

YQG 2019 Mystery Quilt

Please join us in an adventure to produce a quilt top over the course of six months. The top should not require any advanced piecing techniques but will produce a colorful dramatic quilt that can be either scrappy or coordinated depending on your fabric choices. The only piecing you will need to do will be to produce half-square-triangle and four-patch blocks and set those together into two larger blocks. (There will be no applique, paper piecing or Y-seams.) Borders are suggested and it will be your choice as to how many to include or what size to make them, depending on the size you want to make it. Quilting will be up to you as you desire.

While the numbers of square you will cut may seem large, if you cut one fat quarter a day and then do the background fabric in stages, a month should be plenty of time to finish the cutting given below.

We will give directions for two sizes. The smaller size will be 53"X65" including a 2.5" border. The larger size will be 65"X77", also including one 2.5" border. If you want a larger quilt, each of these can be increased by 8" by adding a 4" outer border. The quilt could also be expanded by adding rows or columns but you will need extra fat quarters and extra yardage.

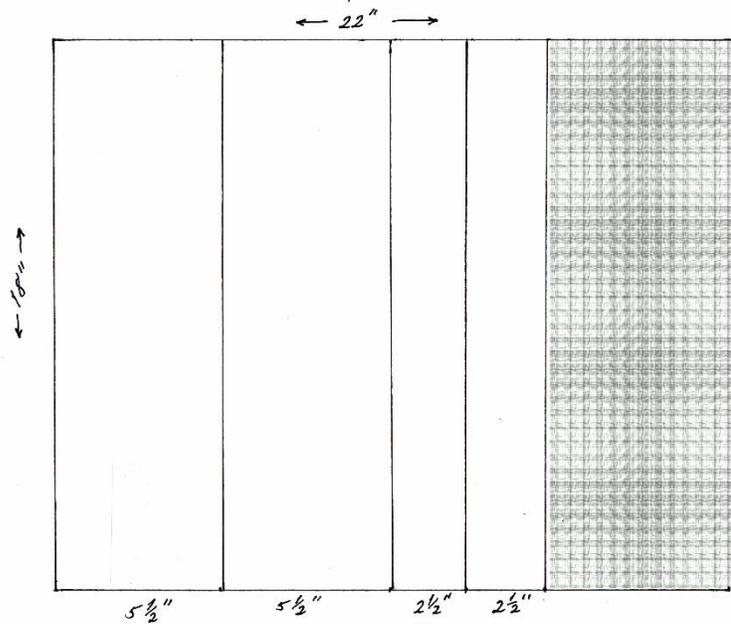
You will need the following:

- **Assorted fat quarters: 10 for the smaller size, 15 for the larger size.** (You may have a few small squares left over after assembly, but this will give you some leeway in choosing what to combine with what.) These should be either dark to medium or bright. For a scrappier look, choose a variety or cut the total number of squares specified below from a wider variety of fabrics. For a more coordinated look, choose the fabrics to speak to each other more comfortably, perhaps using one or two fabrics to key the others off of.
- **Background fabric: 2 yds for smaller size, 3 yds for larger size. This should be light in color and a shade to compliment most of your fat quarter fabrics.** This should be generous, but given that widths of fabrics may not be exactly 42" and the cuts made in measuring fabrics may not be straight on grain, it is best to be generous.
- **Border fabric:** If you are willing to piece your border, then you will need about 5/8 yd of the border fabric for either size. If you do not want to piece the border, you will need a length of fabric the length of the quilt you make. This is for the inner border. If you want to add a second border, 1¼ yds should suffice for a pieced border; otherwise you will have to measure your quilt top and buy accordingly.
- **Binding:** If you make your own binding, depending on whether you do straight binding or continuous bias binding, you may need as much as 3/4 yd.
- **Batting and backing fabric to fit.**

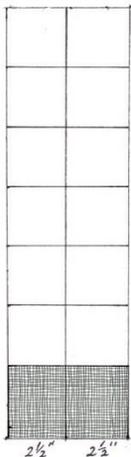
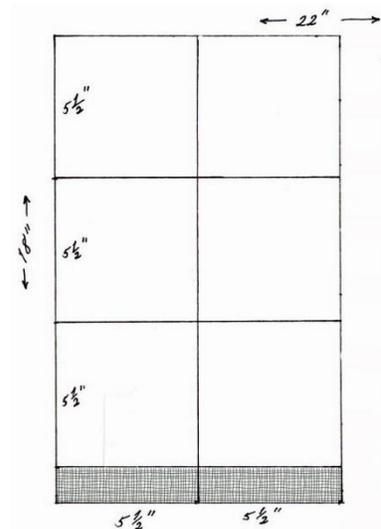
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Cutting instructions:

Fat quarters: From each fat quarter, along the 18" side, cut two strips 5.5" X 18", then cut 2 strips 2.5" X 18". Set remainder aside for possible use later.



From each of the 5.5" strips, cut three 5.5" squares. (There will be a small strip left over on each.) You should now have 6 squares 5.5" on a side



From each of the 2.5" strips, cut six 2.5" squares. (Again, there will be some left over.) This will give you 12 squares 2.5" on a side. We will not use quite all of these, but this will give you some choice later. Or you can get creative with the extras in a border.

You should now have a total of 60 5.5" squares and 120 2.5" squares for the smaller quilt. You will need 90 5.5" squares and 180 2.5" squares for the larger quilt.

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Background fabric:

Small Quilt:

- Across the width of the fabric, cut nine strips $5\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Cut each of these strips into seven $5\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for a total of 63, of which you will use 60.
- Cut eight strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Cut each of these strips into sixteen $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide squares for a total of 128, of which you will use 120. (Or you can cut only 7 strips at 2.5" and get 112 squares from those, getting the remaining squares out of the remnants from the $5\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.)

Large Quilt:

- Across the width of the fabric, cut thirteen strips $5\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Cut each of these strips into seven $5\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for a total of 91, of which you will use 90.
- Cut twelve strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Cut each of these strips into sixteen $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide squares for a total of 192, of which you will use 180. (Or you can cut only 11 strips at 2.5" to get 176 square, getting the remain squares out of the remnants from the $5\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.)

Wait to cut border and backing, etc., until you are sure of the finished size of your top.