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A Mystery Quilt designed by Kathryn Greenwold

QUILT-Schenectady Guild Mystery Challenge 2012-13

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The Mystery Quilt is a year-long challenge beginning in September and ending in June with Show and Share (and awards!) You will receive one step of instructions each month from September through February. You will have all the instructions needed to complete this quilt by our February meeting which should give you enough time to have it ready for our June meeting. There will be a few copies of instructions available at each meeting, but they will also be posted on the guild website for easy access and downloading. Any questions, call Kathie Greenwold.

This year's quilt makes use of one strip pack and 4 coordinating fabrics to create a geometric design. All piecing techniques used are simple and would be appropriate even for a beginning quilter. This quilt would make a great throw for use at home, or a small Northeast Parent and Child or Veteran's donation quilt. Feel free to make the design your own by enlarging it (additional yardage would be needed), by adding borders, or some appliqué!

Have fun as the design unfolds.

PART 1

You will need to purchase one strip pack (or create one from your stash). A strip pack usually includes 40 strips (2 each of 20 fabrics) that are 2 1/2" x 44" (or the width of the fabric). You could create a very scrappy set from your stash with good results – just be sure to include light, medium, and dark fabrics for some variation in your strip-pieced units. If you are working from your stash, choose fabrics in a 2-3 color scheme for best results.

You will also need 4 feature fabrics. Again – a 2-3 color scheme would work well. You do need 2 dark fabrics and 2 light fabrics for these featured fabrics. ***Contrast will be important for your design.***

You will need:

- 1 strip pack (40 strips 2 1/2" x 44" – usually 2 strips ea. of 20 fabrics)
Note – as planned here, you will actually only need about half of your strip pack. You can use 4-5 sets of 4 fabrics (16-20 strips) to create this quilt. Use the rest of your strip pack to enlarge this quilt, or create another.
- 1 1/2 yards fabric #1 (dark) – body of the quilt and large outer border
- 1 yard fabric #2 (light) – body of the quilt and small inner border
- 3/4 yard fabric #3 (dark) – body of the quilt
- 1/2 yard fabric #4 (light) – body of the quilt
- 1/2 yard binding (consider either fabric #3 or #4)
- 4 yards for backing – see note below*

Twin bed size batting
Threads for piecing and quilting
Chalk or other light/removable marking system
Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
4 ½" and 8 ½" square would be helpful but are not necessary
Sewing machine in good working condition
Your usual machine sewing kit

*If you plan to hand quilt, you will need less excess backing fabric and batting and you will want to thread baste the top for quilting rather than pin or spray basting.

NOTE: These yardages all include a little extra for additional border options or in case you make a bad cut.

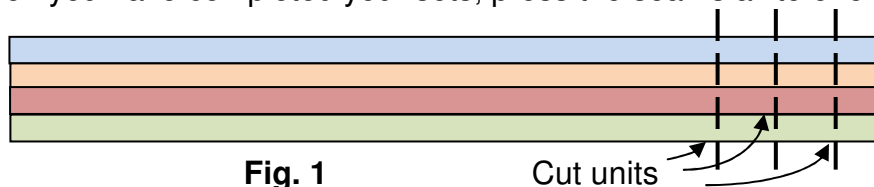
The quilt as designed will finish to approximately 58" x 70"

For Part 1 you will want to assemble your materials and then do the following:

Sew your strip pack strips together in sets of 4 strips each. Be sure to mix them up with light, medium, and dark fabrics. Also mix up your colors if the pack is multicolored.

You should get 10 sets of 4 strips each as shown below if using a strip pack. However, you can complete this quilt with only 4 or 5 sets of 4 strips each. You can create a larger quilt by using all of the sets possible from your strip pack, or you can save them for another quilt.

When you have completed your sets, press the seams all to one side.



Cut units from these strips that measures 8 ½" high x 4 ½" wide (the strip unit should be 8 ½" x the width of your strips. Cut 4 ½" units from this long strip. **See figure 1.**

You will need 31 8 ½" x 4 ½" units to complete this quilt as designed, so you will have a few extra units. Set them aside to use for something else.

This pattern is intended for personal and donation quilting only. For copies of the full pattern, contact Kathryn Greenwold at lgreeny@aol.com.