

# Mystery Quilt

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You have all your “Pieces/Clues” in plastic baggies or somehow tagged and stored.

## The FIRST step:

- Take out PIECE #2 and PIECE #5. PIECE #2 is your 16” gorgeous STAR. PIECES #5 are your 32 – flying geese units (I used navy and gold fabrics).
- Sew together four strips of eight flying geese units each.
- Sew one of these flying geese strips to the left side of your STAR.
- Sew another one of these flying geese strips to the right side of your STAR.
- Take your four 1 1/2” squares (mine are gold) and sew one square to both ends of the two remaining flying geese strips.
- Sew these two strips to the top and bottom of your STAR.
- So easy, right?

## The SECOND step:

- Take out PIECE #1 and PIECE #3 – since both of these PIECES are exactly the same (16 checkerboard nine patch units each!), you may have already packaged these 32 nine patch units together.

## NOTE!!!!!!

*Remember, this was a Mystery Quilt – and near the beginning it was a SEMI-MYSTERY to ME, too!! Along the way, my initial design changed and transformed itself. So, while at this point I had you make 32 nine-patch units, the final design only requires 28 nine-patch units. So, you have four EXTRA nine patches – you can put them together and use them on the BACK of your quilt or save them for a future project. Anyway, that’s the way it is with mysteries – they EVOLVE! :)*

- Lay out your 28 nine patch units along all four sides of your STAR unit (SIX nine patch units on both SIDES and EIGHT nine patch units for the TOP and BOTTOM) – alternate the “light” cornered nine patch units with the “dark” cornered nine patch units to keep the integrity of the checkerboard intact!! Sew two strips of six nine patch units together – sew one strip to the left side of your STAR unit and sew another strip of six nine patch units to the right side of your STAR unit.
- You will have eight nine patch units each for the top and bottom checkerboard strips.
- Make sure you are watching the CHECKERBOARD INTEGRITY of your nine patch units, as you get ready to sew the strips to the top and bottom of your STAR unit.

### The THIRD Step:

- From your Piece #9 “bag”, pull out your 68 – four patch units (two shades of BLUE). These blocks should measure 2” square (to FINISH at 1 ½” square).
- To make sure you keep the integrity of the checkerboard, make one strip of 16 – four-patch units. Sew this strip to the left side of your quilt.
- Now, sew a strip of 17 – four-patch units together **making sure the farthest left four-patch unit continues the checkerboard design.** Sew this strip to the top of your quilt.
- Sew another strip of 17 – four-patch units together again making sure the top left four-patch unit continues the checkerboard design. Sew this strip to the right side of your quilt.
- Sew the last strip of 18 – four-patch units together making sure you keep the integrity of the checkerboard intact. Sew this strip to the bottom of your quilt.

### The FOURTH Step:

- Pull out the Snowball blocks from your Piece #4 and Piece #6 bags. You have 40 Snowball blocks (20 “dark” and 20 “light”). These snowball blocks should measure 3 ½” square. You can now sew the snowball blocks to your Medallion quilt.
- Alternate “dark” and “light” snowball blocks as you make your four Snowball strips.
- Sew one strip of nine Snowball blocks together – alternating “dark”, “light”.
- Sew this strip to the left side of your quilt.
- The next strip will have ten Snowball blocks – make sure you keep the integrity of the “dark” and “light” alternating snowball blocks. Sew this strip to the top of your quilt.
- Again being mindful of the alternating “dark” and “light” snowball blocks, make another strip of ten Snowball blocks. Sew this strip to the right side of your quilt.
- The last Snowball strip will have eleven snowball blocks. Sew this strip to the bottom of your quilt keeping the “light”, dark” alternating of the blocks.

### The FIFTH Step:

- From the Piece #9 bag, you now need the 136 – four patches (two shades of green). These blocks should measure 1 ½” square (to FINISH at 1” square).
- To make sure you keep the integrity of the checkerboard, make one strip of 33 – four-patch units. Sew this strip to the left side of your quilt.
- Now, sew a strip of 34 – four-patch units together **making sure the farthest left four-patch unit continues the checkerboard design.** Sew this strip to the top of your quilt.

- Sew another strip of 34 – four-patch units together again making sure the top left four-patch unit continues the checkerboard design. Sew this strip to the right side of your quilt.
- Sew the last strip of 35 – four-patch units together making sure you keep the integrity of the checkerboard intact. Sew this strip to the bottom of your quilt.



## The SIXTH Step:

- Pull out your Piece #7 and Piece #8 bags.
- Lay out your Courthouse Step and Quarter Square Triangle blocks around your quilt.

*We wanted the four corners to be Courthouse Step blocks so that was our starting point for block placement.*

- The blocks will alternate (Courthouse Step, Quarter Square Triangle, etc.) around the quilt.
- When you are satisfied with placement, sew the seven blocks on the left side of your quilt together in a strip and sew this strip to the left side of your quilt.
- Being mindful of block alternating placement, take eight more blocks from the top of your quilt and sew together in a strip. Sew this strip to the top of your quilt.
- Now sew the eight blocks on the right side of your quilt and sew together. Sew this strip to the right side of your quilt.
- There should be nine blocks left on the bottom of your quilt. Sew these together in a strip and sew this strip to the bottom of your quilt.

Pretty darn gorgeous, right?



## The SEVENTH Step:

- Pull out the 76 pink and red four patch units from your Piece #11 bag. These blocks should measure 3" square (to FINISH at 2 1/2" square).
- To make sure you keep the integrity of the checkerboard, make one strip of 18 – four-patch units. Sew this strip to the left side of your quilt.
- Now, sew a strip of 19 – four-patch units together **making sure the farthest left four-patch unit continues the checkerboard design.** Sew this strip to the top of your quilt.
- Sew another strip of 19 – four-patch units together again making sure the top left four-patch unit continues the checkerboard design. Sew this strip to the right side of your quilt.
- Sew the last strip of 20 – four-patch units together making sure you keep the integrity of the checkerboard intact. Sew this strip to the bottom of your quilt.

## The EIGHTH Step:

- All your stars are in your Piece #10 and Piece #11 bags). You have 44 stars (22 “light” and 22 “dark”).
- Lay out ten stars on the left side of your quilt – alternate the stars – DARK star, LIGHT star.
- Sew this strip to the left side of your quilt.
- Lay out eleven stars on the top of your quilt – alternate the stars – DARK, star, LIGHT star. Remember to keep the integrity of the DARK and LIGHT alternating star blocks. Sew this strip to the top of your quilt.
- Lay out eleven stars on the right side of your quilt – again, alternating the DARK and LIGHT stars and again keeping the star blocks alternating. Sew this strip to the right side of your quilt.
- Lay out the last twelve star blocks on the bottom of your quilt – alternating DARK and LIGHT blocks.
- Sew this strip to the bottom of your quilt.

## The NINTH Step:

- Pull out the navy blue/gold four patches from your Piece #11 bag. You have 124 four-patch blocks.
- To make sure you keep the integrity of the checkerboard, make one strip of 30 – four-patch units. Sew this strip to the left side of your quilt.
- Now, sew a strip of 31 – four-patch units together **making sure the farthest left four-patch unit continues the checkerboard design.** Sew this strip to the top of your quilt.
- Sew another strip of 31 – four-patch units together again making sure the top left four-patch unit continues the checkerboard design. Sew this strip to the right side of your quilt.
- Sew the last strip of 32 – four-patch units together making sure you keep the integrity of the checkerboard intact. Sew this strip to the bottom of your quilt.





## The TENTH Step:

You will need all the blocks from Piece #13, Piece #14, and Piece #15.

### Last Border Assembly:

Using the 128 blocks you just made, sew **four** Final Border strips of 32 “pointing-Up-and-Down” blocks each.

### **NOTE:**

*It is important to **ALTERNATE** the direction of the points (**UP** and **DOWN**) to get the zig zag effect of this final border.*

*It is important that the **YELLOW** ends are all on the same side of all four border strips. When sewing your Final Border strips to your quilt, the **YELLOW** points should be on the **INSIDE** and the **SHIRTING** points on the **OUTSIDE**.*

**READ THIS NOTE AGAIN!!!!**

- Sew the 8 – 1” x 5 ½” Background fabric strips – one to each end of all four Final Border strips.
- Sew two of these Final Border strips to the right and left sides of your quilt.
- Sew a Corner Star to both ends of the two remaining Final Border strips.
- Sew these two Final Border strips to the top and bottom of your quilt.



YOU HAVE DONE IT!!!! Your Mystery Quilt is complete and ready to quilt, bind and enjoy!!!  
It has been so much fun for us and we hope you have enjoyed the Mystery journey!!!  
Keep reading The Gazette because our SECOND Mystery Quilt will soon unfold!  
THANK YOU for participating!!!! :) :)

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## FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

### Center Star

1/4 yard red  
4 - fat eighths (green, blue, yellow pink)  
2 - 1/4 yard cuts of TWO shirting fabrics

### Flying Geese

1/4 yard gold  
1/4 yard navy blue

### Checkerboard Nine Patches

Scraps totaling 5/8 yard colors  
Scraps totaling 5/8 yard shirtings

### Blue Checkerboard Border

1/4 yard of TWO different blues

### Green Checkerboard Border

1/4 yard of TWO different greens

### Pink/Red Checkerboard Border

3/8 yard of pink  
3/8 yard of red

### Gold/Navy Checkerboard Border

1/2 yard gold  
1/2 yard navy blue

### Snowballs

1/8 yard of TEN colors  
1/8 yard of TEN shirtings

### Courthouse Steps

1/8 yard red  
4 fat quarters - shirtings  
4 fat quarters - colors

### Quarter Square Triangles

3/8 yard of FOUR shirtings  
3/8 yard of FOUR colors

### Stars

1/8 yard of TEN colors  
1/4 yard of FIVE colors  
1/8 yard of TEN shirtings  
1/4 yard of FIVE shirtings

### Zig Zag Outer Border

1/4 yard of EIGHT colors  
2/3 yard Yellow  
2/3 yard Shirtings

### Four Corner Stars

1/3 yard shirting  
Scraps for stars

### Backing

4 1/2 yard

### Binding

5/8 yard