



My Quilting Beehive's 2020 Marvelous Mystery Quilt

Month 1



This month we will start with shopping then make two of the 6" sampler blocks.

Fabric Requirements (I rounded up and added a little extra, so you do not need to):

First select your main, Focus Fabric. This should be a multicolor print that you love. All your other fabrics will need to coordinate with this fabric. Select a fabric that makes you happy. This will be primarily the border framing the quilt, but all other fabrics you select will need to coordinate with this one. It will tie everything together.

In the introduction, I gave you the option to have different width borders to make your quilt larger if you would like. The amount of fabric you need depends on the width of border you use. I prefer not to piece my borders. To do this, you will need to buy enough to cut your border strips from the length of the fabric. If you want to save a little fabric, you can cut from the width of fabric and piece the strips. See chart below to determine how much Focus Fabric you need to purchase:

Quilt Size	75" x 75"	79" x 79"	83" x 83"
Border finished width	6"	8"	10"
Focus Fabric to purchase for Pieced Border cut width of fabric	1 ½ yards	2 yards	2 3/8 yards
Focus Fabric to purchase to cut from length of fabric (no piecing)	2 ¼ yards	2 ¼ yards	2 3/8 yards

Do NOT cut this fabric this month—we will do it soon so you can add the extra fabric to your scraps.

The second fabric is going to be used throughout the quilt. We will call it our Accent Fabric. It should pop when put next to your focus fabric and background fabric. This fabric should NOT be used as a scrap—only where the patterns says to use the Accent Fabric. This should be a solid or tone-on-tone print that reads solid. This fabric will also be used as the binding. If you are making the largest quilt, you will need to purchase a little extra.

Quilt Size	75" x 75"	79" x 79"	83" x 83"
Accent Fabric needed	1 1/3 yards	1 1/3 yards	1 ½ yards

The final fabric to be used throughout the quilt is the background fabric. This should not be used as a scrap. All other fabrics should contrast with this. You do not want blocks to get lost in the background. They should pop off the background. It can be solid or tone-on-tone. It can be a color or neutral (black, white, gray, cream, etc.).

Background Fabric—all size quilts 3 1/3 yards

Scraps You will need at least 12 additional fabrics. You can pick these out as you go or pull some together now. ¼ yard or fat quarters will be fine. You can add more throughout the project as you would like. Scraps should pull colors from your focus fabric. They should not be similar to your accent fabric and they should pop from the background.

Sampler Block #1 Framed Four-Patch



We will start out with a simple block. Choose any 3 of your scrap fabrics



Cut two squares 2.5" x 2.5" from two of your fabrics for the four-patch block

Cut two 1.5" x 4.5" and two 1.5" x 6.5" from the third fabric for the frame



Sew the squares together into two pairs. Press seam toward the darker fabric.



Join the two pairs together matching the center point. Press to one side.

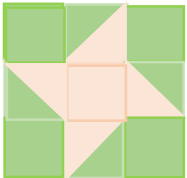


Add 1.5" x 4.5" strip to each side. Press seam toward border.



Then add 1.5" x 6.5" strip to top and bottom. Press seam toward border.
Block should measure 6.5" x 6.5"

Sampler Block #2 Friendship Star



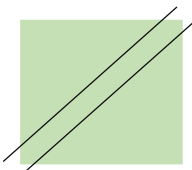
Choose any two scrap fabrics.



Scrap 1 will be the background of the star; scrap 2 will be the star

From scrap 1 cut four 2.5" x 2.5" squares and two 3" x 3" squares

From scrap 2 cut one 2.5" x 2.5" square and two 3" x 3" squares



Use a ruler to mark $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each side of the center diagonal on the wrong side of the 3" squares of Scrap 1 (or if you prefer mark the center diagonal then sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " away on each side of your marked line)

Layer each marked square of scrap 1 with a square of scrap 2, right sides together.

Sew on marked lines.

Cut on center diagonal between stitched lines.

Press seam toward the darker fabric.

Square up to make four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " half square triangle units



Layout pieces to create a star.



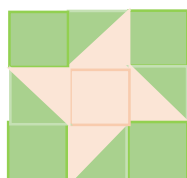
Sew into three rows.

Press seams toward the squares.



Pin to match points when sewing rows together.

Press seams to one side.



Block should measure 6.5" x 6.5"