

Mystery Quilt 2018 - Step One – January

I include steps for the first months so you have a chance to try the entire star process and ask questions or get help at the Feb. meeting if you need it.

Remember FOUR important things.

1. Your scant quarter inch is really important. Be consistent.
2. If my directions confuse you, or if something doesn't work. Call me 410 452 5646 or 443 299 7534.
3. Save your instruction sheets, you will need to refer back to them occasionally.
4. Relax, don't stress, this should be fun.

Small Designs This will be the largest amount of sewing of all the quilt.

If you choose **OPTION 1 – PLANNED**---You chose three color pairs(1, 2, and 3) for your small designs. You will make 12 or (16) of each color pair. Therefore -you will finish 36 (48) little stars by the in steps one and 2.

If you chose **OPTION 2 – SCRAPPY** ----You will make 36 (48) little stars in as many color combinations as you want.

Both Options – Background Fabric

Out side edges - cut 2 strips 2 x 82 inches. This can be pieced from five WOF 2 inch strips, and cut 2 strips 2 x 66 (84) inches. This can be pieced from four WOF 2 inch strips. Set aside and label for step 9.

The background for the 12(16) blocks is best cut as you go. I will give the cutting instructions for each step. If you have the recommended amount of background fabric, you should have plenty.

Background: step 1 and step 2, cut 72 (96) squares, $2\frac{3}{4}$ x $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. cut 144 (192) squares 2 x 2 in.

Fabric 1: Option 1- Use only Fabric Pairs 1,2 , and 3. Cut 24(32) of each Fab.-1 color, $2\frac{3}{4}$ x $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. (total 72 (96), 3 colors)

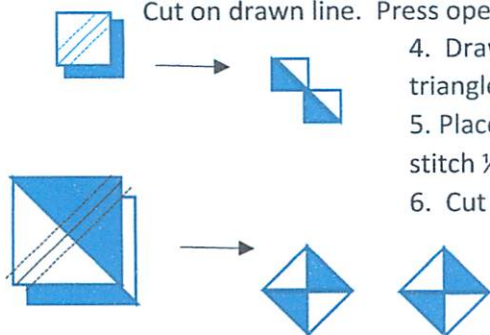
Option 2 – cut 2 of Each Fab.-1 colors, $2\frac{3}{4}$ x $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. (total 72 (96) (2 of each of 36 (48) colors)

Fabric 2: Option 1 – Cut 12 (16) squares, 2 x 2 in. of each fab.- 2 color.(total 36 (48) in the three colors).

Option 2 – cut 1 square, 2 x 2in. of each fabric-2 color (total 36 (48)in many colors)

Instructions for piecing.

1. On the back of each background $2\frac{3}{4}$ inch square draw a diagonal line corner to corner.
2. Layer a $2\frac{3}{4}$ in bkgd. And $2\frac{3}{4}$ in fab 1 square and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on either side of the drawn line
3. Cut on drawn line. Press open with seam pressed to darker fabric.
4. Drawn a diagonal line on the back of one of these half-square triangle pieces.
5. Place these two, right sides together, butt seams, pin, and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ in from the diagonal line.
6. Cut on drawn line. Press



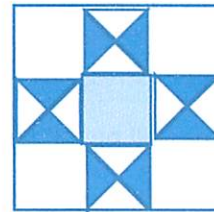
7. Make these with all your $2\frac{3}{4}$ inch squares. Keep like colors together) These will be used (4 at a time, all alike) in each design in step 2.

8. Even if you do not finish all of step one before the February meeting, try to finish a few of step two stars in case you have problems. continued

Mystery Quilt 2018 - Step two – February

Make 36(48) little stars. Your pieced units from step 1 will be

The star 'points'.



1. Use your cuts and pieced $\frac{1}{4}$ squares to make your little stars.
2. For each star use 4 of pieced squares that match,
pay attention to the direction of the colored 'points'.
3. Use the 2 x 2 inch squares of Background in the corners.
4. Use the fabric-2 square (2 x 2 in.) that coordinates with the fabric-1 points in the center.
5. Option 1 – You will finish with 12(16) of each of your color pairs 1, 2, and 3. For a total of 36 (48) small stars.
Option – 2 You will finish 36 (48) stars, all different.