

Mystery Quiltaway Spring 2008

Fabric Requirements

With this mystery quilt you can choose to make either twin or queen size. The queen size quilt is not any harder to make, but there are more pieces. The queen will take longer to make. If you are a beginner or know you work more slowly, we recommend that you make the twin size quilt. The queen size quilt is doable in the weekend if you are more experienced or know you are a speedy stitcher. If you are a true beginner, (someone who has never made a quilt, limited sewing experience, new to rotary cutting, etc.), please give us a call. We will give you a version of this mystery to do, and the instruction you need to complete your first quilt.

Your fabric choices start with a focus fabric and then, choose four other fabrics to complement that focus fabric. There are additional borders that will be suggested at the end of the clues. It is important to note which fabrics are to contrast with another. The descriptions below will emphasize the contrasts to pay particular attention to. Keep in mind contrast should include contrasts in texture and scale of the prints as well as the colors. All the fabrics don't necessarily need to be a different color. You can have contrast of values within the same color.

Fabric F: This is your focus fabric. The focus fabric should be a colorful print. This should be a medium to large scale print. This quilt will work well for novelty prints or overall prints. In this quilt, you may use one-way prints. You will be cutting 6½" squares (see Cutting Instructions) so it is possible to fussy cut motifs from this fabric if you are using a fabric that lends itself to that treatment. If you wish to fussy cut, please allow extra fabric. Additionally, Fabric F is recommended for a border. You may use a different fabric for this border if you wish. The Yardage Requirements give the yardage for the blocks and border separately.

Fabric A: "A" is for Accent. This fabric is an accent color. It should be bright, bold or dark in relation to your other fabrics. A little goes a long way for this fabric. If you put all your fabrics together and stand back, this fabric should really be the dominant color. It needs to contrast with Fabrics "B", "C" and "F".

Fabric B: "B" is for Background. Fabric B will be a background color. This fabric should be something that will let the other fabrics shine. It doesn't necessarily have to be a light color. The thing to keep in mind is that you want your background to give a good contrast to the other colors and prints. Fabric B should recede into the background and Fabrics "A", "C" and "E" should really show up against this background.

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Fabrics C: "C" is for Color. This fabric gives some pizzazz to your quilt. This fabric could be a multi-color print of a different scale than your focus fabric. It can be a busy print. It can be a similar color and value to your focus fabric. It should contrast well with Fabrics "A" and "B".

Fabric E: "E" is for Enhancement. For this fabric, choose something that will set off Fabric "F". The role of this fabric in the quilt is to enhance your Focus Fabric. While it can be dark and/or bold it should not be the dominate color. It could be similar to Fabric "A", however it should be less intense. This fabric should contrast well with Fabrics "B" and "F".

Tips On Choosing Your Fabrics: Start by choosing your focus fabric. For example, you choose a large scale floral print of pinks, purples and greens for your focus fabric. For Fabric "A" you choose a very dark purple tone-on-tone fabric. For the background, you choose a green that allows all the other colors to stand out. Fabric "C" could be another floral print is similar colors to the focus fabric, but it is smaller scale than Fabric "F". For Fabric "E" you pick a pink print that works very well as an enhancement to Fabric "F". It also doesn't overshadow Fabric "A" in intensity.

When choosing your fabrics, you want think about the contrasts between the fabrics as indicated in the descriptions above. Think of contrast in terms of color, value and scale of the print. Make sure your fabrics aren't all of a medium value even if they are different colors. It works well to throw in some darks and lights as well as different colors. It is a good idea to lay out your fabrics and stand back and view them from a distance. If they are fading into each other, you may need to choose something else.

Borders: Finished sizes are based on the addition of a border scheme that will be suggested at the end of clues. Your actual size may vary depending on borders you choose to add. Keep in mind that that you may want to do the borders differently than the suggestion. Fabric "F" is recommended for the first border. The second border is your choice. The Yardages are given separately for the borders.

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Yardage Requirements

The fabric yardage amounts given are generous. Because fabrics now are sometimes less than 42" of usable width, the yardage was calculated for fabrics with a 40" width of usable material. The yardage also allows some extra for possible mistakes.

	Twin Size Yardage Finished size 71"x 86"	Queen Size Yardage Finished size 86"x86"
Fabric A	1¼ yards	1½ yards
Fabric B	2¼ yards	2½ yards
Fabric C	½ yard	½ yard
Fabric E	¾ yard	¾ yard
Fabric F (focus fabric)	¼ yard*	½ yard*
1 st Border Fabric F suggested	2¼ yards	2 ¼ yards
2 nd Border	1 yard	1¼ yard

*If you wish to fussy-cut this fabric please allow extra.

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Supply List

- ❖ Fabric cut according to cutting instructions
- ❖ All extra fabric
- ❖ Your Cutting Worksheet
- ❖ Sewing machine (clean and oiled)
- ❖ Extra sewing machine needles
- ❖ Bobbins
- ❖ Thread
- ❖ Small ruler
- ❖ Pencil
- ❖ Basic sewing supplies such as scissors, pins, seam ripper etc.
- ❖ Your latest project for Show and Tell
- ❖ Bathing suit (for Hot Tub at B&B!)
- ❖ Anything you might want to make your stay more comfortable such as Tylenol PM, a favorite pillow or ear plugs.

Note: You do not need to bring rotary cutting supplies. We provide that at your Quiltaway.