



KZNQG MYSTERY SEW-ALONG

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For this instalment, you will need the medium and the light fabrics. If using scraps, use a variety of lights and medium fabrics.

For all the instructions for each instalment of this mystery quilt, note that when I say to cut a strip, I mean that you should cut a strip of fabric from selvedge to selvedge. That means that on both narrow ends of the fabric strip, there should be a little bit of the selvedge. I hope that makes sense.

If using scraps, you may need to use shorter strips - still the same width as prescribed (for this instalment $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches) - depending on how wide your scraps are.

Please remember that fabrics are different widths so you may find that you may occasionally need an extra strip or two. I will tell you how many units you will need so just keep making the units until you have enough.

Chain piecing is when you start with a scrap piece of fabric, folded to make a double layer. (Its correct name is a leader scrap.) You place the scrap under the presser foot of your sewing machine and start stitching halfway into the scrap. After this you feed all the units you are stitching through your machine one after the other without cutting the threads in between. This saves a lot of time and thread. Once you have finished stitching all the units, snip off the leader scrap and snip the threads in between all the units. The purpose of the leader scrap is to prevent your machine from "gobbling up" the corners of the first unit.

Please press all seam allowances to one side - not open! We will be using the strip-piecing method. Strip piecing is when you sew strips of fabric together first and then cut the units from that strip set. Be aware of your pressing when you are doing strip piecing. There should be NO little pleats or folds. Make sure the seams lie flat.



Cutting Instructions:

Cot Quilt

Cut three $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of light

Cut three $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of medium

Lap Quilt

Cut four $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of light

Cut four $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of medium

Single Bed Quilt

Cut nine $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of light

Cut nine $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of medium

Queen Size Quilt

Cut thirteen $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of light

Cut thirteen $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of medium

Method

1. Take a strip of medium fabric and a strip of light fabric. Place them together, right sides facing.
2. Pin and stitch along the long edge of the strips, making sure that you use an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance.
3. Chain piece the balance of the strips in the same way.
4. Remove from your machine and press the seam allowance towards the medium fabric. It should look like the diagram below.



5. Lay your strips out horizontally on your cutting mat with right sides up. Straighten up the short edge of the strip set. Line up a horizontal line on your ruler with the stitching line and cut $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch units from your strip sets. You will



need to cut 48 for a cot quilt, 64 for a lap quilt, 144 for a single bed quilt and 200 for a queen size quilt.



6. Take 2 of these units and, with right sides facing place them one on top of the other. The medium fabric of the top unit on top of the light fabric of the bottom unit. Butt the seam allowances carefully and pin and stitch along the long edge. Chain piece these units together. Press to one side.



Your 4-patch unit should look like the picture below.

Make 24 for the cot quilt, 32 for a lap quilt, 72 for a single bed quilt and 100 for a queen size quilt.

7. Enjoy!