Merry Mayhem’s Mystery Quilt Case # 132: Lucky Stars

Join Merry Mayhem for a venture into the unknown as you make this beautiful 50” x 70” lap quilt. You can count your lucky stars that you will like the results of this project!

Go “controlled” OR scrappy with your Mediums & Darks (and get rid of a lot of scraps!); the choice is yours.

**Fabrics**

NOTE: Yardages are based on 40” of usable fabric width.

Fabric A - Light Background: 1½ yards. A nice, subtle tone-on-tone is recommended.

*Fabric B - Medium: 2½ yards (includes a Border); if you are using scraps, you will still need 1 ¾ yards of a single fabric for your Border.

*Fabric C - Dark #1 - If you are using a single fabric here, it is best if this is a darker shade of Fabric B: ¾ yard

Fabric D - Dark #2 (This can also be scrappy, but should be in the same color family - for example, all reds, and should also be a different color from Dark #1): ¾ yard

*Binding: Can be the same as Fabric C or D: ¾ yard

*Backing: 3 yards

* Scrappy Mediums (Fabric B) and Darks (Fabric C) in many colors are good, as long as there is good contrast. Keep in mind that if you are using Scraps, it will take you much longer to make this project, because we will be using strip piecing methods for the “controlled” version.

**Supplies**

- Rotary Cutting Equipment, including rotary cutter, self-healing mat and ruler; a 6½” square ruler is also recommended.
- Sewing Machine in good working order, extra needles, extra bobbins
- Iron, ironing board
- Basic sewing supplies, including pins, neutral-color thread for piecing, seam ripper, scissors, etc.
- Removable marking device that will show up on your Dark fabric(s)

**PART 1: Cutting**

WOF = Width of Fabric, or the distance from selvage to selvage, usually about 42”.

Fabric A (Light): Cut into:

- TWO 2” by WOF strips; then cut into TWENTY-EIGHT 2” squares
- SEVEN 2½” by WOF strips
- TWO 3½” by WOF strips; then cut into TWENTY-EIGHT 2” by 3½” rectangles
- TWO 6½” by WOF strips; cut ONE of them into FOURTEEN 2½” by 6½” rectangles

Cutting Instructions are continued on the next page.
Fabric B - Medium(s): If using a single fabric, cut it into:
   • EIGHT 2 ½” by WOF strips
   • From remaining fabric, cut FOUR 8 ½” by LENGTH of fabric strips (should be at least 60” long) for Border.

   If using scraps, cut ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR (124) 2 ½” squares.

   From your Border fabric, cut FOUR 8 ½” by LENGTH of fabric strips (should be at least 60” long).

Fabric C - Dark(s) #1: If using a single fabric, cut it into:
   • FIVE 2 ½” by WOF strips; then cut ONE of these strips into TWELVE 2 ½” squares.
   • ONE 8 ½” by WOF strip; then cut it into FOUR 8 ½” squares.

   If using scraps, cut SEVENTY-SIX (76) 2 ½” squares, AND FOUR 8 ½” squares.

Fabric D - Dark(s) #2: If using a single fabric, cut it into:
   • THREE 2” by WOF strips; then cut it into FIFTY-SIX (56) 2” squares. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each square.
   • ONE 3 ½” by WOF strip; then cut it into SEVEN 3 ½” squares.

   If using scraps ALL IN THE SAME COLOR FAMILY, cut FIFTY-SIX (56) 2” squares. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each square; AND SEVEN 3 ½” squares.

Backing: Cut in half to make TWO 1 ½ yard pieces. Remove selvages, and sew them side-by-side. It should measure about 54” by about 80”

Binding: Set aside for now.

That’s all for now!

You may go on to Part 2 in a couple of weeks.

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