

Elephant Panel Quilt with 3-Fabric Borders

Materials Needed:

- 1 elephant fabric panel (centerpiece)
- Border Fabric 1 (Right side) – ¼ yard
- Border Fabric 2 (Left side) – ¼ yard
- Border Fabric 3 (Top & Bottom) – 1 yard
- Batting (same size as quilt top)
- Backing fabric (same size as quilt top)
- Binding fabric – ½ yard
- Thread, pins, scissors/rotary cutter, iron

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Trim the Elephant Panel

Start by squaring and trimming your panel to a clean rectangle.

Example: 45" wide x 45" tall.

2. Add Side Borders

Left Side – Border Fabric 2:

- Cut 1 strip the height of your panel (e.g., 45" long x 4" wide)
- Sew it to the left edge of the panel and press seam outward.

Right Side – Border Fabric 1:

- Cut 1 strip the same size (e.g., 45" long x 4" wide)
- Sew it to the right edge of the panel and press outward.

3. Add Top and Bottom Borders – Border Fabric 3

- Measure the new width of your panel with side borders added.
- Cut 2 strips (e.g., 4" x new width) You might need to piece this if you are using a 45 inches wide fabric.
- Sew to the top and bottom, pressing seams outward.

4. Create the Quilt Sandwich

- Layer backing (wrong side up), batting, and quilt top (right side up).
- Baste using pins or spray.


5. Quilt as Desired

- Quilt around the elephant and through the borders.

Tip: Stitch in the ditch around border seams or echo quilt around the elephant for definition.

6. Trim and Bind

- Square up the quilt edges.
- Cut binding strips 2.5" wide, join ends, press in half.
- Sew to front, fold to back, and topstitch to finish.

 Tip: Use high-contrast thread for decorative quilting or hand-stitch with embroidery floss for a traditional touch.