

Mystery Quilt 2017

Clue #8

Borders

Next comes your inner border.

Assuming your top is 47.5" x 66.5" at this point, you will cut 6 strips WOF x 2 ½" wide. Sew lengths together, then subcut 2 - 66.5" for your sides and 2 - 52" for your top and bottom. Sew.

Outer border:

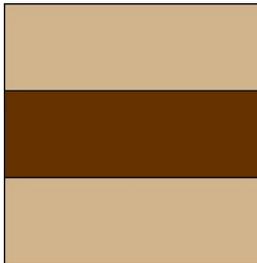
You will need to cut 4 - 1 ½" strips width of fabric from each of your colors, except your lightest color. You will need 9 - 1 ½" WOF from the lightest fabric.

You will also need to cut 7 - 2 ½" WOF strips from the lightest fabric.

For middle section, sew three 1 ½" strips together. One color in the center with lightest 1 ½" strip on either side. Do this for your 3 colors (2 med, 1 dark)

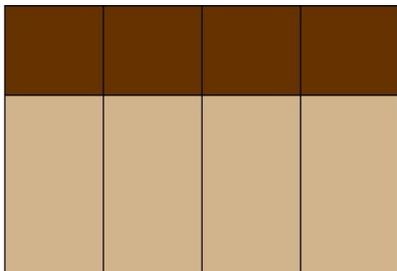
Subcut into 1 ½" sections.

Each strip will yield 26 subcuts. You will need 28 of each color, so cut some of your leftover strips into shorter sections and sew together to get the extra 2. (I made 3 extras, so I could place my colors the way I wanted them without running out of a color.)

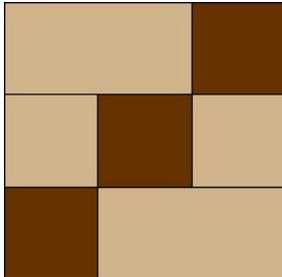


For outer sections, sew one 1 ½" strip of a color to one 2 ½" strip of your lightest color. Do this twice for each color. (2 med, 1 dark)

Subcut into 1 ½" strips. This will yield 52 subcuts. You will need 56 of each color. Use your leftover strips from the previous step to make your additional 4 subcuts, or cut more strips, if you think it's easier. You should have enough fabric.



Sew one from first group in the center of two from second group forming a ninepatch block. You will need 28 ninepatch blocks of each color.



Lay out your blocks, alternating the colors. Nineteen across the top and bottom. Twenty three down each side. You should be able to continue alternating the colors as you go around the quilt. Once your colors are the way you want them, sew sides to your quilt top first. I will warn you before you start that your borders will probably not fit on the first try. You have sewn 19, or 23, quarter inch seams together to form each side, so the odds of them fitting perfectly is almost none. Mine didn't, so before you start to sew, pin to each end, then in the middle to see where you stand. My borders were too big, so I sewed again, just inside every other seam and it matched perfectly. Once you sew your sides, do the same thing for the top and bottom. I highly recommend you stay stitch your sides at this point. There are a lot of seams on the outside edges that will pull apart when handling and be a nightmare to quilt. Be careful to not stretch our sides as you staystitch.

Finished! I hope you added the borders. They were a little work, but so worth it.

Hope you had fun.
Valerie

