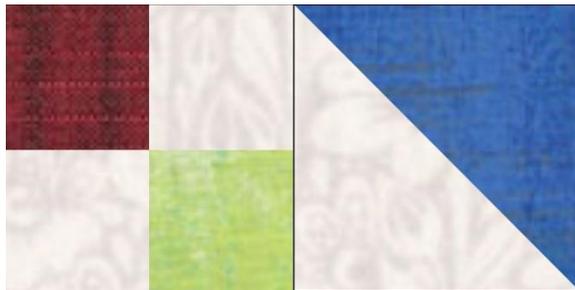


## YQG 2019 Mystery Quilt – Clue 4

By now you should have 120 or 180 (depending on whether you are making the smaller or the larger size) half-square-triangle (fondly known as “HST”s) squares, and either 60 (smaller size) or 90 (large size) four-patch squares. All should be 4 ½ inches square. We’re now going to sew these together into rows that will be combined in the next clue to make your full quilt blocks.

Orient the four-patch so that the dark squares are in the upper left and lower right corners. To each of the four-patch squares, sew one HST square with the light triangle beside the four-patch and the dark triangle above the light one. Press the seam away from the four-patch. You should have 60 or 90 assemblies that look like this:



Now, for the smaller size, pick 20 of these assemblies and twenty more HST squares, making sure, if possible that the second HST square has a different fabric from that already used. For the larger size, you will use 30 of each. To each of the assemblies already made, sew the second HST square to the left-hand side of the four-patch, again with the light side next to the four-patch, but with the dark triangle below the light one. Again, press the seam away from the four-patch. You should have 20 or 30 units, depending on the size you chose, looking like this:



Set these aside for clue 5.

Again depending on which size you are making, to each of the remaining 40 or 60 assemblies with one four-patch and one HST square (oriented as above with the dark squares in the upper left and lower right corners), sew one of the remaining HST squares on the right-hand side next to the HST square already attached, with the dark triangles together and the light triangle of the new one on top. Press this seam toward the center HST square. Your unit should look like this:



You should now have 20 or 30 units with the four-patch in the center and 40 or 60 units with the four-patch on the left-hand side. These will await final block assembly in Clue 5.