

MODERN MYSTERY QUILT INSTALLMENT #1

Finished size: 50"×80" napping quilt

Skill level: Adventurous Beginner

MATERIALS

4 yards assorted colored fabrics for blocks and binding

2½ yards field fabric

3¼ yards backing fabric

54"×84" batting

SUPPLIES

Template plastic

Fabric marking pen or pencil

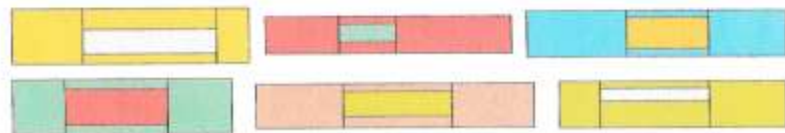
Choosing Fabrics

We used a variety of clear, medium-value solid-colored fabrics with an off-white background for our quilt, but commercial prints, batiks, and hand dyes in your favorite color scheme will also produce a successful design. Just be sure the background fabric is either significantly lighter or darker in value than your block fabrics.

Getting Started

Read directions thoroughly before beginning (but don't look ahead and spoil the surprise). Directions are based on careful cutting and a ¼" seam allowance. Wash and dry all fabric before cutting. Press seams open to give your quilt a flat, crisp look.

You'll be making 10 blocks of assorted colors and configurations ranging in size from 2½"×14" to 5"×17" similar to these:



Making the Blocks

1. From a variety of the colored fabrics, cut 10 rectangles ranging in size from 1"×4" to 2"×8". These will be the "centers" of the blocks.



2. Select one of these rectangles and sew different width strips of another fabric to the top and bottom to make it between 2½"–5" high. Trim edges flush. Press the seams open.



3. Sew two strips of different widths to the sides of the center unit to make a block that measures between 14"–17" wide. Press the seams open.



4. Repeat steps 2–3 to make a total of 10 blocks ranging in size from 2½"×14" to 5"×17".