

One For All or All For One

2011 Mystery Quilt

Step 1

For this surprising final design, you have two options (yes, certainly you may make both):

1. **One for All:** Use one fabric and one background for all pieces. This option will work best if you choose a large to medium-scale multicolor print. The background will need to be a color (value) that is NOT in the multicolor.
2. **All for One:** Use all shades, tones and textures of one color. It is suggested that you choose many values. The overall design will be successful with one background or with many backgrounds as long as all backgrounds are of about the same value.

Following the directions given, your mystery will finish at 55" x 55", before borders. With a 1 ½" narrow border and a 6" outer border, the finished top will be about 70" x 70". If you wish to make your quilt larger or smaller, of course you will need different amounts of fabrics.

Directions will be given in four steps: August, September, October and November.

Fabric for option 1:

- Approximately 3+ yards of the multicolor; plus an additional 1 yard for borders and binding
- 4+ yards background

Fabric for option 2:

- At least 32 of your "one color" fabrics, cut in 3 ½" strips
- Additional "one color" 3 ½" strips (12 up to 32 different fabrics)
- About 4+ yards background

Month 1: (if using fabric option 1, disregard the mentions of light, medium and dark and just use your background and main fabric)

Note: if you wish to have your borders cut on the lengthwise grain, cut them first.

Step A:

- You will need to cut (24) 3 ½" background squares and (24) 3 ½" medium squares. Place one background square with one medium square (right sides together), draw a diagonal line and sew ¼" from the line on each side and cut along the drawn line (classic half-square triangle

technique). This will yield (48) 3 1/8" half square triangles. Trim these to 3". Join these together as shown in the graphic to make the (12) blocks.

- Press these towards the background fabric.


Step B:

- You will need to cut and sew (4) 3 1/2" dark squares, (4) 3 1/2" light squares and (8) 3 1/2" background squares. Using the same half square triangle technique as instructed above to make (8) dark/background HSTs, and (8) light/background HSTs. Trim to 3".

Step C:


- Sew the half square triangles from Step A together as in the graphic on the left, sewing values as shown.
- Sew the half square triangles from Step B together as in the graphic on the right, sewing values as shown.


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Background: 

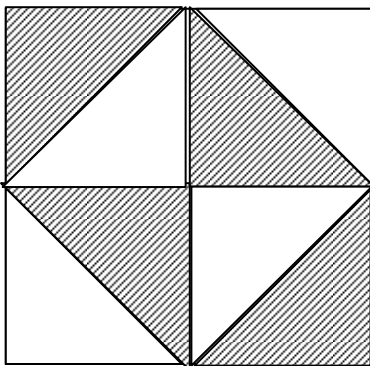
Main fabric:

Light: 

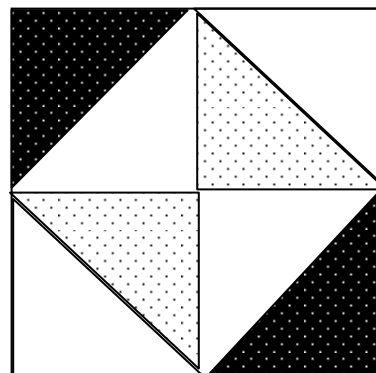
Medium: 

Dark or Intense: 

Make 12 (Step A):



Make 4 (Step B):



Stay tuned for the next mysterious chapter...