

Merrimack Valley Quilt Guild
Mystery Quilt for Program Year 2025-2026

Welcome back! I hope you are excited as I am for another exciting year of programs and fellowship with the members of MVQG. We are so blessed to have such a fabulous guild.

This year's mystery quilt is much more basic than last year's quilt. There are no Y or partial seams, applique, half square triangles or flying geese. 😊 The finished quilt is a throw size finishing about 50" x 77". All seams will be $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Yardage requirements assume 40/41 inches of usable fabric (WOF). The designer used scraps from her stash and only provided rough estimates. I have calculated the yardage based on the cutting instructions. The requirements for the accent and background include a small amount of extra just in case. All fabrics touch each other so a good contrast is helpful. Thank you for participating.

Focus fabric:

$\frac{1}{2}$ yard **or** 24 5-inch square focus blocks

Background fabric

2 3/4 yards

Accent fabric

1 1/8 yards

Binding

1/2 to 2/3 yard depending on your desired binding width.

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Month 2

Background fabric:

Cut 10 - 1.5 inch by width of fabric (WOF) strips

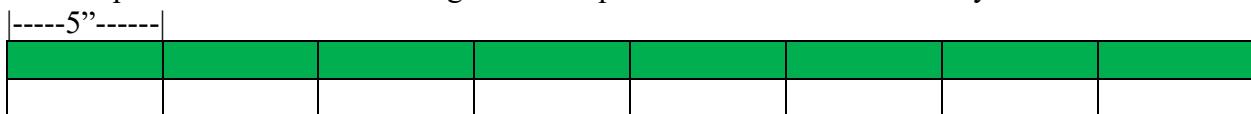
Accent fabric:

Cut 10 - 1.5 inch by width of fabric (WOF) strips

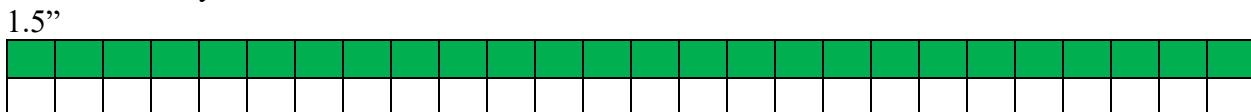
Sew 1 accent strip to 1 background strip. Repeat for all 10 strips. Press towards the dark side.



Sub cut **9** of the sewn strips into 5" rectangles. You should be able to yield 8 - 5" rectangles from each strip. Cut a total of **68** rectangles. These pieces should measure 2.5" by 5".



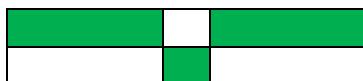
Sub cut the remaining strip into 1.5" pieces. Cut a total of **34** pieces. These pieces should measure 1.5" by 2.5".



Sew 1 5" rectangle to 1 1.5" piece as shown below. Press towards the 1.5" piece. Repeat to yield 34 blocks.



Sew 1 5" rectangle to the opposite side as shown below. Press towards the 1.5" piece. Your block will measure 2.5" by 10.5".



Label these 34 "block 1".

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Month 3

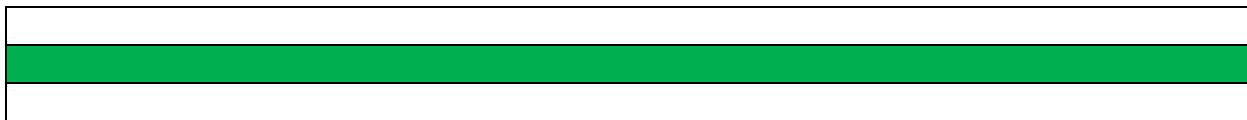
Background fabric: (white)

Cut 10 - 1.5 inch by width of fabric (WOF) strips

Accent fabric: (green)

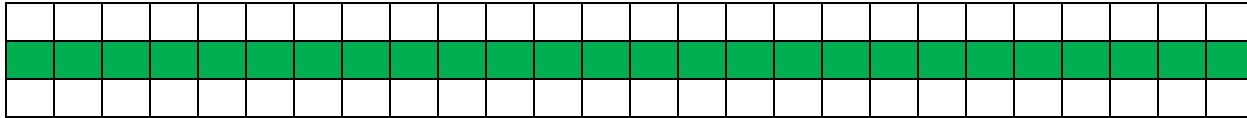
Cut 8 - 1.5 inch by width of fabric (WOF) strips

Sew a background strip to each side of an accent strip. Press to the dark side. Make **4** of these strip sets.



Sub cut each strips into 1.5" pieces. Cut a total of **96** pieces. These pieces should measure 1.5" by 3.5". **Unit A**

1.5"

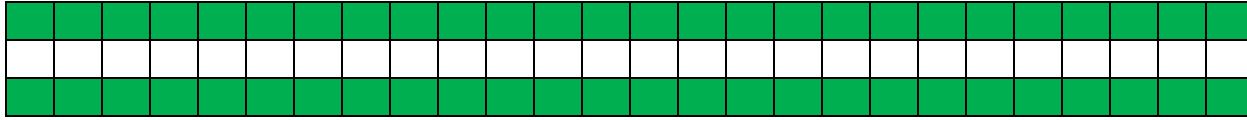


Sew an accent strip to both sides of a background strip. Press to the dark side. Make **2** of these strip sets.

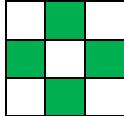


Sub cut each strips into 1.5" pieces. Cut a total of **48** pieces. These pieces should measure 1.5" by 3.5". **Unit B**

1.5"



Sew 2 Unit A's and 1 Unit B together to make a 9 patch. Block should measure 3.5" x 3.5". Make 48 blocks. Label these "block 2".



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