

Mystery at the ranch

a mystery quilt by Debbie Caffrey

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The finished size of this quilt is 64" x 76".

The most important thing to remember when selecting fabrics for a mystery quilt is **CONTRAST!** The fabrics should have good contrast among them in order for the pattern to emerge. Use color and/or value to achieve this contrast. Avoid directional fabrics unless you are prepared to ignore their prints.

Fabric requirements

Fabric #1 – Light (background)	1¾ yards
Fabric #2 – Medium (focus fabric)	1¾ yards
Fabric #3 – Dark (includes inner border)	1⅞ yards
Outer Border	1¾ yards
Binding	¾ yard
Backing	4¾ yards

Other Supplies


Sewing machine

Thread to blend with fabrics

Rotary cutter, mat, ruler, & triangle tool

- Mat – 12" x 18" or larger
- Ruler for cutting strips
- Omnigrid 98L quarter-square triangle tool – The Omnigrid 98 and the Companion Angle are too small for this quilt.

Cutting

 Fabric #1 – Light

Cut three strips 5½" wide.

Use these strips to cut twenty 5½" squares.

Cut four strips 5⅛" wide.

Use these strips to cut thirty-one 5⅛" squares. You will need to cut a fifth strip if your fabric is narrower than 41".

Cut these squares once, diagonally, into half-square triangles. Yield: 62 triangles




Cut three strips 3" wide.

Use these strips to cut forty 3" squares.

Most likely, you will only get thirteen squares per strip, leaving the last square to be cut from scraps.

Cut these squares once, diagonally, into half-square triangles. Yield: 80 triangles



 Fabric #2 – Medium

Cut two strips 6½" wide.

Use these strips to cut twelve 6½" squares.

Cut twelve strips 2" wide.

 Fabric #3 – Dark

Cut one strip 6⅞" wide.

Use this strip to cut two 6⅞" squares.

Cut the squares once, diagonally, into half-square triangles. Yield: 4 triangles



Cut three strips 5½".

Use these strips to cut twenty 5½" squares.

Cut five strips 3½" wide.

Cut six strips 2½" wide.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The success of your quilt depends upon accurate ¼" seam allowances.