

Faceted Jewels Mystery Quilt

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Table Topper/Wallhanging 40" x 40"

Throw 60" x 60"

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 table topper or hang on a wall. Or it can be a throw. The measurements are given above. We will rotary cut and machine piece. There is no appliqué. It uses three fabrics. Some hints are given below for choosing fabric. Please Avoid Directional Fabric.

Border Fabric: This 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 really well with the Border Fabric. It can be brighter, darker or bolder. Or maybe it needs to be a different color. (Red and Green would make a nice Christmas quilt.) We will be sewing it to the Border Fabric and will want to see it easily against it. This fabric should be tone on tone, very plain fabric with texture but basically just one color. Avoid Directional Fabric.

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

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

| Fabric | Description | Table Topper 40" x 40" | Throw 60" x 60" |
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| Border Fabric | Borders, binding and also will be in the piecing | 1 5/8 yards | 2 5/8 yards |
| Contrast Fabric | Bright or dark to stand out from the border fabric | 7/8 yard | 1 5/8 yards |
| Background | Muted print or texture | 1 3/8 yards | 2 1/4 yards |
| Quilt Back** | | 44" x 44" (1 3/8 yd if 44" wide) | 66" x 66" (4 yards) |
| Batting** | | 44" x 44" | 66" x 66" |

** May need to be larger if being quilted on a longarm machine.

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.