

# Twinkling Gems Mystery Quilt

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Baby/Small Throw

42" x 54"

Large Throw

56" x 67"

Congratulations on your bravery. If this is your first mystery quilt, let me assure you that it will be fun and easy. Each step will be demonstrated in class. Choose fabric you love and you will love the quilt.

This quilt can be a small or large throw. The small throw is perfect for a baby gift. We will rotary cut and machine piece. There is no appliqué. Choose three fabrics that you like together. Then read the hints below to decide how they will be used. Please Avoid Directional Fabric.

**Border Fabric:** This fabric should be the brightest, most dominant of your fabrics. It can be a tone on tone or a multi-color print that could be cut up small and still look good. This works best if the print is evenly distributed all over the fabric. It can be a small to medium scale print. Avoid Directional Fabric. It will be used in the piecing as well as the border.

**Contrast Fabric:** Next choose a fabric that contrasts with the Border Fabric, but is not as bright or demanding. This will make a secondary design. It should be a bit less noticeable than the Border Fabric. For a Christmas quilt, this should be the green and the border fabric should be the red. Red is much more dominating. We will be sewing it to the Border Fabric and will want them to contrast. Avoid Directional Fabric.

**Background:** This fabric needs to contrast with both of the other fabrics. You can choose a print, a texture or an almost solid fabric. Avoid Directional Fabric.

That is it. Three fabrics. The amounts you need are below.

Fabric	Description	Baby 42" x 54"	Throw 56" x 67"
Border Fabric	Borders, binding and also will be in the piecing	2 $\frac{3}{8}$ yards	3 yards
Contrast Fabric	This will make a secondary design. Not as demanding as the Border Fabric	$\frac{3}{4}$ yard	1 yard
Background	Print, plain or texture that goes with the other fabrics	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards	3 yards
Quilt Back**		48" x 60" 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards	62" x 73" 4 yards
Batting**		48" x 60"	62" x 73"

\*\* May need to be larger if being quilted on a longarm machine. These numbers allow 3" on each side.

Please purchase the fabrics before class and prepare them in this way.

1. Dip each fabric, one at a time in cool or lukewarm water to check for color bleeding. Set color with Retayne if one bleeds.
2. Soak in cool or lukewarm water for a few minutes and spin dry. (No need for detergent or fabric softener.)
3. Dry in dryer until just dry and press. I recommend using spray starch. Cutting and sewing will be easier with crisp fabric.

Hint: Before you wash fabric, cut a tiny scrap off each fabric and tape or glue on left margin near charts on cutting pages so you know which fabric to cut.

You will need to bring your sewing machine, basic sewing supplies and basic rotary cutting supplies.

**Cutting instructions will be sent after you have registered for the class.**