

2017 Mystery Quilt

Fabric Requirements:

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yard stripe fabric (no plaids) As far as choosing colors, think of your living room.

Backing & Borders: 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards Borders: cut (6) 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips

Batting: 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards

Binding: $\frac{1}{2}$ yard, cut (5) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips

You will also need:

Sewing machine

Matching thread

Walking foot for quilting

Straight pins

Scissors

Marking pen or chalk

Ruler

Rotary Cutter

Cutting Mat (rotating optional)

sticky notes (optional)

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Cutting Requirements:

Lay your fabric in a single layer on flat surface. Place the stripes in a vertical direction.



Fold the bottom of fabric to the top, matching the stripes. Your selvages will be on the sides.



Fold the right selvages to the left side. Trim your selvage edges. Place your folded fabric on the cutting mat and cut 8 inch squares. After cutting one group (4 layers) of 8 inch squares, pin together. You should have 6 groups.



On Saturday, February 4th, you will receive your first email of instructions at 10:00 am.

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By Kris Fry

You will receive emails today at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 2:30 pm giving you further instructions for your mystery quilt. We hope you enjoy your day!

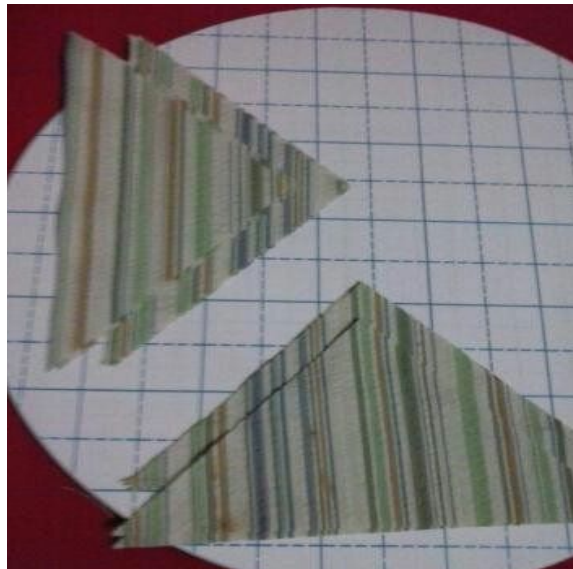
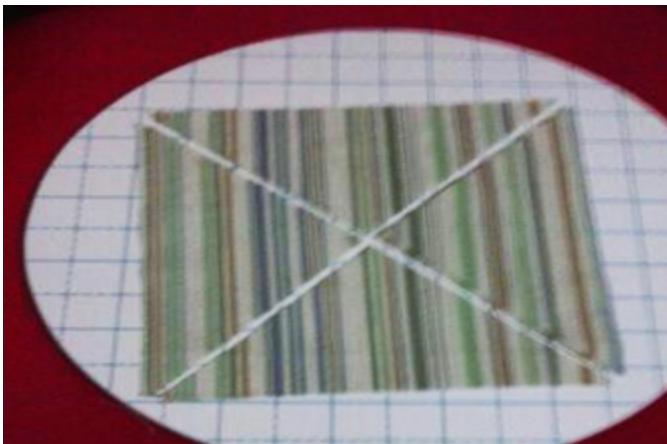
All seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Use your favorite stitch length on your sewing machine.

Step 1:

Take the first grouping of pinned squares and place on cutting mat. Take a 12 inch ruler and cut diagonally from corner to corner with your rotary cutter. Then cut the opposite corners. Pin each group of 4. You will have 2 groups of vertical stripes and 2 groups of horizontal stripes.

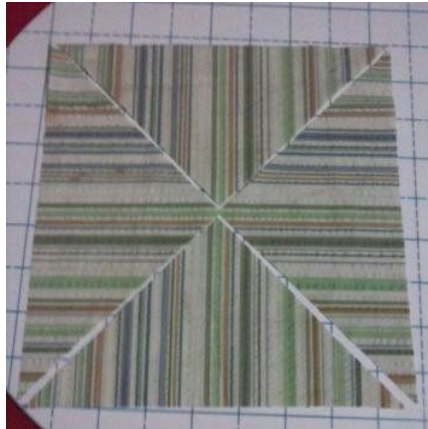
Label the vertical stripes as "A."

Label the horizontal stripes as "B."



Step 2: “A” blocks (vertical)

Starting with “A” stack. Open each pinned grouping.



Start sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance with top and left sides. Press to left side. The bottom and right sides are done the same. Press to right side.

Tip: Alignment of the stripes will give you an accurate matching. When pressing blocks, be careful not to stretch out the fabric.

Sew left and right pieces together. Continue chain stitching group “A” until you get the stack done. Press out each block.



Continue the same process with group “B.” (horizontal)

Step 3:

Using your rotary cutter and mat, square up all blocks to 7 inches. Proceed to sew the blocks together from the following diagram.

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| A | B | A | B |
| B | A | B | A |
| A | B | A | B |
| B | A | B | A |
| A | B | A | B |
| B | A | B | A |

Press the row seams open to reduce bulkiness.

Step 4:

Borders: **(6) 3 ½ inch strips**

Sew a 3 ½ inch x 26 ½ inch strip to each short side of the quilt. Press seams toward the border or press them open.

Sew together 2 strips together, then subcut the strip to 68 inches.

Sew a 3 ½ inch x 68 inch strip to each long side. Press seams toward the border or press them open.

**Step 5:**

Layer the quilt back (right side down), the batting, and the quilt top (right side up). Pin or spray baste the layers together. Quilt as desired.

If you want to attached quilt tabs to the quilt to display. Please do this before sewing the binding on.

Trim away the excess backing and batting. Sew the (5) 2 ½ inch binding pieces together and attached to your quilt. Topstitch the binding with a decorative stitch.

Finished lap top quilt or wall hanging. Please share pictures with Kris Fry to display on the website and our Facebook page.

