

Scrappy Mystery Quilting Supply List 201

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Course Overview

Looks like we are calling this a “scrappy” mystery – or somewhat “planned” mystery – so what is meant by this? Keep reading as fabric selection will have the answers. The size of the finished quilt is 40” x 48” but could be a bit larger if you want more borders – or be creative and plan your own arrangement of the blocks. You will choose your pre-class cutting method.

Experience Level

Confident Beginner

Sewing Machine Required

Yes

Fabric Selection

Start by picking a color family -- and using fabrics similar in value. For example -- a red color family so pick 3 or 4 reds to work with, similar in value. Or you could pick a theme as your color family – florals, or reproduction fabrics. Batiks will also work, again have them work well as a group – you don’t need one that stands out in the crowd! Next comes the background, a fabric that works well with “the family”. Then there is the “feature” fabric to pick – something that works well with all the members of the color “family”.

Keep in mind, directional fabrics can be a challenge.

Fabric Amounts

Color family – 1/3 yards of 4 or 5 different fabrics (again, similar in value)

Background – 1 7/8 yards total. You may want to use 3 or 4 different fabrics for the background, if so, be sure they are very similar in both color and value. For example, 4 cream prints all very close in color but a variety of prints.

Feature fabric – 1 ¾ yards or a little more if you want a little more to “play” with. Pick just one fabric for this, it goes well with all – and could be the one that “stands out in the crowd.”

Required Supplies

Basic sewing supplies including rotary cutter, cutting mat, rulers.

Optional Supplies

There is pre-class cutting – and you pick the technique you prefer.

One uses the Half-Square and Quarter-Square Triangle rulers. You will need the Omnigrid #96 (half-square) and the Omnigrid #98 (quarter-square) triangle rulers. There is also a New Ruler – the Half & Quarter Square Triangle ruler by Fons & Porter – it has both the half-square and quarter-square cuts on one ruler – pretty handy – just need one of these.

A Stripology ruler from Creative Grids would be great to have to cut these. It really cuts down your cutting time.

Pre-class Cutting Instructions

Two choices – you pick the one you prefer

Choice #1 – (does not use the triangle rulers)

1. From your color family fabrics cut a total of 8 – 4 ½" x 42" (WOF) strips. Then cut these into 120 – 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles.

2. From your background (or background fabrics) cut a total of 15 – 2 ½" x 42" (WOF) strips. Then cut these into 240 – 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares.

OR

Choice #2 – (uses the triangle rulers) Be sure you are cutting with the correct triangle ruler.

1. From your color family cut a total of 9 – 2 ½" x 42" (WOF) strips. Using the Omnigrid 98 – Quarter-square triangle, line up the 4 line along the bottom of the strip and cut. Rotate the ruler, lining up the 4 line along the top of the strip and cut again. Continue cutting quarter-square triangles until you have a total of 120 quarter-square triangles.

2. From your background (or background fabrics) cut a total of 10 – 2 ½" x 42" (WOF) strips. Using the Omnigrid 96 – Half-square triangle, line up the 2 line along the bottom of the strip and cut. Rotate the ruler, lining up the 2 line along the top of the strip and cut again. Continue cutting half-square triangles until you have a total of 240 half square triangles.