

Mystery Quiltaway Fall 2017

Fabric Requirements

For this season's mystery quilt we are going to feature a focus fabric. Here is your chance to use those novelty prints, florals or other colorful prints you have! See below for more info about the fabric choices. The pattern will make a lap size quilt. You also have the option to make this a queen size quilt. The larger size is not any more difficult to make, but there are more pieces, and it therefore takes longer. If you are a beginner, we recommend that you make the lap size quilt. This season, experienced quilters and speedy stitchers will complete the Lap quickly, so consider making two or a larger size. The queen size 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 instructions you need to complete your first quilt.

Your fabric choices start with a focus fabric. Next, you will choose a background fabric that provides a strong contrast to your focus fabric. This should really allow your focus fabric to shine. Next, choose two colors (three for queen) you wish to feature in your quilt. Then, you will choose a pair of fabrics of the feature colors. For example, if blue is a color you want to feature you can choose a medium blue and darker blue fabric for your pair. You can also choose two blue fabrics that have a different scale of print, one that is tone-on-tone and one, that features an overall print with some other colors. These pairs also need to contrast very well with the background fabric. It is important to note which fabrics are to contrast with another. The descriptions below will emphasize the contrasts to pay particular attention to.

Fabric F: This is your focus fabric. The focus fabric should be a colorful, busy print. This should be a medium to large scale print. You should avoid prints with motifs spaced out apart from each other. The print should be all over. You want something that when you cut it up, you will see the colors and the print. This print should be able to be viewed vertically as well as horizontally. One-way fabrics like novelty prints, that need to be viewed only vertically will not work for this quilt. This fabric needs a strong contrast with the background fabric.

Fabric B: B is your background fabric. The background fabric should provide a very strong contrast with all the other fabrics. This will make your fabrics really stand out. The B Fabric is going to serve as a background to the design. Fabric B should be a fairly simple print, such as tone-on-tone or even a solid so that it really contrasts with the other fabrics. One-way prints *will not* work for the background. This fabric should contrast very well with all the other fabrics.

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Fabrics C1&2, D1&2, and E1&2 (E1&2 will be Queen size only): These are fabric pairs of the colors that you want to feature in your quilt. The fabric pairs different shades of the same color, or the same shade but a different scale print. One-way prints will not work for these fabrics, they should be able to be viewed vertically as well as horizontally. These fabrics need to have a strong contrast with the background fabric.

Tips On Choosing Your Fabrics: Start by choosing your focus fabric, "F". Say for example you choose a multi-color scale fall leaf print. This fabric has dark background with leaves of reds, oranges, golds, yellows and greens. So, since your Focus Fabric is overall dark you pick a light yellow tone on tone for your "B" Fabric. This choice gives you a very strong contrast with Fabric F.

Next, you choose your colors to feature. For the Lap Size, you will need to choose two colors. For Queen Size, choose three. You choose orange and dark gold. For the C Fabric pair (C1 and C2), you choose an orange tone-on-tone and overall orange print with a pumpkin motif to compliment the orange in your Focus Fabric. Next, for the D Fabric pair (D1 and D2), you choose two tone-on-tone prints of different shades of gold. If you are making Queen size you will also need a third color for Fabrics E1 and E2. These fabrics all contrast very well with the background fabric, B.

You want a contrast 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 blending into each other, you may need to choose something else.

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Yardage Requirements

Take note of the yardage amounts to help you choose your fabrics. If a lot of fabric is called for, you will see a lot of that fabric. Make sure you like your fabric!

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 40½" width of usable material. The yardage also allows some extra for possible mistakes.

Note: This mystery quilt is calling for *40 and a half inches of usable width*. If your Fabrics F or B have less than that you may need more fabric.

	Lap Size Yardage Finished Size 62"x62"	Queen Size Yardage Finished Size 84"x99"
Fabric F (focus fabric)	1 ¼ yard	2 yards
Fabric B	2 ½ yards	5 yards
Fabric C1	½ yard	½ yard
Fabric C2	½ yard	½ yard
Fabric D1	½ yard	½ yard
Fabric D2	½ yard	½ yard
Fabric E1		½ yard
Fabric E2		½ yard

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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
- ❖ scrap paper or sticky notes to label pieces as you go along
- ❖ Basic sewing supplies such as scissors, pins, seam ripper etc.
- ❖ Name tag (if you've been here before)
- ❖ Your latest project for Show and Tell
- ❖ Some quilters like to bring a seat cushion for your sewing comfort!
- ❖ 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.