

Mystery 2016 – 2017

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I am really excited about this quilt – I think it is our best one yet. This is a very dramatic quilt – if you include the 6” borders we recommend it will be 47” X 47” – a good lap quilt or wall quilt. It would also make an awesome medallion if you want to upsize it. Without the borders it will be about 35” square. As always, there are no set-ins and no triangles.

Choose 3 fabrics that are solid or read solid. Prints are not going to look good. The three fabrics should contrast well – you need a dark, a medium and a light. If you are not sure how the colors will work – give Kathie a call and she can test them for you. We have tested it with Black, red and white, and with navy, a soft blue and cream and it looked FABULOUS!

Kathie and I will both be in the UFO room at the Escape and will be offering advance steps for anyone who signs up ahead of time.

To make the pattern easier to read, I have called the colors Dark, Medium and Light. The Dark in this Mystery is the background color. You will need 2 yards of the Dark fabric, and 1/2 yard each of the Medium and Light. To save fabric, when cutting pieces from the 1½” strips, cut the largest pieces first and then cut smaller pieces from the leftover ends.

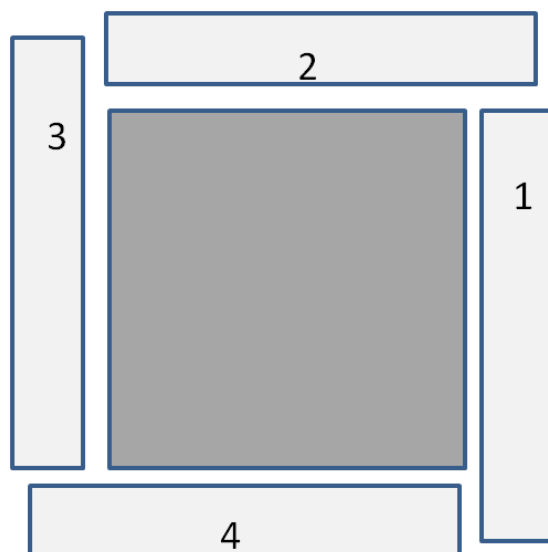
| Cut the following number of strips from your fabrics: | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Color | 1½” strips | 2½” Strips | 6½” strips | 9½” strips |
| Dark (Background) | 13 or 14 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Medium | 6 | | | |
| Light | 7 | | | |

A HINT for later!!!!

To make the wide borders fit without piecing, use the following process when finishing:

Sew strip 1 - but stop sewing about an inch before you get to the edge. Make sure you have 6¼” beyond the edge.

Sew Strip 2 across the top, then strip 3 up the side. Sew strip 4 across the bottom and then go back and finish sewing down Strip 1.



From the strips, cut the following pieces.

| Piece size | # of pieces—Dark | # of pieces—Medium | # of pieces—Light |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| A 1½ X 1½ | 58 | 64 | 29 |
| B 1½ X 2½ | 34 | | |
| C 1½ X 3½ | 4 | 16 | |
| D 1½ X 4½ | 4 | 4 | |
| E 1½ X 5½ | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| F 1½ X 6½ | 8 | | |
| G 1½ X 7½ | 8 | | |
| H 1½ X 9½ | 8 | | |
| J 1½ X 15½ | 2 | | |
| K 2½ X 5½ | 8 | | |
| L 5½ X 9½ | 8 | | |
| Inner Border 1½ X 34½ | | | 4 |
| Outer Border 6½ X 41½ | 4 | | |

Make a Cheat Sheet. Put swatches of your color choices on here to help you keep track.

Pattern colors:  Dark  Medium  Light

My colors: