

Week 1

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Many different blocks are made from the same pieces, and each of these blocks may be arranged in a variety of combinations. The first Pick-a-Box Mystery yielded 20 quilt designs.

Requirements are for a quilt 60" x 60". You may wish to make a larger quilt by adding borders or more blocks or you might like to try a smaller version 45" x 45".

You will need light fabrics of a similar value and contrasting dark fabrics of a similar value. If you have some large pieces of fabric you'd like to use you will need 80" minimum. You might like to use just one fabric for the background and scraps for the contrast.

Have fun choosing your fabrics; a variety of small prints, geometrics and spots may work well. For the design to stand out, each set of fabrics, light and dark, must be of similar value with a high contrast between your light and dark fabrics.

Hint: When you have made your selection line the fabrics up with just a little of each showing. Any that stand out should be discarded.

I chose lots of florals but a couple I will have to discard as the print is large, with light flowers on the dark background. If I used this fabric the block would have light and very dark pieces and the light flowers wouldn't show up the pattern on the light background. A few others are too light and these will have to be discarded. The background is a very light pink print. Maybe you still have some calico/homespun in the back of the cupboard. Remember that is all we used in the '70's and it makes a good contrast when using scrap. We are not making a Best of Show quilt!!!



There are two lots of instructions for different size scraps.
One uses 6" squares and 3½" squares.
The second uses just 10" squares.

Whether using small scraps or 10" squares,
there is a choice of a 60" finished quilt or a 45" finished quilt.

**BE SURE TO SELECT THE APPROPRIATE
REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR EITHER
SMALLER SCRAPS OR 10" SQUARES.**

**REMEMBER TO READ THE *WRITING IN RED* FOR THE SMALLER
SCRAPS !**

REQUIREMENTS for smaller scraps

For the 60" square using smaller scraps

*32 x 6" squares of both background and contrast fabric.
160 x 3½" squares of both background and contrast fabric.*

For the 45" square using smaller scraps

*18 x 6" squares of both background and contrast fabric
90 x 3½" squares of both background and contrast fabric*

REQUIREMENTS for 10" squares

Requirements for the 60" square

32 x 10" squares of background fabrics.
32 x 10" squares of contrast fabrics.

Requirements for the 45" square

18 x 10" squares of background fabrics
18 x 10" squares of contrast fabrics

Prepare the squares in the following manner before you receive the next instruction.
This is for the 10" squares only.

Place one 10" square of dark on one 10" square of light, right sides together. Cut
into two triangles as shown in the diagram.

Keep paired triangles together.

