

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner XI

A Mystery Quilt by Debbie Caffrey

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This pattern is for a 20 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ " or 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 52 $\frac{3}{4}$ " table runner.

The most important thing to remember when selecting fabrics for a mystery quilt is **contrast!** The fabrics should have good contrast among them in order for the pattern to emerge. Use color and/or value to achieve contrast. **Avoid directional fabrics unless you are prepared to ignore their prints.**

Fabric Requirements

 **Fabric #1 – Light Background** 1/2 yard*

 **Fabric #2 – Medium** 3/4 yard

 **Fabric #3 – Medium Dark** 1/2 yard*

 **Fabric #4 – Dark** 3/4 yard

Border 5/8 yard**

Backing 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ yards**

Binding 1/2 yard**

*I allow generous fabric requirements so that you may prewash your fabrics, if you choose. Also, I never buy any fabric smaller than a fat quarter or a half yard. You will be able to use less fabric than stated for fabrics #1 and #3. See the cutting instructions at the right. Do purchase 3/4 yard of fabrics #3 and #4. There will be more cutting of those fabrics during construction.

**Border, backing, and binding may be purchased after the mystery has been solved, however, more of the same fabrics may not be available. It is most fabric efficient to use the same fabric for the border and the backing. If you choose to do that, purchase 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ yards of that fabric to do both.

Other Supplies

Thread to blend with your fabrics

Rotary cutter, mat, and basic ruler

Suggested mat size – 12" x 18" or larger


Ruler – basic ruler for rotary cutting, 6" x 12", 6" x 24", or similar size

Cutting Instructions

Strips are cut across the width of the fabric, making them approximately 40" long with selvages on each of the short ends.

Cut the following pieces prior to class.

Bring the pieces and your excess fabric to class with you.


 **Fabric #1 – Light Background**

Cut two strips 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

Use the strips to cut twenty 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

 **Fabric #2 – Medium**

Fabric #2 will be cut during construction.

 **Fabric #3 – Medium Dark**

Cut two strips 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

Use the strips to cut thirty-two 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.

Cut two strips 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

 **Fabric #4 – Dark**

Cut one strip 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

Use the strip to cut twelve 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Cut two strips 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

There will be more cutting of fabric #4 during construction.

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