



# My Quilting Beehive's 2020 Marvelous Mystery Quilt



## Month 3

Hope you are ready for more! This month we are making some flying geese units, cutting our focus fabric, and making another sampler block.

Flying geese: You will need 13 different fabrics from your scraps plus your background fabric for these flying geese.



From background fabric cut two strips  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " by width of fabric sub-cut to make thirteen  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " squares

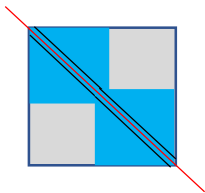
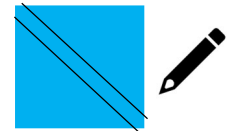
From each of 13 different scraps

cut four  $2 \frac{3}{4}$ " squares (total of 52 squares)

cut one  $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " square (total of 13 squares)

Label the thirteen  $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares and set aside until next month.

Mark diagonal lines on each of the  $2 \frac{3}{4}$ " squares of the different scrap fabrics  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the center diagonal as shown in the illustration (some people prefer to mark the center diagonal then sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the line...that will work, too).

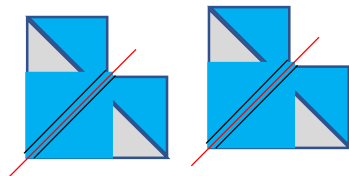
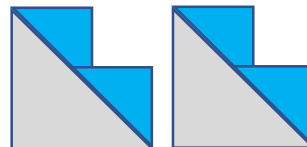


Place two marked squares on top of a  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " background square right sides together as shown. The small squares will overlap in the center. Make sure they line up with the background fabric square in the upper left and bottom right corners.

Sew on your marked lines, then cut on the center diagonal between your sewn lines (red line in illustration).

Press the seams toward the triangles.

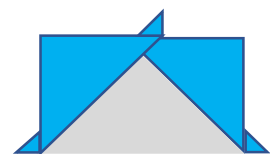
You will have two units that look like this:



Place another marked  $2 \frac{3}{4}$ " square, right sides together, over the corner with background fabric as show in the illustration.

Sew on your marked lines, then cut on the center diagonal between your sewn lines (red line in illustration). Press seam toward the triangles.

You should have four flying geese units from each of the 13 scrap fabrics that look like this (52 total). You need to trim each to be  $2$ " x  $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " (finished size  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3$ "). There are several rulers available to help line these up so you your flying geese have proper seam allowance and are perfectly centered. I use the Ultimate Flying Geese Tool by Creative Grids. Visit my website for instructions for this ruler and other options for trimming.





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**Cutting your Main Focus Fabric:**

We need to cut our border pieces so we can use the extra fabric as scraps throughout the quilt. You have a choice of making a 6", 8", or 10" border. Choose which you prefer and follow instructions for that border. Depending on how much you purchased you may need to piece your border. Read both options before you start cutting.

**OPTION 1:** Pieced Borders:

For 6" Pieced borders (purchased 1 ½ yards of fabric)

Cut 8 strips 6 ½" by width of fabric

For 8" Pieced borders (purchased 2 yards of fabric)

Cut 8 strips 8 ½" by width of fabric

Use a ruler to trim off selvages. Piece two strips together (short edges, right sides together) with a ½ inch seam allowance to make a strip about 82" long (not exact, may be 80"-84" depending on your width of fabric).

Press seam to one side. Make 4.

You can trim 10" from two of your strips to add to your scraps, but do not trim to exact length until the center of the quilt is together and we can get the exact measurement.

**OPTION 2:** Cut from length of fabric

Visit my website to see photographs to help.

For 6" border (purchased 2 ¼ yards of fabric)

Fold fabric to cut from the length. Trim off selvedge.

Cut four 6 ½" x 2 ¼ yards

For 8" border (purchased 2 ¼ yards of fabric)

Fold fabric to cut from the length. Trim off selvedge.

Cut four 8 ½" x 2 ¼ yards

For 10" border (purchased 2 ¾ yards of fabric)

\*\*\*check to make sure your width of fabric is at least 42". If not, you may need to cut your border a little narrower. If your fabric is 40" you can cut 10" strips\*\*\*

Fold fabric to cut from the length. Trim off selvedge.

Cut four 10 ½" x 2 ¾ yards

For 6 and 8" borders you can add the remaining width fabric to your scraps. If you are using a 10" border, you can cut 15" from the length of 2 of your strips which will give you two pieces 15" x 10" that you can add to your scraps.

Put these border strips with the "Save for border" strips from month 2.



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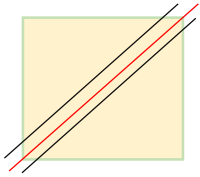


**Sampler Block #4 Jewel Box**



**Cutting:**

From fabric A (any one scrap fabric) cut one 4" square and four 2" squares  
From other assorted scraps cut a total of one 4" square and four 2" squares.  
These can be all different fabrics, or all cut from one fabric



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

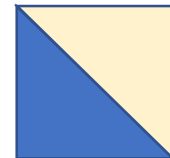
Layer marked square of Fabric A with the 4" square of scrap fabric, right sides together.

Sew on marked lines.

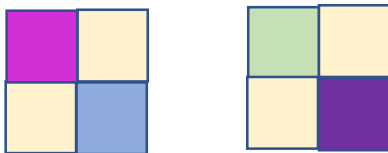
Cut on center diagonal between stitched lines (red line in illustration)

Press seam toward the darker fabric.

Square up to make two  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " half square triangle units.



Use two of the 2" squares fabric A and two 2" squares of scrap fabric to make a four patch. Repeat with remaining square to make another. Refer to Month 2 instructions to press seams in a pinwheel to reduce bulk



Put the four units together as shown to make a Jewel Box Block. Press seams toward four patch blocks in each row then final seam to one side.

Your block should measure  $6\frac{1}{2}$ "

