contrast to draw the eye across the quilt: light vs. dark and larger vs. small-scale.
- ❖ Add black and/or white to give the eye a place to rest.
- ❖ Most of all, have fun with selecting fabric for your quilt. There are no rules – explore color and texture with the fabrics you choose!

You can also choose your own color scheme and fabric. You can substitute your fabrics in this chart – choose light, medium, and dark fabrics similar to the values in this project.

<b>Dark Blue</b>	_____	<b>(Dark)</b>	_____	<b>1<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> yd.</b>
<b>Lt. Purple</b>	_____	<b>(Light)</b>	_____	<b>1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> yd.</b>
<b>Purple</b>	_____	<b>(Dark Medium)</b>	_____	<b>1/2 yd.</b>
<b>Dark Turquoise</b>	_____	<b>(Medium)</b>	_____	<b>1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> yd.</b>
<b>Lime</b>	_____	<b>(Light/Bright)</b>	_____	<b>3/4 yd.</b>

You will also need 4 yards of fabric for the backing and binding.

## Next Lesson: Choosing Pattern & Cutting Fabric

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