

# Mystery at the ranch II

a mystery quilt by Debbie Caffrey

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The finished size of this quilt is 63" x 78¼".

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 this contrast. Avoid directional fabrics unless you are prepared to ignore their prints.

## Fabric requirements

Fabric #1 – Light (background)	3½ yards
Fabric #2 – Medium	¾ yard
Fabric #3 – Medium Dark	1⅛ yards
Fabric #4 – Dark	1¼ yards
Border	1⅛ yards
Binding	¾ yard
Backing	4 yards

## Other Supplies

Sewing machine

Thread to blend with fabrics

Rotary cutter, mat, & ruler

- Mat – 12" x 18" or larger
- Ruler for cutting strips – 6" x 12" or larger

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## Cutting

### Fabric #1 – Light

Cut two strips 14½" wide.

Use these strips to cut fourteen 4" x 14½" rectangles.

Cut two strips 12" wide.

Cut three strips 4¾" wide.

Use these strips to cut twenty-four 4¾" squares.

Cut the squares twice, diagonally, into quarter-square triangles. Yield: 96 triangles



Cut two strips 4" wide.

Use these strips to cut twelve 4" squares.

Cut one strip 2¾" wide.

Cut seven strips 2⅝" wide.

Use these strips to cut ninety-six 2⅝" squares.

Cut the squares once, diagonally, into half-square triangles. Yield: 192 triangles



Cut six strips 2¼" wide.

Cut one strip 1¾" wide.

Use this strip to cut twenty 1¾" squares.

Use scraps from the 14½" strips to cut two 4⅜" squares.

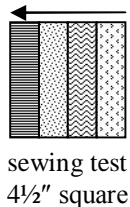
Cut the squares once, diagonally, into half-square triangles. Yield: 4 triangles



## Sewing TeST for Seam al l owanceS

The success of your quilt depends upon precise ¼" seam allowances. It is a good idea to do the following test prior to beginning.

TEST: Cut four rectangles that measure 1½" x 4½". Sew them together along the long edges. Press the seam allowances to one side. The finished piece should measure exactly 4½" square. If it does not, adjust your seam allowance and repeat the test.



### Fabric #2 – Medium

Cut two strips 4¾" wide.

Use these strips to cut twelve 4¾" squares.

Cut the squares twice, diagonally, into quarter-square triangles. Yield: 48 triangles



Cut three strips 2¼" wide.

Use these strips to cut forty-eight 2¼" squares.

Cut two strips 1¾" wide.

### Fabric #3 – Medium Dark

Cut six strips 2¼" wide.

Cut nine strips 1¾" wide.

### Fabric #4 – Dark

Cut three strips 4⅜" wide.

Use these strips to cut twenty-six 4⅜" squares.

Cut the squares once, diagonally, into half-square triangles. Yield: 52 triangles



Cut three strips 4" wide.

Use these strips to cut twenty-eight 4" squares.

Cut three strips 2¼" wide.

Cut two strips 1¾" wide.

## Piecing Prior to class

Make the strip-pieced panels shown on page 3 prior to class. It will avoid long lines at the irons and get you much closer to completing the quilt in class.

Piece and press accurately, using the sewing test at the left and the measurements in the illustrations on page 3 to check your accuracy.

## Mystery at the ranch II – Step 1

Use one 12" strip of fabric #1 and two 1¾" strips of fabric #3 to make an A panel. See figure 1. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrows.

Measure the panel. It should measure 14½" wide as noted at the right end of the illustration (fig. 1). If yours does not, check your pressing. If it still does not measure 14½", adjust your seam allowance and restitch.

Repeat to make a second A panel.



fig. 1  
Panel A – make 2

Use the 2¾" strip of fabric #1 and one 1¾" strip of fabric #3 to make a B panel. See figure 2. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrow. Again, measure to check for accuracy.



fig. 2  
Panel B – make 1

Use one 2¼" strip of fabric #1, one 2¼" strip of fabric #3, and one 2¼" strip of fabric #4 to make a C panel. See figure 3. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrows. Check for accuracy.

Repeat to make a total of three C panels.

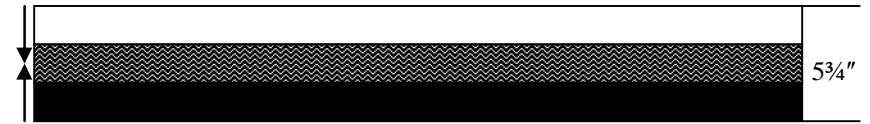


fig. 3  
Panel C – make 3

Use one 2¼" strip of fabric #1 and one 2¼" strip of fabric #3 to make a D panel. See figure 4. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrow. Check for accuracy.

Repeat to make a total of three D panels.



fig. 4  
Panel D – make 3

Use one 1¾" strip of fabric #2 and one 1¾" strip of fabric #3 to make an E panel. See figure 5. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrow. Check for accuracy.

Repeat to make a total of two E panels.



fig. 5  
Panel E – make 2

Use one 1¾" strip of fabric #4 and one 1¾" strip of fabric #3 to make an F panel. See figure 6. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrow. Check for accuracy.

Repeat to make a total of two F panels.



fig. 6  
Panel F – make 2