

Thank you for participating in the 2022/2023 Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild Mystery Quilt Project. This quilt pattern is designed for an advanced beginner, there are **no** Y-seams, paper piecing, or applique in the quilt. There are some half-square triangles and flying geese. It is a modern mystery quilt with plenty of negative space (background) with instructions for both lap and queen-sized quilts. This pattern is used with the permission of pattern designer. The name of the quilt and the designer/publisher will be provided in the last set of instructions to avoid spoiling the surprise.

PATTERN NOTES:

- Width of fabrics (WOF) for this pattern is assumed to be 40”.
- A ¼” seam is to be used throughout the construction of the quilt unless otherwise instructed.

Fabric Requirements

	Lap Size	Queen Size
Finished Size	60" x 67"	89 ½" x 95"
Fabric A	¾ yd	⅝ yd
Fabric B	¾ yd or 11 layer cake slices (10" x 10") or 11 jelly roll strips (2 ½" x WOF)	1 ⅜ yds or 11 fat quarters
Fabric C	⅝ yd	1 ⅞ yds
Fabric D	4 ¼ yds	7 yds
Binding Fabric	⅝ yd	⅞ yd
Backing Fabric	3 ⅞ yds	8 ¼ yds
Batting	68" x 75"	98" x 103"

Fabric Selection Tips

- Within these quilt instructions, the following colors will be used to represent the fabrics:



- Fabric D is the background of the quilt. As you can see from the fabric yardages above, about 70% of the quilt is going to be background fabric. So that the eye has a

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place to rest within the quilt, it is suggested that a solid or a tone-on-tone print that reads as a solid be used for Fabric D.

- Due to the finished fabric piece sizes and piecing methods for the quilt top, it is recommended that fabric prints used have a smaller scale, non-directional design.
- Each of the fabric yardages above may be made using scraps of similar colors instead of a single fabric. Instructions are included to use pre-cuts for Fabric B.
- The following fabrics will be next to each other within the quilt, please test your fabrics selections to make sure that there is enough contrast between the fabrics:
A is next to C and D
B is next to C and D
C is next to A, B, and D
D is next to A, B, and C
- For these quilt instructions, the colors used in the illustrations are as follows:
A and B are medium tones
C is a dark tone
D is a light tone
However, you can easily change up the colors (such as making D a dark tone) as long as there is good contrast between the fabrics that are going to be next to each other.

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Lap Size Cutting Instructions

If you like to oversize and then trim down your half square triangles (HSTs), then oversize the pieces indicated with a * by about ¼”.



FABRIC A

1. Cut 3 strips* 3" x WOF.
 - a. Sub-cut the strips into 36 squares* 3" x 3" (each strip can yield 13 squares).



FABRIC B

If starting with yardage...

1. Cut 9 strips 2 ½" x WOF.
 - a. Sub-cut the strips into 72 rectangles 2 ½" x 4 ½" (each strip can yield 8 rectangles).

OR

If starting with layer cake slices (10" x 10") or a jelly roll strips (2 ½" x WOF)...

1. Cut 7 of the slices/strips each into 8 rectangles 2 ½" x 4 ½".
 2. Cut 4 of the slices/strips each into 4 rectangles 2 ½" x 4 ½".
- Keep all matching pieces from each slice/strip grouped together within the fabric pile.



FABRIC C

1. Cut 6 strips 2 ½" x WOF.
 - a. Sub-cut the strips into 91 squares 2 ½" x 2 ½" (each strip can yield 16 squares).



FABRIC D

1. Cut 3 strips* 3" x WOF.
 - a. Sub-cut the strips into 36 squares* 3" x 3" (each strip can yield 13 squares).
 2. Cut 13 strips 2 ½" x WOF.
 - a. Sub-cut 6 strips into 36 rectangles 2 ½" x 6 ½" (each strip can yield 6 rectangles).
 - b. Sub-cut 7 strips into 112 squares 2 ½" x 2 ½" (each strip can yield 16 squares).
- The majority of Fabric D will be left uncut for now, the remainder will be cut in a future month.

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Queen Size Cutting Instructions

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FABRIC A

1. Cut 4 strips* 4" x WOF.
 - a. Sub-cut the strips into 36 squares* 4" x 4" (each strip can yield 10 squares).



FABRIC B

If starting with yardage...

1. Cut 12 strips 3 ½" x WOF.
 - a. Sub-cut the strips into 72 rectangles 3 ½" x 6 ½" (each strip can yield 6 rectangles).

OR

If starting with fat quarters (18" x 20")...

1. Cut 7 of the fat quarters each into 8 rectangles 3 ½" x 6 ½".
 2. Cut 4 of the fat quarters each into 4 rectangles 3 ½" x 6 ½".
- Keep all matching pieces from each fat quarter grouped together within the fabric pile.



FABRIC C

1. Cut 9 strips 3 ½" x WOF.
 - a. Sub-cut the strips into 91 squares 3 ½" x 3 ½" (each strip can yield 11 squares).



FABRIC D

1. Cut 4 strips* 4" x WOF.
 - a. Sub-cut the strips into 36 squares* 4" x 4" (each strip can yield 10 squares).
 2. Cut 20 strips 3 ½" x WOF.
 - a. Sub-cut 9 strips into 36 rectangles 3 ½" x 9 ½" (each strip can yield 4 rectangles).
 - b. Sub-cut 11 strips into 112 squares 3 ½" x 3 ½" (each strip can yield 11 squares).
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