

Mini Mystery #1

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Cutting Instructions

Blocks

Dark	A	1	3 1/2" x 40"*	
	B	1	3" x 40"*	
	C	1	2 1/2" x 40"*	
	D	1	2" x 40"*	
	E	1	1 1/2" x 40"*	
	F	1	1" x 40"*	
Med	G	3	1" x 40" *	(use same color, different fabric)**
Light	H	12	1" x 40"*	



Borders

Dark	A	1 1/2 " x 80"	
Med	B	2 1/2" x 100" (to match the med above)	

Batting & Backing

Approx 28"x28"

Binding

Dark 2" x 100" (this is what I cut for binding, use what ever width that you normally would use)

*If using scraps, cut enough to equal 40" or more, does not need to be all in one piece.

*Two strips if using FQ or one if using the full width of the fabric.

Strip 1: A

2: B,H

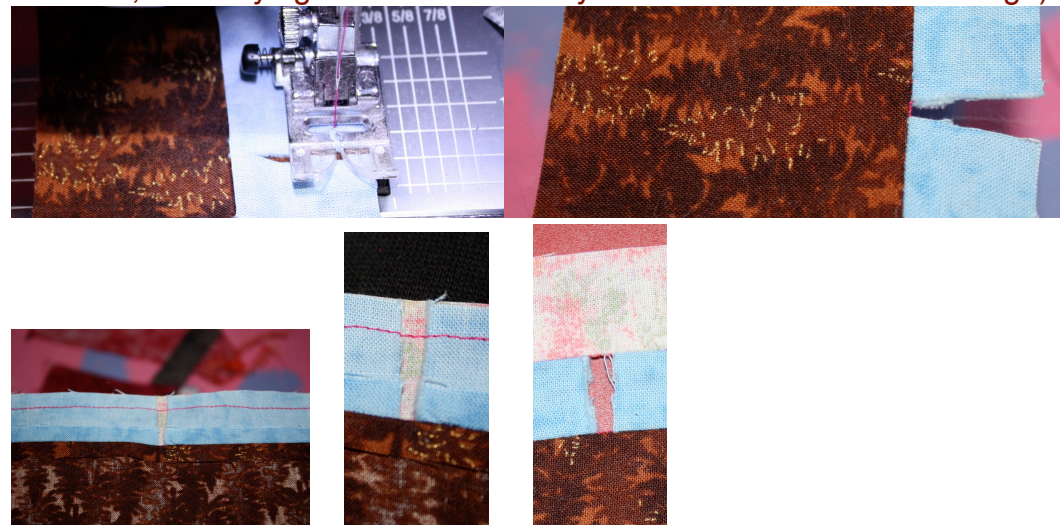
3: C,H,H

4: D,H,H,G

5: E,H,H,G,H

6: F,H,H,G,H,H

Sew until the one strip ends, add on the next piece and carry on, if there is another strip after, sew in all along the pieces, joining them together. (you can get the ends closer than this, I was trying to make sure that you could see what I was doing.)



*Careful when sewing the strips together, it is easy to stretch one while sewing, when you press you will find that they have a tendency to curve to one side.

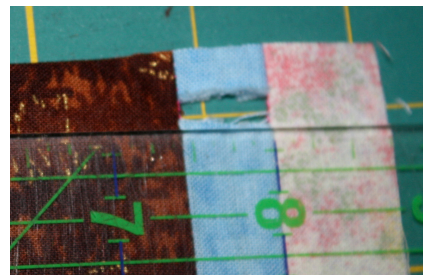
3. Out of each of your 3 1/2 in strips (they should all be that wide) Cut in one inch increments. You need 36 of each color combination. There should be a little left over of each strip, ease for cutting mistakes and joins. Be sure to clean up your end before starting your cuts to make sure that they are straight.



While cutting your strips, you can easily along the way verify if you have done an accurate job, the light strips end up 1/2 inch so easy to line up on your ruler when cutting.



*Cutting the strips that have been pieces out of smaller strips, you cut up to where the join in the fabric is, then skip over that little portion, with this size, it will be less than an inch. Even up your edges and continue cutting the rest.



4. We are now going to put our block together.

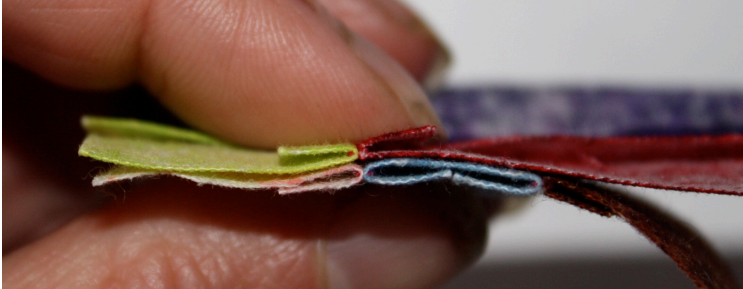
Sew strip 1 to strip 2. *Chain piece all 36 at a time. Cut apart and press, seams open.



Sew on strip 3 *



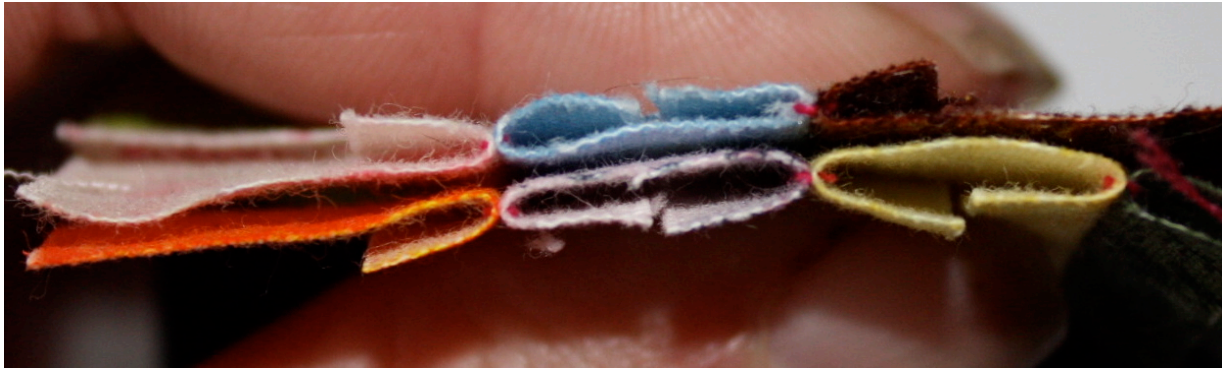
This is what you will be seeing on the side. match up the seams.



Sew on strip 4 *



Side view as you match up seams, at this size, there is not a lot of give so it is best to center it as best you can before sewing, some depending on how accurate that you are might be a little off.



Sew on strip 5 *



And then 6 *



Make sure that you press well especially on the last one, otherwise they have a tendency to curl and it is harder to see your pattern.

5. Laying out the blocks. There are any number of designs that you can do, here is a sample of them, some only use a portion of the blocks but it gives you an idea what you can do with them.



Sew into strips and then sew the strips together.

6. Time to add your borders, measure length and cut and sew border A on all sides, you should be square.

Press.

Measure and cut border B, attach to the top.

The top is now complete, you should measure approx 24" square.

Sandwich, quilt and bind!



Alternate Cutting Directions

			<u>6 inch block</u>	<u>9 inch block</u>	<u>12 inch block</u>
Dark	A	1	6 1/2"	9 1/2"	12 1/2"
	B	1	5 1/2"	8"	10 1/2"
	C	1	4 1/2"	6 1/2"	8 1/2"
	D	1	3 1/2"	5"	6 1/2"
	E	1	2 1/2"	3 1/2"	4 1/2"
	F	1	1 1/2"	2"	2 1/2"
Med	G	3	1 1/2"	2"	2 1/2"
Light	H	12	1 1/2"	2"	2 1/2"

To figure out how many strips that you need, times the number of blocks by the size of strip that you need. add a little for end pieces and joins.

3. After sewing them together, you will need to cut your strips the size of your light strips, so for a 6 inch block, you need to cut your strips 1 1/2", 9 inch block, 2", and the 12 inch block 2 1/2"