

A Mystery Pattern by Debbie Caffrey ©1999

Finished size of the quilt is 56" x 72" without optional border.

There is no need to add a border to this quilt. A border of the light fabric is built into the piecing. A Second border may be added, if desired.

The most important thing to remember when selecting fabrics for a mystery quilt is **CONTRAST!!!** Choose a variety of scales and textures for interest. Avoid directional fabrics unless you are prepared to ignore their prints.

To allow for shrinkage, straightening, narrow fabrics, and minor goofs, fabric requirements are fairly generous. You may be able to use slightly smaller pieces. Consult the cutting information. Those pieces are all that you will need to complete the quilt.

Fabric Requirements

Light	3yards
Medium	1 1/2 yards
Dark	1 1/2 yards
Optional Border	2 1/4 yards
Binding	3/4 yard**
Backing	3 1/2 yards**
5 1/2 yards if you add a wide second border	

**Binding and backing may be purchased after the mystery has been solved, but more of the same fabrics may not be available at that time.

Other Supplies:

Sewing Machine

Thread to blend with your fabrics

Rotary cutter, mat, & rulers

Cutting

Strips are cut across the width of the fabrics, making them approximately 42" long with selvages on each of the short ends.

These instructions are written with the assumption that the strips will be at least 42" long after the selvages have been removed. If your fabrics are narrower, you may need to cut more pieces to make the units that you are missing. There is plenty of fabric to cut those few pieces.



Light

Cut five strips 8 1/2" wide.

Cut these strips into fourteen 8 1/2" squares **and** fourteen 4 1/2" x 8 1/2" rectangles.

Cut five strips 4 1/2" wide.

Cut these strips into seventy-two 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles.

Cut eight strips 2 1/2" wide.

Use six strips for strip piecing.

Cut the remaining two strips into twenty-four 2 1/2" squares.



Medium

Cut eight strips 4 1/2" wide.

Use three strips for strip piecing.

Cut the remaining five strips into seventy-two 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles.

Cut three strips 2 1/2" wide.

Cut these strips into forty-eight 2 1/2" squares.



Dark

Cut three strips 4 1/2" wide.

Cut eleven strips 2 1/2" wide.

Use six strips for strip piecing.

Cut the remaining five strips into seventy-two 2 1/2" squares.