

Mystery Quilt 2024

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Size: 62" x 82" with (optional) borders (without borders, 50 x 70)

Fabric choices are important. I highly recommend that you send me a photo of your fabrics before you cut. Label which fabrics will be which ones. (send by text to 419-265-5969 or email)

You need 4 fabrics. They must have good contrast with the other fabrics. Fabrics A and B will be the majority of the quilt. They can be the same color IF they still have good contrast. (I used blue for both; dark blue print and medium light blue.

Fabric K is the background fabric and I suggest you go very light (light yellow, tan, light blue, mint) or very dark: black or navy blue.

Fabric C is the accent color. There isn't much of it, but it will jazz up your quilt. As an alternative, you could use fabric A instead, in which case you will need ½ yd more of A.

I like borders on my quilts and this one has 3, totalling a 6 inch border. If you don't want borders, or only want one 4 inch border, see alternative yardage. If you choose to do just one border, I suggest a 3 ½ inch finished border of fabric A.

Further note: we will be making many "snowball" units. This involves laying a square in a corner of a block or in a corner of a square and sewing on the diagonal. The new patch is then folded over to become a triangle in the corner. The term comes from the "snowball block" in which the block looks more round after this treatment of the corners. Because of the folding over, you will get best results if you sew just a little bit inside the diagonal line you draw. (on the side toward the corner)

Yardage needed

Fabric:	K fabric (background)	1 3/4 yds	
	A fabric	3 1/2 yds	(without border 2 5/8)
	B fabric	3 yds	(without border, 2 1/2)
	C fabric (accent)	3/4 yds	(without border, 1/2)

If you plan to make just one border with fabric A, get 3 1/2 yards (there will be extra)

Cutting

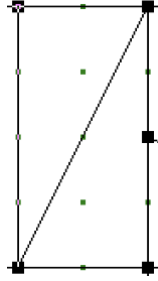
Background (K) :

Cut 3 inch squares, total of 224 squares. Set aside 72 of these squares for later and label them “star block”:

On other 152 of these make a diagonal line on the wrong side of fabric. Label 80 of them as “X block” and the remaining 72 as “star block with diagonal line”

Fabric A 2.5 inch x 4 inch rectangles. Cut 36 .

Place all the rectangles right side up. Cut diagonally one time to make 72 triangles that are all identical. All diagonal cuts must be made in the same direction (upper right corner to lower left corner) see drawing.



Label these pieces as “star block”

(Fabric A) 7 inch squares. Cut 36. Cut diagonally one time, for 72 triangles. Label “star block”.

3 inch squares . Cut 116. Draw diagonal lines on the wrong side of all of the squares. Label “X block”

Fabric B 5 ½ inch squares. Cut 68. Label “X block”

5 inch squares Cut 36, then cut diagonally one time for 72 triangles. Label “star block”

Fabric C (accent) : 3 inch squares. Cut 48. Place a diagonal line on the wrong side of each square. Label these “X block”

Put all your “star block“ pieces together and all the “X block” pieces together.

(borders are cut at the end)