

Mystery Quilt Supply List and Fabric Requirements

Size options: Large 85 x 99 or Generous lap 64 x 80

This is the hardest part for most. The easiest way is to start with a layer cake of 40-42 10" squares. If there are fewer squares, it is a smaller quilt. If you have some favorite fabrics and no layer cake, then cut 42 – 10" squares.

Now pick two accent colors – use good contrast and something that stands out with your layer cake fabrics. Look for something that reads solid or is solid.

Background: Can be dark or light or medium. Again, a tone on tone (grunge), solid or reads solid. You don't want it to take away from your blocks.

If you want to get a border now it can be a matching print or one of your accent pieces or you can wait.

You have options for two sizes and that determines how much fabric you need.

Fabric Requirements: Large Quilt

1-layer cake (42 – 10" squares)

$\frac{3}{4}$ yard each of two accent fabrics, solid or read solid (Fabrics A & B)

4 yards background, a neutral, either solid or tone on tone

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yds. outer border (5" border)

$\frac{3}{4}$ yd. for binding

Fabric Requirements: Small Quilt

1-layer cake (30 – 10" squares)

$\frac{1}{2}$ yd. each of two accent fabrics, these should read as a solid (Fabrics A & B)

3 yds. background, neutral or solid or tone on tone

1 yd. border fabric (3" border)

$\frac{2}{3}$ yd. for binding

Basic sewing and rotary cutting tools.

A storage container and way to mark what you have cut (note pad, tape or sticky notes)

A small (1 x 6") ruler to draw diagonal lines or tape on sewing machine will help. (This will be demonstrated later.)

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Examples of fabric choices:

This layer cake is blacks, taupe, blues, pinks and soft colors. I picked a white grunge background with gray and black as accents. I could have picked soft blues and pinks with a dark background as well.



This layer cake is strong African colors with orange, yellow, black. I picked a strong orange and black accent with a grunge background. It could be an orange and yellow or white accent with a black background.



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This combination shows another option. The layer cake has black, green, gray, white and off white. Even a bit of orange. You love the idea of a bright green accent and you have many small pieces. You can use several fabrics for your one accent if they all read the same value and color.



Alternatively, I could do just black, gray and off white and add a very thin strip of the green at the end in a border.

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