

QGSA ROUND THE BLOCK MYSTERY QUILT: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2020

Size: 50" x 50"

Step One:

This weekend Kathy and I are enjoying a quilting retreat where several Round The Block quilts are in various stages of construction.

The fabric choices are diverse, as expected, and being a mystery all sorts of outcomes resulted. Some of the retreat quilters suggested that I consider letting our mystery quilters have a little more input into the arrangement of their fabrics BEFORE it came time to piece their quilt tops together.

So, with the best interests of our mystery quilters in mind, I am going to suggest a review of your fabric choices in terms of the randomly allocated letters that you have given them.

Ignoring your feature fabric (QQ), you have 16 fabrics that need to play nicely together in the following four 'teams':

AA/MM/NN/CC

BB/OO/PP/EE

DD/RR/SS/GG

FF/TT/UU/HH

I'd like to suggest that before we progress further, you group your four lots of fabrics into these teams and see if you like them working closely together. If not, rearrange until you are happy. This is the only opportunity you will get to have a play with your fabric arrangement.

If you make any swaps, please make sure that you re-name the fabrics on your sheet according to the letters within the groups above or you might get a little confused during the construction process.

Now that we have our teams organised, let's get this mystery started!

QGSA ROUND THE BLOCK MYSTERY QUILT 2020 QUILT CONSTRUCTION

Press as you go, pressing towards your darker fabrics. Make sure that your seams are completely flat on the right side.

1. For **each** of Fabrics AA, BB, CC, DD, EE, FF, GG, HH:
 - Sew a long side of a 2 ½" x 6 ½" strip to the left hand (long) side of a 4 ½" x 6 ½" **background** rectangle.
 - Add matching 2 ½" x 6 ½" strips to both the top and bottom of each of these squares.



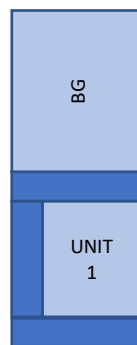
- Label each of your fabric units 1 – 8 as follows

(I wrote these next to the fabric letters on my card):

AA	- UNIT 1	(Dark Blue)
BB	- UNIT 2	(Light Pink)
CC	- UNIT 3	(Rust)
DD	- UNIT 4	(Red)
EE	- UNIT 5	(Gold)
FF	- UNIT 6	(Purple)
GG	- UNIT 7	(Green)
HH	- UNIT 8	(Grey)

The colours in brackets refer to the colours used in the working diagrams in the following instructions.

- Add a 6 ½" x 8 ½" **background** rectangle to the top of UNIT 1 with the background fabric in this unit on the right-hand side.



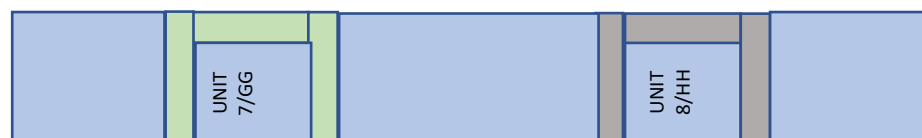
- Add a 6 ½" x 14 ½" **background** rectangle to the bottom of UNIT 1.
- Add UNIT 2 to the bottom of your strip – again with the background fabric in this unit on the right-hand side.
- Add a 6 ½" x 8 ½" background rectangle to the bottom of your strip.



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UNIT A

- Repeat Steps 3 -6 for UNITS 7 and 8 **but mirror the units**. That is, your **background** rectangle in Steps 3 and 5 will be on the left-hand side.
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UNIT E