

MYSTERY QUILT

If you are interested in making a Mystery Quilt, play along with the clues that will magically appear in your monthly newsletters. The Supplies List and Cutting Instructions are included in this newsletter. Subsequent clues will appear monthly with the final clue showing up in six or seven months.

This is a repeat of one I did for the Guild about 11 years ago and at the retreat about 5 years ago. If you've done it, you will recognize it. You liked it last time and may want to make another! Most of you have not made this one, so join the squad and work the clues.

Sheriff Audrey

MYSTERY AT the RED RIVER QUILTERS' GUILD Crime Sheet

Sheriff Audrey Bee

When solved, the mystery will measure 64" x 72".

The *Red River Quilters' Guild* enlists your help in solving a mystery. We will work independently to solve this mystery. Gather your mug shots and list of suspects and we will work through it with monthly clues.

Mug Shots: 4 pieces of fabric and backing:

- *Mug Shot 1:* 2-2/3 yards of focus fabric (suggest a fabric with multiple colors) (will also be the outside border)
- *Mug Shot 2:* 1/2 yard of coordinating fabric "A" (suggest tone-on-tone or reads-as-solid)
- *Mug Shot 3:* 1-1/8 yard of coordinating fabric "B" (suggest tone-on-tone or reads-as-solid) (will also be the inside border)
- *Mug Shot 4:* 1-1/2 yards of background fabric (something light: white, off-white, or very light that goes with the focus)
- *Mug Shot 5:* 4-3/4 yards backing and one package twin size batting

As an example, if you were making this a Quilts of Valor quilt, select a patriotic print for the focus, a red and blue for the coordinating, and a white for the background. The coordinating fabrics should have contrast and yet coordinate with the focus. If making a Christmas quilt, pick a Christmas print, a red and a green coordinating, and a background.

Gather 8 Evidence Bags (baggies) and label them #1, #2, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9 (note there is no #3)

List of Suspects: (*WOF = Width of Fabric, based on 40" usable fabric*)

Mug Shot 1 (*Focus fabric*)

- Cut 3 strips at 8-1/2" x WOF (Width of Fabric).
Cut into 12 squares at 8-1/2" x 8-1/2". Place in *Evidence Bag #7*
- Cut 7 strips at 5-1/2" x WOF (Width of Fabric). Place in *Evidence Bag #8*
- Cut 7 strips at 2-1/2" x WOF. Place in *Evidence Bag #9*

Mug Shot 2 (*Coordinate A*)

- Cut 2 strips at 6-1/2" x WOF. Cut into 30 rectangles 2-1/2" x 6-1/2"
Place 9 rectangles in *Evidence Bag #1* and 21 rectangles in *Evidence Bag #4*

- Cut 1 strip at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF. Cut into 9 squares at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Place in *Evidence Bag #2*

Mug Shot 3 (Coordinate B)

- Cut 2 strips at $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF. Cut into 30 rectangles $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ "
Place 9 rectangles in *Evidence Bag #2* and 21 rectangles in *Evidence Bag #4*
- Cut 1 strip at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF. Cut into 9 squares at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Place in *Evidence Bag #1*
- Cut 6 strips at $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 40". Place in *Evidence Bag #8*

Mug Shot 4 (Background Fabric)

- Cut 3 strips at $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF. Cut into 21 rectangles $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".
Place 12 rectangles in *Evidence Bag #5* and 9 rectangles in *Evidence Bag #6*
- Cut 2 strips at $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF. Cut into 18 rectangles $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "
Place 9 rectangles in *Evidence Bag #1* and 9 rectangles in *Evidence Bag #2*
- Cut 5 strips at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF. Cut into 78 squares $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "
Place 18 squares in *Evidence Bag #1*, 18 squares in *Evidence Bag #2*, and 42 squares in *Evidence Bag #4*

Prepare All Evidence Bags and get ready to solve the mystery!