



# 2023 Marvelous Mystery Introduction



My Quilting Beehive

It's time for the 2023 Colchester Mill Marvelous Mystery Quilt!!! What is a mystery quilt? It is a quilt pattern that is revealed over time. Each month you will receive instructions to make part of your quilt. The parts will be combined over time to create a marvelous quilt!

This quilt won't look anything like the last one... but it will still be absolutely Marvelous!!! You can even say it will be SPARKLING with some beautiful diamonds! This quilt will feature some blocks using the Creative Grids 45-degree Diamond Dimensions Ruler. Don't let the diamonds scare you—I will be here with tips and video tutorials to help you make your diamonds dazzle!

I have designed several quilts over the years, but none of them fits quite right on my bed. I have designed this one to fit my king-sized bed, but have included options if you don't want to make such a large quilt. The king and queen options have additional pieced borders around the smaller option.

<b>Fabric Requirements:</b> To make your design pop—fabrics should have contrast. They should not blend in with each other. Avoid directional or large prints. If you pick fabric you love, you will love your quilt in the end!	Option 1: <b>Smaller</b> 80" x 80" *See bonus note below	Option2: <b>Queen</b> 96" x 96"	Option 3: <b>King</b> 112" x 96"
<b>Fabric 1</b> This should be your lightest or brightest to add a highlight to your quilt (this is the wow fabric)	¾ yard	1 ½ yards	1 ½ yards
<b>Fabric 2</b> This is your deepest, darkest shade	1 ¼ yards	3 yards	4 ¼ yards
<b>Fabric 3</b> Medium value, contrasting with all other medium values	2 ¼ yards	2 ½ yards	2 ¾ yards
<b>Fabric 4</b> Medium value, contrasting with all other medium values	¾ yard	1 ¼ yards	1 ½ yards
<b>Fabric 5</b> Medium value, contrasting with all other medium values	¾ yards	1 ¼ yards	1 ½ yards
<b>Fabric 6</b> Medium value, contrasting with all other medium values	¾ yards	1 ¼ yards	1 ¾ yards
<b>Background</b> Neutral fabric that makes the other fabrics the focus	3 ½ yards	3 ½ yards	3 ½ yards

Here's what you need to know:

- Mystery Quilt Program fee is \$25 for the year and includes the patterns.
- Instructions will be sent on the first Monday of each month from January through December.
- The instructions are written with beginners in mind (with step-by-step, easy to follow, detailed instructions), but will be fun for quilters of all levels. You should have basic quilting knowledge of how to cut with a rotary cutter and how to piece with an accurate ¼" seam.
- There is a private Facebook group where you can ask questions, share photos of your progress, and be inspired to stay caught up each month.
- The quilt is made with traditional piecing. You will need basic rulers and quilting supplies.
- You will need the Creative Grids 45-degree Diamond Dimensions Ruler

### \*\*\* BONUS QUILT OPTION for those making the 80" x 80" quilt

If you make the 80" x 80" option, you may choose to make the Queen border pieces and use them to make another bonus 52" x 60" quilt. To do this, purchase enough fabric for the Queen-Sized Quilt plus an extra 1/3 yard of Fabric 2.