

BVP MYSTERY QUILT – OCTOBER 2009

NOTE: Shortly after the September meeting, a question was raised about the mystery quilt—could it be made smaller by simply leaving off a few rows. At first I was going to respond that it had to be the size I had already written up—since it's a diagonally pieced project, you can't leave off rows to make it smaller. But then I got to thinking about it and decided it could actually be made in several different sizes. As originally drafted, the blocks are 12 inches finished. By making either 9 inch or 6 inch blocks, you would have a smaller quilt. So I went back to the drawing board and came up with additional cutting instructions for 9 inch and 6 inch blocks. The first numbers in the cutting directions are for the 12 inch size; then in parentheses there are cutting directions for the 9 inch and 6 inch blocks. I suggest that you use a highlighter to mark the directions you will be using. Hope this helps those who would like to have something smaller. Approximate quilt sizes would be: 52"x70" (12 inch blocks); 40"x52" (9 inch blocks); 27"x36" (6 inch blocks)

Cutting Directions (It will help if you keep each of your cut pieces in separate baggies identified by fabric; i.e., a baggie for Fabric A pieces, a baggie for Fabric B pieces.)

Fabric A: Background for Blocks

- Cut 40 rectangles $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$; ($5'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$); ($3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2''$)
- Cut 6 squares $4\frac{7}{8}''$, cut once diagonally; ($3\frac{7}{8}''$); ($2\frac{7}{8}''$) *
- Cut 16 rectangles $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$; ($3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2''$); ($2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$)
- Cut 4 squares $4\frac{1}{2}''$; ($3\frac{1}{2}''$); ($2\frac{1}{2}''$)
- Cut 16 squares $3\frac{7}{8}''$, cut once diagonally ($3\frac{1}{8}''$); ($2\frac{3}{8}''$) *
- Cut 16 squares $3\frac{1}{2}''$; ($2\frac{3}{4}''$); ($2''$)

Fabric A: Background for borders and setting triangles

Borders: Cut 7 pieces $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times$ WOF. Then sew pieces together and cut the following pieces from sewn strips –

Cut 2 pieces $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 54''$ (Or width of your top)

Cut 2 pieces $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 71''$ (Or length of your top)

NOTE: You may wait to cut border strips until the top is together to make sure they will fit.

Setting Triangles: These are cut oversize so you will eventually have to trim edges.

Cut 3 squares $19\frac{1}{2}''$, cut twice diagonally ($15\frac{1}{4}''$) ($10\frac{1}{2}''$)

Corner Triangles:

Cut 2 squares $10''$, cut once diagonally ($7\frac{1}{2}''$) ($5\frac{1}{2}''$)

Fabric B:

- Cut 16 squares $3\frac{7}{8}''$, cut once diagonally; ($3\frac{1}{8}''$); ($2\frac{3}{8}''$) *

Fabric C:

Cut 1 square $4 \frac{7}{8}$ ", cut once diagonally; ($3 \frac{7}{8}$ ") ($2 \frac{7}{8}$ ") *
Cut 4 rectangles $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $2 \frac{1}{2}$ "; ($3 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 2 "); ($2 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ")
Cut 20 squares $3 \frac{1}{2}$ "; ($2 \frac{3}{4}$ "); (2 ")

Fabric D:

Cut 4 squares $4 \frac{1}{2}$ "; ($3 \frac{1}{2}$ "); ($2 \frac{1}{2}$ ")
Cut 4 squares $3 \frac{7}{8}$ ", cut once diagonally; ($3 \frac{1}{8}$ "); ($2 \frac{3}{8}$ ") *
Cut 20 squares $3 \frac{1}{2}$ "; ($2 \frac{3}{4}$ "); (2 ")

Fabric E:

Cut 12 rectangles $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $2 \frac{1}{2}$ "; ($3 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 2 "); ($2 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ")
Cut 4 squares $3 \frac{7}{8}$ ", cut once diagonally; ($3 \frac{1}{8}$ "); ($2 \frac{3}{8}$ ") *
Cut 20 squares $3 \frac{1}{2}$ "; ($2 \frac{3}{4}$ "); (2 ")

Fabric F:

Cut 5 squares $4 \frac{7}{8}$ ", cut once diagonally; ($3 \frac{7}{8}$ "); ($2 \frac{7}{8}$ ") *
Cut 8 squares $3 \frac{7}{8}$ ", cut once diagonally; (($3 \frac{1}{8}$ "); ($2 \frac{3}{8}$ ") *
Cut 20 squares $3 \frac{1}{2}$ "; (($2 \frac{3}{4}$ "); (2 ")

NOTE: The following is a list of all the $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangle units necessary for the whole quilt, along with the month we will use them. You may use whatever method you prefer to make these units—(1) follow the cutting directions above (pieces marked by an asterisk); (2) use Thangles or other paper piecing product, (3) use the grid method of drawing squares on your fabric. If you prefer to use the drawn grid method, you should not cut the $4 \frac{7}{8}$ " or $3 \frac{7}{8}$ " squares listed in the cutting directions. Instead you should cut appropriate size pieces of the fabrics to create your grid. squares.

- (10) A/F units – $4 \frac{7}{8}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangle units (January); ($3 \frac{7}{8}$ "); ($2 \frac{7}{8}$ ")
- (2) A/C units – $4 \frac{7}{8}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangle units (January); ($3 \frac{7}{8}$ "); ($2 \frac{7}{8}$ ")
- (32) A/B units – $3 \frac{7}{8}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangle units (February); ($3 \frac{1}{8}$ "); ($2 \frac{3}{8}$ ")
- (8) E/F units – $3 \frac{7}{8}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangle units (February); ($3 \frac{1}{8}$ "); ($2 \frac{3}{8}$ ")
- (8) D/F units – $3 \frac{7}{8}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangle units (February); ($3 \frac{1}{8}$ "); ($2 \frac{3}{8}$ ")

Okay—in November we'll move on to putting some units together, so the fun will begin. In the meantime, if you have any questions, give me a call (703 354 0791) or e-mail me at elainestuff@yahoo.com