



Mystery Quilt Part 1 – Cheryl Petreman

A mystery quilt is a pattern that is revealed one step at a time. The result being that you don't know what the finished quilt looks like until you receive the last set of instructions.

This mystery is designed to use one background fabric and any scraps you can find.

The quilt could also be sewn with a background and 4 contrast fabrics – fabric quantities will be given for this option. The pattern is suitable for beginner quilters, but should be interesting enough to appeal the the more experienced among you. Hopefully everyone will be able to take part.

Fabric Requirements:

	<u>Crib</u> (39"x52")	<u>Double</u> (64"x89")	<u>Queen</u> (89"x108")
Background	0.8 m	2.0 m	3.0 m
Option 1 – Scraps, FQs, etc.	2.0 m	5.2 m	8.8 m
Option 2 - Fabrics 1, 2, 3 & 4	0.5 m	1.3 m	2.2 m

Colour suggestions for the timid:

Use a tone-on-tone or solid white/cream for the background and then select fabrics that you feel are darks for the remainder. If you prefer to only use 4 fabrics, then they should vary in shade and size of print, but they must all contrast highly to the background fabric.

Colour suggestions for the confident:

The background is used for almost 30% of the quilt centre and a small inner border. You need to decide whether you want it to jump out at you or recede. Remember that white, yellow or red are likely to make a very strong impression. Muddy colours such as beige or mustard yellow will make a more subdued quilt. Black will recede and make lighter fabrics appear to float.

I see many possibilities for this pattern:

- Use pastels or reproduction prints with a white background.
- Use either pastels or darks with a medium zinger fabric as the background (ie: fuisha or yellow)
- Use mediums with a black, navy or brown background.
- Use black & white prints with a coloured background. Red would provide the most contrast, but a pastel would also show up well.

Getting Started:

Cut 2" strips of the background fabric: 8 for the crib, 25 for the double, and 45 for the queen.

If you are making a scrappy quilt, then sort your scraps into 2" strips and 6" squares. I'd advise cutting them as you need them, but if you want, you can multiply the following requirements by 4.

If you have chosen to use only 4 fabrics, then cut the following out of each of them:

	Crib	Double	Queen
2" strips	5	11	17
6" squares	7	25	46