

## **It's A Mystery** (but not mysterious) ...

Welcome to the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild Mystery Quilt Challenge for 2023!

I found this pattern on the [Coachella Valley Quilt Guild \(cvquiltguild.org\)](http://cvquiltguild.org) website. It was their mystery quilt from 2020. I wrote to the president, Tony DeZego, and received permission for us to use this pattern. Thank you Coachella Valley Quilt Guild. Sharon Fry, my go-to second eye, described this pattern as “beginner friendly with many complicated-looking secondary patterns.”

As I was making the quilt according to their directions, I realized that there is a much easier way to make this than to cut out each individual piece. I have converted the pattern into making strips and cutting units from the strips. I also changed their color assignment a bit.

This will be a small lap size quilt. The interior portion will measure approximately 38” x 56” and you can decide how much bigger you want it to be by adjusting the border(s) you add.

### ***Fabric Choices/Selection and Cutting***

I would suggest that your focus (Fabric A) fabric be a fairly small print since the pieces using it will be cut to either a 5” square or a 3-1/2” square. Be sure you choose fabrics with a lot of contrast, and **do not use diagonal or directional prints.**

All fabric requirements are based on Width of Fabric (WOF), assuming that 40” is useable. I have also upped the suggested amount of fabric so that you have enough fabric in reserve for any unforeseen glitches (I had a few, as I usually do).

Fabric A (focus fabric): 1 yard	Fabric D (highlight fabric): 3/4 yard
Fabric B (accent fabric): 1/4 yard	Fabric E (secondary fabric): 1 yard
Fabric C (background fabric): 1 yard	

Obviously having extra fabric is never a bad idea. I have not included border requirements since that is a decision for later.

### ***Cutting***

*Fabric A (focus):*

Cut 5 strips at 3-1/2”

Cut 1 strip at 5”

Cut 1 strip at 2”

*Fabric B (accent):*

Cut 3 strips at 2”

*Fabric C (background):*

Cut 16 strips at 2”

*Fabric D (highlight):*

Cut 2 strips at 2”

Cut 2 strips at 3-1/2”

Cut 2 strips at 5”

*Fabric E (secondary):*

Cut 4 strips at 2”

Cut 4 strips at 3-1/2”