

## Rocket Quilter's 2011 Mystery Quilt Clue Two

In Clue Two we will give more specific quilt sizes, clarify fabric choices and how they are used, and start cutting and sewing one of the basic units.

The quilt sizes mentioned in Clue One were approximate. In this and all future clues, they will be rounded up to the nearest one-half inch based on output from EQ7. The quilt sizes are 22 1/2" square for the small wall hanging, 44 1/2" square for the wall/lap quilt, and 22 1/2" x 60 1/2" for the table runner. Your quilt may vary based on your border width, etc.

If you don't want to piece the borders, you need to purchase border fabric a few inches longer than the largest side (e.g., the 60 1/2" table runner will require 1 3/4 yds or 63").

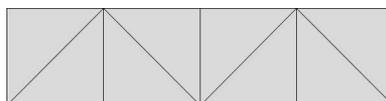
The colors 1,2, and 3 will be called Fabric "a", Fabric "b", and an Accent fabric. Fabrics "a" and "b" can be small all-over prints, tone-on-tone prints, or batiks, that read solid from a distance.

The Accent fabric is optional, and can be used in different ways to make your quilt "pop". It should contrast with Fabrics "a" and "b". If you choose to go scrappy, make Fabric "a" all dark and Fabric "b" all medium. Keep the Accent fabric consistent throughout.

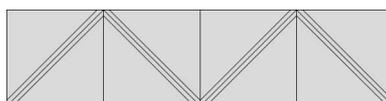
We will start by making two-color squares from half-square triangles. The finished size of these squares will be 3" x 3", the raw edge size 3 1/2" x 3 1/2". You will make an equal number of squares with Fabric "a" with Background, and Fabric "b" with Background. The number that you make will depend on which quilt you are making.

	Fabric "a" & Background	Fabric "b" & Background
Small wall hanging	8	8
Medium wall/lap quilt	32	32
Table runner	24	24

A very easy method of making these units is in batches of eight. Start with a 4" x 16" piece of each fabric. Press them right sides together with a spritz of spray starch. Using a pencil, draw lines at four, eight, and twelve inches. Then draw one diagonal line across each section in a zig-zag pattern.



Sew a scant 1/4" on each side of the diagonal lines.



Separate the units by cutting on all of the pencil lines. Open and carefully press towards the dark. Square up to 3 1/2" x 3 1/2".

Happy Quilting,  
Astro Scrappers

