

This 4 fabric mystery was developed by Jere' Funk for the MQA June Educational Seminar 2010. Finished size will be approximately 80" X 80". This project will be machine pieced using strip piecing and traditional piecing methods.

Supply List

Fabric: Assuming 44" wide fabric

2 1/4 yards--each of 2 fabrics for blocks (may use assortment of 11 fat quarters in place of each of the 2 fabrics. For example 11 blue and 11 green fat quarters)

1 1/2 yards background fabric (For example a neutral such as white, cream, black or gray)

1 yard contrasting fabric (For example yellow or purple)

2/3 yard for binding

2 1/2 yards of 90" wide for backing

Batting for 80 X 80 quilt top

Equipment

Sewing machine (with bobbin, power cords, control foot, etc...) in good working order

Extension cord

1/4" foot or method to achieve a 1/4" seam

Rotary cutter/mat

Rulers: Square gridded ruler at least 10 1/2", Long Rectangle gridded ruler for cutting strips

Pins

Seam Ripper (hopefully not needed)

Scissor or thread snips

Pencil

Paper Sack or Thread/scrap catcher

Thread

Quart size Ziploc Bags

## Pre-cutting Instructions

Layer both “block” fabrics, one on top of the other, to cut both at once.

Strip Size	# of Strips of each fabric	Sub-cut
3”	3	
3”	13	8” for 64 rectangles of each fabric 3” X 8”
3 ”	8	10 ½” for 32 rectangles of each fabric 3” X 10 ½”
Recommend putting each set into a labeled Ziploc bag.		

## Background Fabric

Strip Size	# of Strips
3”	5
5 ½”	6
Recommend putting each set into a labeled Ziploc bag.	

## Contrast Fabric

Strip Size	# of Strips
5 ½”	5
Recommend putting into a labeled Ziploc bag.	



STEP 1

All seams are scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Designate one of the "block" fabrics to be the "A" fabric and one to be the "B" fabric.

- A. Use the 3" strips of your "A" fabric and sew long right sides together with 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips of your background fabric. Press to the dark side. You should have 3 strip sets.



- B. Cut these into 3" wide segments. They should measure 3" X 8". You will need 32 of these. Place these in a Ziploc bag.

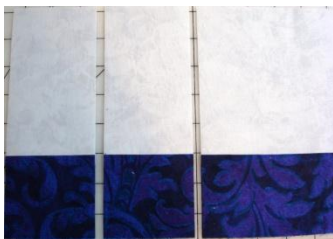


*\*\*Cutting tip: Fold your strip set in half, right sides together, matching seams. Line your ruler up with the seam line rather than the top or bottom of the strip set.*

- C. Use the 3" strips of your "B" fabric and sew long right sides together with 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips of your background fabric. Press to the dark side. You should have 3 strip sets.



- D. Cut these into 3" wide segments. They should measure 3" X 8". You will need 32 of these. Place these in a Ziploc bag.



STEP 2

- A. Use the 3" strips of your background fabric; sew long right sides together with 5 ½" strips of your contrast fabric. Press to the dark side. You should have 5 strip sets.



- B. Cut these into 3" wide segments. They should measure 3" X 8". You will need 64 of these.



- C. Use the segments from step 1; sew the long right sides together with the segments from step 2 as pictured. Press to the dark side. You should have 32 of each. Place these in a Ziploc Bag.



**\*\*Construction Note:** Your contrast fabric should be on the bottom with the background fabric going under the needle first.

STEP 3

- A. Use the segments created in Step 2; sew a matching 3" X 8" rectangle to one side of each segment. Press out to the rectangles.



*\*\*Construction note: If one of your segments is longer than the other, place the longer on the bottom and tug slightly matching the ends to allow the feed dogs of the sewing machine to take up the fullness. (The differences may be due to your 1/4" seam needing to be adjusted or more consistent.)*

- B. Sew a matching 3" X 8" rectangle to the opposite side of each segment. Press out to the rectangles.



STEP 4

- A. Use the segments created above; sew a matching 3" X 10 1/2" rectangle to the background side of the segment. Press in to the center.



- B. Square up your segments. They should measure 10 1/2" square. If you need to square them slightly smaller, you will be fine as long as they are all the same size.

STEP 5

- A. Use 1 "A" fabric segments and 1 "B" fabric segment; sew together as pictured. Press toward the "A" segments.



- B. Using two of the sets created above; sew together as pictured. Blocks should measure 20 1/2" with seams



- C. Sew the blocks in sets of 4.



D. Sew the 4 block sets together.



E. Quilt and bind as desired.

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