



My Quilting Beehive's 2020 Marvelous Mystery Quilt

Month 2



We will start this month by making some four patch blocks that will be used throughout the quilt. Then we will make another sampler block.



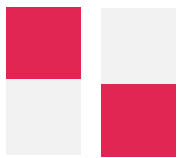
Cutting:

From your Accent Fabric cut twelve 2" x width of fabric strips (note, width of fabric should be about 42-44")

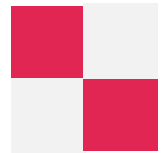
From your Background Fabric cut twelve 2" x width of fabric strips

Pull out seven accent strips and seven background strips. Label these "SAVE FOR BORDERS." Put them in a safe place to use later this year.

Use remaining **five** strips of each fabric to make 4-patch blocks. Sew each background strip to an accent strip along the long edge. Use care, a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam will make these strip sets measure 3.5" wide (see note below). Press seams toward the darker fabric. Make five strip sets. Sub-cut each strip set into twenty-one 2" units (make a total of 104 units**).



Combine pairs of two units to make 4-patch blocks. Since the seams are all pressed toward the dark fabric, you can nestle them together. Use a pin to line up your points. Each four patch should be exactly 3.5" x 3.5". Make 52 four patch blocks.

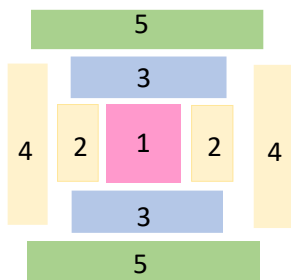


NOTE: A scant seam is just a needle's width narrower than a $\frac{1}{4}$ ". It allows for the thickness of the fabric when you are pressing the seam. If you sew a wider seam, the strip sets will be too small. Beginners—practice by sewing some scrap fabrics together. A presser foot with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " guide is helpful. Your local quilt shop may have magnetic seam guides. You could also mark the bed of your machine with a piece of tape to give you a line to follow. Get your scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam correct before you sew these strips.

**If you do not get 21 units from each strip-set due to cutting errors, you can use about 18" from one pair of your border strips. If you are short more than 18" you will need to cut another strip.

Sampler Block #3 Courthouse Steps

Use assorted scraps (do not use any background or accent fabric)



Cutting

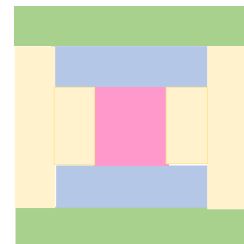
Piece #1 cut one 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square

Piece #2 cut two 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

Piece #3 cut two 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

Piece #4 cut two 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

Piece #5 cut two 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles



Layout block as shown. Sew together in numerical order. Press seams toward the higher number piece. Block should be 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "