

Scrappy Mystery

Quilter's Affair

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Since this is a mystery I can't reveal much at this point other than it is a 54" x 72" quilt you will be making, using fat quarters and a background fabric.

Materials List for the entire project:

Sewing machine and it's foot pedal, cutting mat, rulers, basic sewing supplies

Very strongly recommended rulers -- along with your basic sewing supplies for this day:

the Omnigrad triangle rulers -- the 96L (the half-square triangle ruler) and the 98L (the quarter-square triangle ruler).

The cutting directions will also include directions if you do not have the rulers, but these rulers are your help in cutting triangles accurately and with less cuts.

Fabric List for the entire project:

You need 12 fat quarters, not quarter yards, they will not work.

They can either be 12 different fat quarters or a combination which uses a couple different ones that are the same.

You also need a background -- 1 3/4 yards of one fabric.

Now thinking about the fabrics and background (and keep in mind these are just suggestions to give you an idea how choices might work), a possibility would be to use Kaffe Fascett fat quarters--fabrics that are basically reds, and use a grey for a background. The background needs to be lighter in value, but if you prefer, not a really light fabric (as the cream I have used.) Black can be very striking, depending on the fat quarters you select.

And being a "scrappy" quilt -- and the design will allow for some fun arrangements.

Later you will need backing and binding-- 3 1/2 yards backing -- or maybe more depending on your ideas for putting this quilt together. Also 1/2 yard binding and some quilt batting will be needed to finish!

And you also might want to add a border or two, and that choice is yours. So if you find a fabric you would like as a border, I would suggest maybe a yard of it.

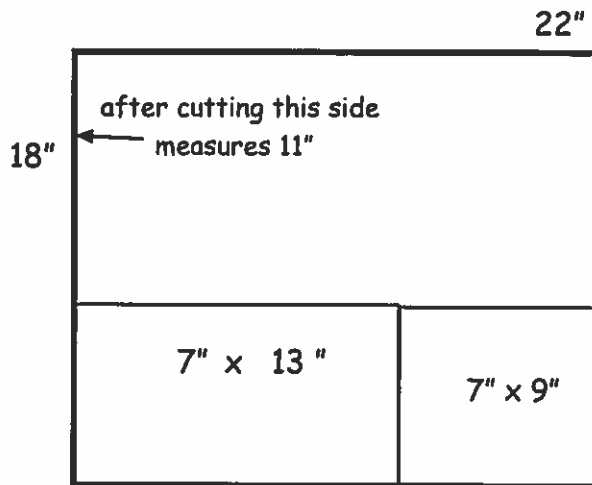
The fat quarters are cut carefully and we will use almost all of the fat quarter. If you want to get an extra one or two just in case that is all right.

Let's get started with the pre-class cutting activity -- and this is done before class! Cutting directions are on page 2.

MOST IMPORTANT:

and this is referring to cutting directions, look carefully at the illustration and the way your fat quarter is laying -- follow the illustration and remember what the carpenter says, measure twice and cut once!

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:



Here is your fat quarter -- lay yours on your cutting mat so the measurements correspond to the illustration.

Cut each of your 12 fat quarters as shown above.

Now background cutting -- and **TWO CHOICES**. Pick one.

If using the 96L cut 8 - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42" strips. This is the most accurate cutting technique between the two choices.

Using your half-square triangle ruler (96L) cut a total of 144 half-square triangles.
If you are not sure and need refresher -- email me.

If not using the 96L -- cut 8 - $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x 42" strips.

Then cut into 72 - $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares.

Then cut each square once on the diagonal into half-square triangles.

Next background cutting -- and pick one of these two choices.

Either cut 3 - $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x 42" strips

OR ...

if using your 98L, cut a total of 7 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42" strips.

Questions:

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The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious.

Albert Einstein