



KZNQG MYSTERY SEW-ALONG

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Let's begin the Mystery Quilt journey.

There will be **seven sets of instructions** for you to follow. None of the steps are too challenging for a confident beginner to cope with.

There are **three sizes available** for this quilt. You can either make a cot quilt, a single bed quilt or a queen size quilt.

The first instalment is all about the fabric. Please use only 100% cotton fabric.

This quilt has been designed so that you can use scraps of fabric from your stash or you can use just 3 fabrics - one light, one medium and one dark. If you decide to use just **3 fabrics**, your medium should be something that "pops" or what quilters refer to as a zinger.

If you are going to make a **scrappy quilt** - a quilt using many different colour fabrics that relies on the value (lightness or darkness) of the fabrics for the contrast - please make sure that your dark fabrics are very dark, that your light fabrics are very light and that your medium fabrics fit halfway in between. For the light fabrics, you could use various creams, whites, or beiges or very pale blues, very pale pinks, very pale greens and very pale lilacs. The darks could be navy, black, dark purple, aubergine, maroon, dark green. The mediums need to be somewhere safely in between. You can use whatever colours you like but for the design to be successful, make sure to stick to the correct values of the fabrics. This quilt lends itself to the use of **fat quarters**.

In the fabric quantity instructions, I will give you the total amount of fabric that you need. If I say you need 90cms of light fabrics and you are using only 3 fabrics for your quilt, get 90cms of one light fabric. If you are making a scrappy quilt, use various light fabrics that add up to 90cms of fabric. Remember that a fat quarter of fabric equates to 25cms of fabric. Quilting fabric is usually about 115cms or 42 inches wide.

For those making a quilt from 3 fabrics only, I have given you the fabric quantities for the borders so that you can get all your fabric together. For the scrappy quiltmakers, you can choose your borders once you are done with your quilt top.



For the cot quilt, you will need:

90 cms of light fabrics

75 cms of medium fabrics

90 cms of dark fabrics.

You will need 50 cms of medium for the narrow border

You will need 1m of the dark fabric for the wide border

The finished size of this cot quilt is 46 inches by 58 inches

For the lap quilt, you will need:

Light fabrics - 1,25 m

Medium fabrics - 75 cms

Dark fabrics - 1 m

Narrow border - medium - 30cms

Wide border - dark - 80cms

Finished size of the quilt is 58 inches by 58 inches

For the single bed quilt, you will need:

2 metres of light fabrics

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ metres of medium fabrics

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ metres of dark fabrics

For the narrow border, you will need $\frac{1}{2}$ metre of medium fabric

For the wide border, you will need 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ metres of dark fabric

The finished quilt size of the single bed quilt is 70 inches by 94 inches



For the Queen Size quilt, you will need:

3 metres of light fabrics

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ metres of medium fabrics

3 metres of dark fabrics

For the narrow border, you will need $\frac{1}{2}$ metre of medium fabric

For the wide border, you will need $1\frac{1}{2}$ metres of dark fabric

The finished size of this Queen Size quilt is 94 inches by 94 inches

Get all your fabrics ready by prewashing them all in a pillowcase so they don't fray as much. Add a colour catcher to the water for your dark fabrics. Starch your fabrics when you iron them so that they are easier to handle. Enjoy choosing your fabrics.

Until next time

Sue