

Rocket Quilt Guild Mystery Quilt 2017

October 2017 to April 2018

Revisions (shown in blue):

- Inserted instructions for making rectangular 46"x70" quilt.
- Darkened ink color for "Light (background)" fabric instructions.

Due Date: Judging for completed mystery quilts will be at the April 2018 Tea Party meeting.

Design: There are 2 distinct block patterns in this quilt, plus a coordinating border.

Size: Instructions are given for 3 different size options of the quilt:

Finished Quilt	Number of Blocks
46" x 46"	9
46" x 70"	25
70" x 70"	25

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances.

Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Fabrics Needed:

Fabric	Quilt Size 46" x 46"	Quilt Size 46" x 70"	Quilt Size 70" x 70"	Recommendations
Dark	1/4 yd	3/8 yd	1/2 yd	Solids, tone-on-tone, mottled, or small-print that reads solid from a distance
Dark-Medium	1 + 3/8 yd	1 + 3/4 yd	2 yd	Solids, tone-on-tone, mottled, or small-print
Medium #1 (accent)	1/8 yd	1/8 yd	1/4 yd	Solids, tone-on-tone, batik, or medium-sized print
Medium #2	1/8 yd	1/4 yd	3/8 yd	Solids, tone-on-tone, batik, or medium-sized print
Medium-Light	1/8 yd	1/4 yd	3/8 yd	Solids, tone-on-tone, or small-print
Light (background)	2 + 7/8 yd	3 + 1/2 yd	4 + 1/2 yd	Solids, tone-on-tone, or mottled

You need a high contrast between your Dark and your Light fabrics.

Yardage above does not include binding fabric (which you should probably choose after you see what the quilt top looks like after the last clue is provided).

Here are some examples of fabric color schemes.

Fabric	Your Fabrics	Example 1 Patriotic	Example 2 Christmas	Example 3 B&W	Example 4 Blue/Yellow	Example 5 Spring
Dark		Navy Blue	Forest Green	Black	Dark Blue	Dark Purple
Dark-Medium		Red	Red	Dark Grey	Med-Dark Blue	Dark Pink
Medium #1 (accent)		Dark Gold	Dark Gold	Red	Medium Blue	Bright Green
Medium #2		Medium Gold	Medium Gold	Medium Grey	Med-Light Blue	Light Purple
Medium-Light		Light Gold	Light Gold	Light Grey	Light Blue	Pink
Light (background)		White or Off-White	Cream or Light Beige	White	Yellow or Light Yellow	White or Off-White

Fill in the “Your Fabrics” column with the fabrics you’ve chosen for your quilt.

Instructions and diagrams are shown using the “Patriotic” color scheme, but you should substitute those colors with the fabrics you’ve chosen for your quilt.

Fill in your fabric names in the grid below (“Your Fabric” column) to easily remind you which fabrics to use where.

The number of strips, squares, units for the 46” x 70” and 70” x 70” quilts are shown in brackets [] after the number for the 46” x 46” quilt.

For example, “cut 2 [or 3, or 5] @ 2”x42” strips” means:

- “cut 2 strips of fabric to size 2”x42” per strip for the 46” x 46” quilt”
- “cut 3 strips of fabric to size 2”x42” per strip for the 46” x 70” quilt”
- “cut 5 strips of fabric to size 2”x42” per strip for the 70” x 70” quilt”

Let’s get started!

Cut Fabrics for Four-Patch Units:

From **Medium #2** fabric, cut:

- 2 [or 3, or 5] @ 2”x42” strips

From **Medium-Light** fabric, cut:

- 2 [or 3, or 5] @ 2”x42” strips

From **Light (background)** fabric, cut:

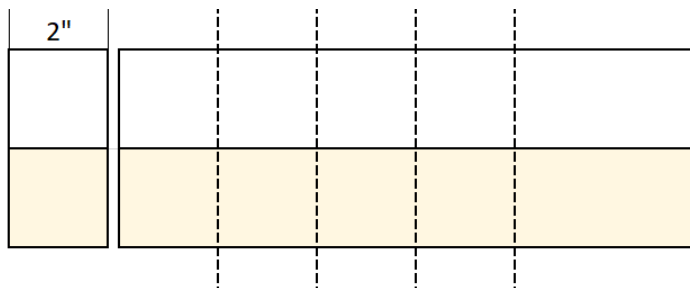
- 4 [or 6, or 10] @ 2”x42” strips

Number of Strips to Cut:

Fabric	Your Fabric	Patriotic Fabric	Quilt Size 46” x 46”	Quilt Size 46” x 70”	Quilt Size 70” x 70”
Medium #2		Medium Gold	2 strips	3 strips	5 strips
Medium-Light		Light Gold	2 strips	3 strips	5 strips
Light (background)		White	4 strips	6 strips	10 strips

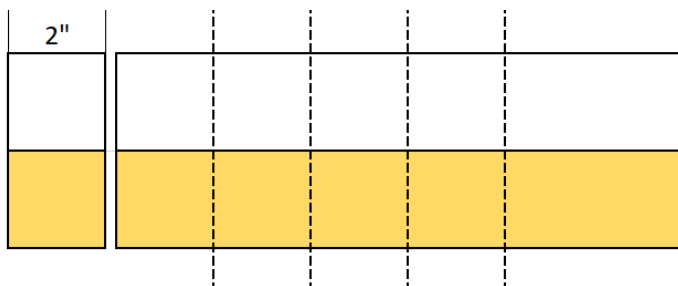
Assemble Four-Patch Units:

1. Sew together a **Medium-Light** 2"x42" strip to a **Light (background)** strip to make Strip Set A (Diagram 1).
2. Press seam away from **Light (background)** strip.
3. Repeat to make 2 [or 3, or 5] "A" strip sets total.
4. Cut strip sets into 36 [or 60, or 100] 2"-wide "A" segments.



Strip Set A
Diagram 1

5. Sew together a **Medium #2** 2"x42" strip to a **Light (background)** strip to make Strip Set B (Diagram 2).
6. Press seam away from **Light (background)** strip.
7. Repeat to make 2 [or 3, or 5] "B" strip sets total.
8. Cut strip sets into 36 [or 60, or 100] 2"-wide "B" segments.



Strip Set B
Diagram 2

9. Referring to Diagram 3, sew together an “A” segment and a “B” segment to make a Four-Patch unit. Note that the 2 Light (background) squares should be opposite each other in the Four-Patch unit.
10. Press seam towards darkest fabric.
11. Unit should be 3-1/2” square including seam allowances.
12. Repeat to make 36 [or 60, or 100] Four-Patch units total.

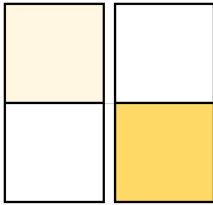


Diagram 3

If you have any questions about these instructions, please call or email me.

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