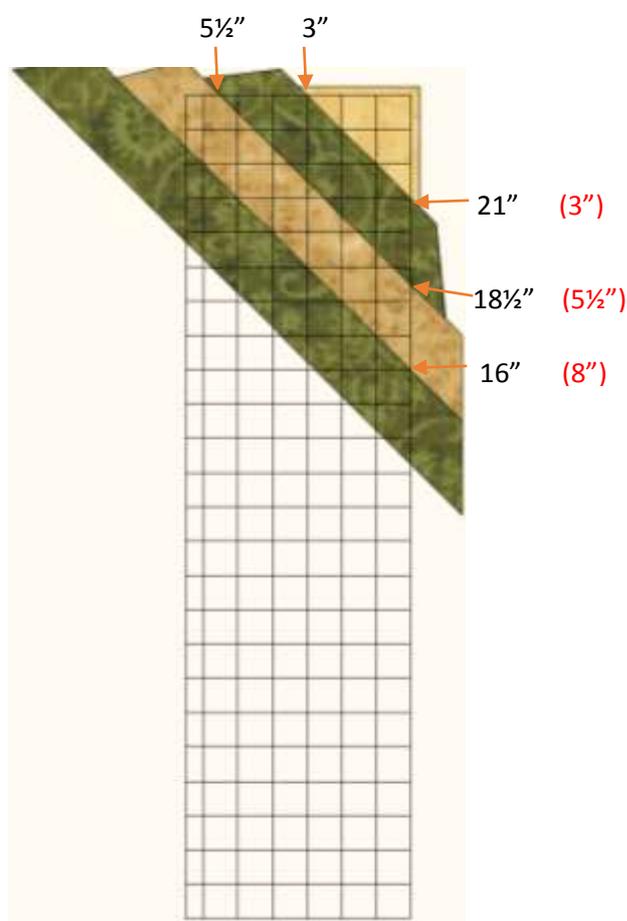


Final Instalment

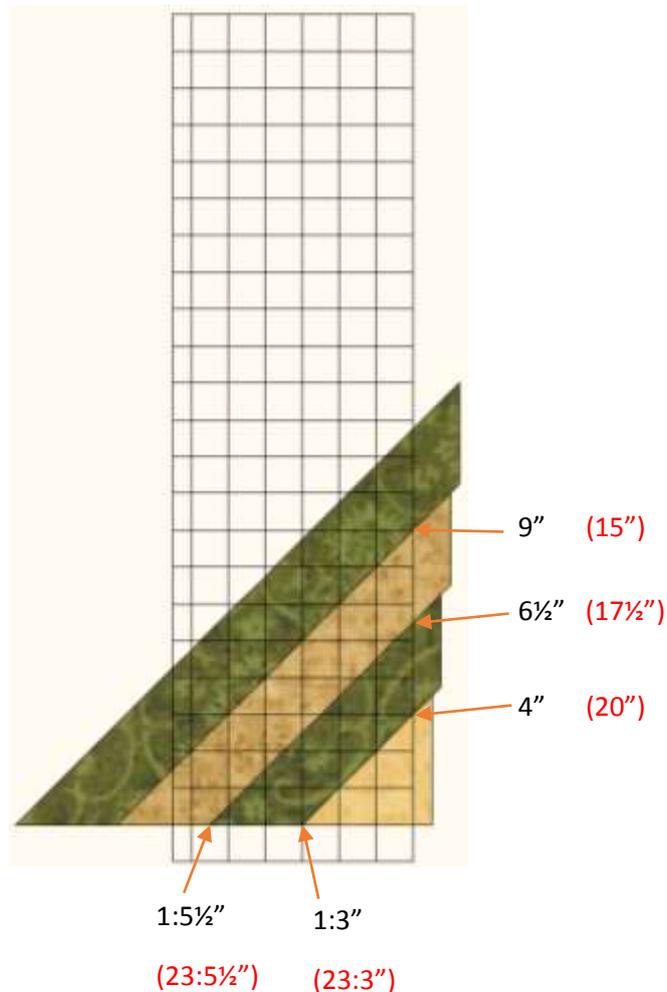
At long last, we have reached the final instalment of the KZNQG Mystery Quilt for 2021. There is still quite a lot of work to do, so let's get started.

Method:

1. The first step is to trim down the large diagonal strip triangles that were made in Instalment 3.
2. We will use the same method as for all the other elements with diagonal strips. Check your notes for Instalment 8 to check the ruler diagrams. I will differentiate between the two rulers with black figures and red figures again. If the measurements on your blocks are a little bit out, please don't panic! Get as near as you can and just get on with it!!
3. Press the triangles one more time before you start cutting. Take care not to melt the Vilene.
4. Lay out a large diagonal strip triangle onto your cutting mat. Place your 24" x 6½" ruler onto the block as in the picture below. Line up the seams with the lines on your ruler as indicated and trim off everything to the right of your ruler.



5. Turn the triangle so that it resembles the picture below. Place your ruler onto the triangle so that the freshly cut edge lines up with the one inch (23 inch) line on your ruler. The other seam intersections should all line up with the measurements on your ruler indicated in the picture below. Trim off everything to the right of your ruler.



6. Repeat this process for all of the large diagonal strip triangles.
7. The next step is to trim down the appliqué squares. They should measure 14 and a half inches when you are finished trimming. If you still have the centering marks on your appliqué blocks, use them as a guide. If you have a 15 inch square ruler, use it to cut down your block. If not, use the lines on your cutting mat to guide you. Use the exact centre of the lines on your mat as they are normally quite wide and may cause the block to end up too small. Make sure that the centre appliqué circle motif ends up in the centre of the trimmed block. In other words, try to trim equal amounts off of all 4 sides of the appliqué square.
8. Find and mark the centres of all 4 sides of the trimmed appliqué square - the centres may have changed during the trimming down process.



9. Find and mark the centres of the longest green strip of the large diagonal strip triangles.
10. Match a triangle centre marking to a centre marking of one side of an appliqué square. Pin and stitch in place. You will notice that the triangle is larger on both sides than the appliqué square. This is correct. Press towards the triangle.
11. Repeat for the opposite side of the appliqué square.
12. Complete the process by pinning and stitching the remaining 2 triangles to the remaining 2 sides of the appliqué square in the same way as before. Press towards the triangles. Your block should look like the picture below.



13. Layout the blocks that were completed in Instalment 8 and the appliqué blocks as in the picture below. Pay attention to the orientation of the 4-patch units. The dark squares of the 4-patch units should form a straight diagonal "line" on the top right and bottom left of the centre medallion and the contrast squares should form a straight line on the bottom right and top left of the centre medallion.



14. Pin and stitch the blocks together in rows, making sure that you pin each intersection very carefully so that the seams all meet perfectly. You may find it easier to mark your seam allowances. If you have to unpick, be extremely gentle as the edges are all on the bias. You don't want to stretch them. The vilene is there to help to stabilize the bias edges. Press the seams towards the appliqué blocks.
15. Pin and stitch the rows together. Again, be careful to line up all the seams.
16. Cut and add your borders in the usual way. I cut my narrow border $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches and my wider border $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Remember to measure your quilt and your borders before you add them to the quilt so that they fit perfectly.
17. Quilt your quilt in your favourite way and remember to enter it into the Open Category of the Local Is Lekker Quilt Show unless you get someone else to quilt it - then it should be in the Collaborative section.
18. I hope you have enjoyed this journey!

