

Mystery Quilt

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Materials to make a 48" x 60" quilt with no borders.

Block size is 12".

Focus Fabric: 1 yard of a novelty or floral, or enough to cut 20 – 6½" squares if fussy cutting.

Three fabrics that complement your focus, 1 yard each. Label these A, B and C.

Background fabric: 1½ yards.

Purchase additional fabric for borders if desired.

Cut all strips selvage to selvage. Sew all seams at ¼".

From Fabric A cut 8 – 4" strips; cut into 4" squares (80 squares)

From Fabric B cut 2 – 4" strips; cut into 4" squares (20 squares)

From Fabric C cut 2 – 4" strips; cut into 4" squares (20 squares)

From background fabric, cut 12 – 4" strips, cut into 4" squares (120 squares)

Set aside remainder of fabric for next month.

Draw diagonal line on wrong side of each background fabric square from corner to corner. Layer one background square with each of the other cut squares, right sides together. Sew each pair together ¼" on each side of drawn line. Cut each pair apart on drawn line to make two triangle units. Press open. Square each unit to 3½", making sure to keep seam on diagonal from corner to corner.

You will have 160 half-square triangle units of fabric A and background fabric. Label these "Unit 1." Press seam allowance toward fabric A on 80 units, and toward the background fabric on the remaining 80 units.

You will have 40 half-square triangle units of fabric B and background fabric; label these "Unit 2." Press seam allowances toward fabric B.

You will have 40 half-square triangle units of fabric C and background fabric; label these "Unit 3." Press seam allowances toward fabric C.

Questions?

Call or e-mail Susan Surfleet or Angi Merlone (see roster).

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Cut twenty (20) $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares from focus fabric, fussy cutting if desired.

Cut four (4) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strips from Fabric B and from Fabric C. Cut each strip into ten (10) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. You will have forty (40) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of each fabric.

Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Step 1: Align a marked square of Fabric B in the upper left corner of a $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square of focus fabric, right sides facing. See Diagram 1.

Sew on marked line. Trim to $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, press fabric B back.

Step 2: Align and sew a second marked square of Fabric B to the lower right corner of same $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Trim and press as before.

Repeat Steps 1 and 2, sewing two marked fabric C squares to the remaining corners of the $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square to form the focus fabric unit.

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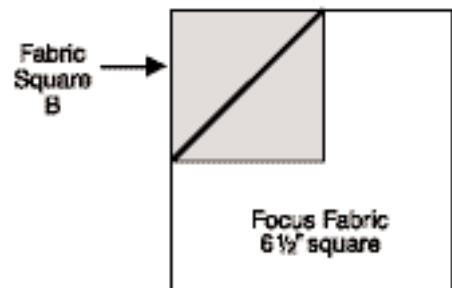


DIAGRAM 1

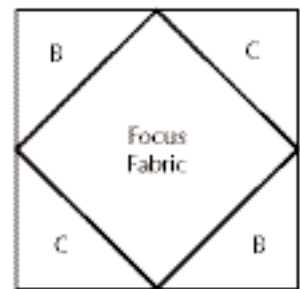


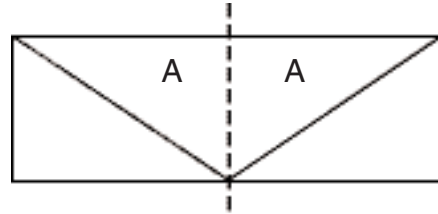
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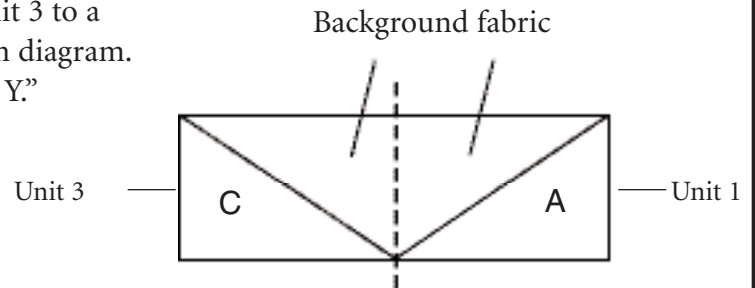
1. Using forty (40) unit 1's with seam allowance pressed to background fabric, and forty (40) unit 1's with seam allowance pressed to Fabric A, take one of each kind and place right sides together, butting seams against each other. Sew as in diagram (fabric A forms a center triangle). You will have 40 units. Label these "Unit X."

Unit 1, with seam allowance pressed to background fabric



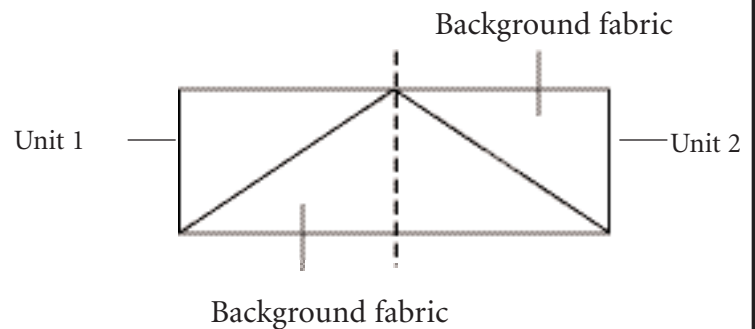
Press seam allowances towards Unit 1 with seam allowance pressed to fabric A.

2. Using forty (40) unit 1's with seam allowance pressed to background and forty (40) unit 3's, sew each unit 3 to a unit 1 (background fabric forms a triangle) as in diagram. You will have forty (40) units. Label these "Unit Y."



Press seam allowances towards Unit 2.

3. Repeat, sewing forty (40) unit 2's to forty (40) unit 1's as in diagram. You will have forty (40) units. Label these "Unit Z."



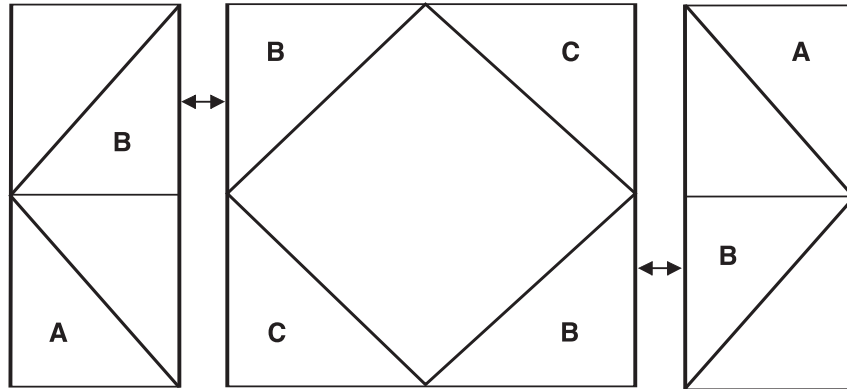
Press seam allowances OPEN.

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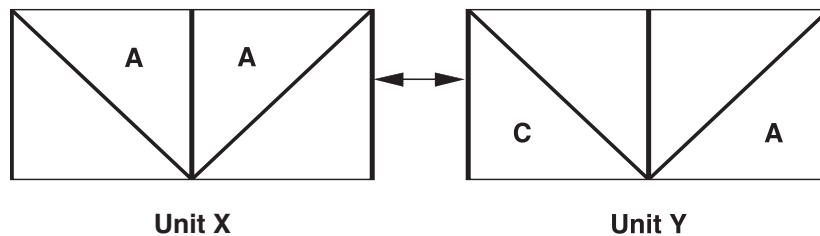
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Take 2 unit Z's and sew one to each side of a focus fabric unit, matching fabrics B as per diagram.



Press seam allowances to Unit Z.

Sew each unit X to a unit Y as per diagram.



Press seam allowances OPEN.

Take one of these strips and sew to top of focus fabric unit, matching fabric C.

Take another strip and flip it upside down and sew to bottom of focus fabric, matching Fabric C.

You will have 20 blocks each measuring 12 1/2" (including seam allowances).

Arrange and sew blocks in rows of 4 blocks by 5 rows.

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Mystery Quilt Correction

There were two errors in the Part 3 (December) instructions that appeared in the PQ Gazette. The pages in this set of instructions (on our website) are correct.

If you followed the instructions in the December Gazette and sewed the pieces incorrectly, turning the focus fabric block 1/4 turn (so that B fabric is in the lower left corner and upper right corner) will produce the desired results.

We regret our error.