

2013 Block of the Month / Mystery Quilt

This project is a table runner and can be 6, 5, 4, or 3 blocks long, depending on your needs and / or interests. All instructions are given for 6 blocks. Let me know if you need help with smaller versions. There is an appliqué version and a pieced block version. In either case, basic appliqué or piecing skills are all that are needed. The appliqué can be done with any appliqué techniques (e.g. needle turn, freezer paper or fusible web).

I selected 9-11 different fabrics (1/4 yd or less each) for each of the two methods. You can probably use as few as 6 - 8 fabrics. The border is pieced and has the various fabrics used in appliqué or in the pieced block. My appliqué example uses various values of taupe and a complimentary accent. My pieced example uses bold colors with a moderately bright focus fabric. In any case, only the backing and appliqué blocks use a significant amount of one fabric. All instructions are given for 6 block projects. The supplies for the borders and backs are the same for either method. You will need additional small amounts of fabrics for the appliqué or pieced blocks. This project can be a way to use up some stash.

Either Method (6 blocks)

- Border strips (eight fabrics, ¼ yd is generous or use your stash)
 - Thirty-six (36) 3 ½" x 2" strips (six each in assorted fabrics)
 - Sixteen (16) 5" x 2" strips (two each from assorted fabrics)
- Batting: 65" x 13"
- Backing: 65" x 13"

Note: There is no binding. This project is assembled and turned-out (instructions to follow)

Appliqué Materials:

- 6, 5, or 4 blocks of background material (neutral works best) 9 ½" cut (2/3 yd is generous for 6 blocks)
- 9 to 11 assorted fabrics (same as above used in border)
- Templates
- Optional: Fusible web (1/4 yd is generous) or freezer paper

Pieced Block Materials:

- 9 to 11 assorted fabrics (same as above used in border)

There will be a new appliqué and new pieced block each month. You can do all appliqué or all pieced or mix and match. There will be prizes for the best appliqué runner and best pieced block runner at the October guild meeting. Projects must be finished for the judging!