

## Weekend Whatever #23

Hello again! It feels good to be doing another mystery, and I'm ahead this time. I've already started mine, rather than working it along with you. I'm using a new technique to create a unit, and want to be sure I have the kinks worked out before you try to do them.

This is a design that I created a number of years ago...when I was out for a month with the flu. I wasn't feeling very energetic, so I spent a lot of hours designing in EQ to keep myself occupied. This was my favorite design, and I'm hoping you'll all agree. I don't remember exactly why I named it what I did, but the name I decided on was "Purple Mountain Majesty"...then I chose the colors for it. I'm using shades of red, white and blue, with a touch of purple thrown in. I think those colors are most definitely appropriate for my thoughts. I will try to explain how to get a similar feel without using those specific colors.

There are only 2 sizes this time...the design just didn't lend itself to any other sizes. The directions will be written as "medium(large)"...so read each direction carefully to be sure you are doing the correct number of units. If the directions get more complicated, I will break them out by size. So...let's get started...

And now for my standard paragraph...for those who haven't done one of my mysteries before, what follows is the basic information that I give for all my mysteries. I will be spelling out everything from what size to cut your fabric to when to sew each section to which way to press your seams. If you do not follow the instructions carefully, you will not end up with the same outcome that I did. My instructions may seem picky at times, but I assure you that they do work.

The first place to start is with your fabric...this quilt will need 8 fabrics...4 for your Background, 2 of Color A, Color B and Color C. I know...very vague. Read on...I'll explain.

**Background Fabric:** You need to have a light background for this design. It will not lend itself to a dark background. To offset the "main" blocks, I used a White-on-White for just those blocks. The Cutting Instructions will call this Bkg#1, and the graphics will show as White.

The other background fabrics I used were an offwhite tone-on-tone. You **MUST** have 3 different fabrics...you'll see why later. The Cutting Instructions will call these Bkg#1, Bkg#2 and Bkg#3, and the graphics will show as different patterns of offwhite.

**Color A:** You need 2 different fabrics in this color. I used 2 different deep blue prints. You need this color to coordinate with Color B. Graphics will show as blues.

**Color B:** This color needs to work with Color A. I used a deep blue purple to work with the blues I chose. As well as a slightly different color, you could use a different shade of Color A for this. Graphics will show as purple.

**Color C:** This is a contrasting color from Color A and Color B. I used 2 different reds for this fabric. Graphics will show as red.

Borders are fairly involved for this one. I go from simple...to pieced...and back to simple. I will note fabric for the simple borders so you may opt not to cut them until you see what I've envisioned. That way you can do what you'd like.

Let's get to the information you really need...the basic information about the quilt, how much fabric you need and the cutting instructions.

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## Basic Information

**Block Size:** 6" finished, 12" finished  
**Borders:** 7 borders...1", 1", 1", 3" (pieced), 1", 1", 1"  
**Finished Size:** Medium(78-1/2"x78-1/2""), Large (78-1/2"x108-1/2")

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## Fabric Choices



Bkg#4 Bkg#3 Bkg#2 Bkg#1



Color C (both)



Color A#1 Color A#2



Color B (both)

These are the fabrics I've used so far. As I'm doing this completely from my stash, I have only a certain amount of each fabric, so I'm going to be substituting fabrics as I need to complete this quilt. There's no reason why you can't use 3 or 4 different fabrics of the same color and value for any given Color. My Bkg fabrics are off white and white...I probably shouldn't have photographed them on a tan rug.

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## Fabric Requirements

Yardage is calculated on 40" wide fabric and has 1/8-1/4 yard extra added for shrinkage or errors. I recommend that you make no more than 3 blocks from each fabric combination, so these calculations are based on that fact.

Fabric	Medium	Large
Bkg#1	3/8 yd	1/2 yd
Bkg#2	2-1/4 yds	3-1/4 yds
Bkg#3	1/8 yd	1/4 yd
Bkg#4	1/4 yd	1/2 yd
Color A#1	1 yd	1-1/8 yds
Color A#2	3/4 yd	1-1/4 yds
Color B	1-5/8 yd	2-1/4 yds
Color C	1-5/8 yd	2-1/8 yds

**The fabric for the binding and backing is NOT included in the yardage listed above.**

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Choose your fabrics well...and you will be ready to start!

For this mystery, you do have some pre-sewing of HSTs, so don't forget to do them!

If you have any questions, please email me at deblynnk@quiltaholics.com and I will be happy to help.

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### Cutting Instructions: Medium Size (78-1/2"x78-1/2")

#### Bkg#1

Cut	Then Cut
1 strips 2" wide	16 2" squares
1 strip 4" wide	4 4" squares (HST) 8 2-1/2" squares (HST)
1 strip 3-1/2" wide	8 3-1/2" squares 4 2-1/2" squares (HST)

#### Bkg#2

Cut	Then Cut
11 strips 2-1/2" wide	32 2-1/2" squares Set aside 8 strips for later
9 strips 2" wide	Set aside for later
3 strips 3" wide	28 3" squares
1 strip 7" wide	4 7" squares
5 strips 1-1/4" wide	Set aside for later
3 strips 6-1/2" wide	16 6-1/2" squares

#### Bkg#3

Cut	Then Cut
3 strips 1-1/4" wide	Set aside for later

#### Bkg#4

Cut	Then Cut
7 strips 1-1/4" wide	Set aside for later

#### Color A#1

Cut	Then Cut
1 strip 3" wide	8 3" squares 4 2-1/2" squares
1 strip 2-1/2" wide	16 2-1/2" squares (12 HST)
4 strips 1-1/4" wide	Set aside for later
3 strips 3-1/2" wide	8 3-1/2"x5" rectangles 13 3-1/2" squares 4 2"x3-1/2" rectangles
1 strip 4" wide	4 4" squares (HST) 12 2" squares

Color A#2

Cut	Then Cut
8 strips 1-1/4" wide	Set aside for later
7 strips 1-1/2" wide	Set aside for Borders

Color B

Cut	Then Cut
10 strips 2-1/2" wide	Set aside for later
5 strips 1-1/4" wide	Set aside for later
14 strips 1-1/2" wide	Set aside for Borders

Color C

Cut	Then Cut
14 strips 2" wide	24 2" squares 24 2"x3-1/2" rectangles Set aside 9 strips for later
3 strips 3" wide	32 3" squares 4 2-1/2" squares
14 strips 1-1/2" wide	Set aside for Borders

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### Cutting Instructions: Large Size (78-1/2"x108-1/2")

#### Bkg#1

Cut	Then Cut
1 strips 2" wide	20 2" squares
2 strips 2-1/2" wide	18 2-1/2" squares (HST) 8 2" squares
1 strip 4" wide	7 4" squares (HST) 3 3-1/2" squares
1 strip 3-1/2" wide	11 3-1/2" squares

#### Bkg#2

Cut	Then Cut
15 strips 2-1/2" wide	40 2-1/2" squares Set aside 12 strips for later
11 strips 2" wide	Set aside for later
3 strips 3" wide	32 3" squares
1 strip 7" wide	4 7" squares
8 strips 1-1/4" wide	Set aside for later
4 strips 6-1/2" wide	24 6-1/2" squares

#### Bkg#3

Cut	Then Cut
5 strips 1-1/4" wide	Set aside for later

#### Bkg#4

Cut	Then Cut
11 strips 1-1/4" wide	Set aside for later

#### Color A#1

Cut	Then Cut
1 strip 3" wide	8 3" squares 4 2-1/2" squares
7 strips 1-1/4" wide	Set aside for later
4 strips 3-1/2" wide	14 3-1/2"x5" rectangles 22 3-1/2" squares 6 2"x3-1/2" rectangles
1 strip 4" wide	7 4" squares (HST) 2 2-1/2" squares (HST)
1 strip 2-1/2" wide	16 2-1/2" squares (HST)

Color A#2

Cut	Then Cut
13 strips 1-1/4" wide	Set aside for later
17 strips 1-1/2" wide	Set aside for Borders

Color B

Cut	Then Cut
15 strips 2-1/2" wide	Set aside for later
10 strips 1-1/4" wide	Set aside for later
17 strips 1-1/2" wide	Set aside for Borders

Color C

Cut	Then Cut
17 strips 2" wide	40 2" squares 40 2"x3-1/2" rectangles Set aside 11 strips for later
1 strip 2-1/2" wide	6 2-1/2" squares
3 strips 3" wide	36 3" squares
17 strips 1-1/2" wide	Set aside for Borders

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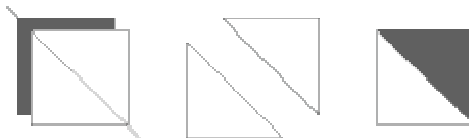
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These are the directions for the pre-mystery sewing that you need to do. There are very few this time, but it will save time as this mystery has a lot more sewing than others I have designed.

The directions below are for doing all the HSTs "my way"...if you have a different way of doing them, by all means, use it! The cutting instructions note which cuts are for them, so that you can skip cutting those squares if you don't need them. After the directions for creating the HSTs are the list of units to put together...

### Sewing Instructions

Step	Directions
1	Mark the diagonal on the wrong side of the lighter of the squares.
2	Match right sides together with a square of the other fabric color...stitch 1/4" seam on both sides of the diagonal marking...be careful not to stretch your fabric. I recommend chain stitching down one side, then turning the whole string of patches around and stitching down the other side.
3	Cut all patches apart on the diagonal line, and press open toward the darker fabric. You can use your rotary cutter and a ruler to separate, but I find that using a pair of sharp shears works much faster.
4	Square up each unit to the specified measurement. This is extremely critical as all the units were cut larger than required and are too large for the blocks.



### Medium Size (78-1/2"x78-1/2")

Fabric#1	Fabric#2	Amt/Size
4 4" squares of Bkg#1	4 4" squares of Color A#1	8 3-1/2" square
12 2-1/2" squares of Bkg#1	12 2-1/2" squares of Color A#1	24 2" square
8 3" squares of Bkg#2	8 3" squares of Color A#1	16 2-1/2" square
20 3" squares of Bkg#2	20 3" squares of Color C	40 2-1/2" square

### Large Size (78-1/2"x108-1/2")

Fabric#1	Fabric#2	Amt/Size
7 4" squares of Bkg#1	7 4" squares of Color A#1	14 3-1/2" square
18 2-1/2" squares of Bkg#1	18 2-1/2" squares of Color A#1	36 2" square
8 3" squares of Bkg#2	8 3" squares of Color A#1	16 2-1/2" square
24 3" squares of Bkg#2	24 3" squares of Color C	48 2-1/2" square