

# SCRAPPY UNDER CONTROL

## MYSTERY QUILT PART #1

This year's mystery is a scrappy quilt, a "controlled" scrappy quilt. That is, use a color scheme using your scraps such as fall colors, jewel tones, Christmas colors, or pastels or a favorite fabric line that coordinates with each other. However, it is advisable that the background fabric be of all the same material. Here are some guidelines on how to make a controlled scrappy quilt.

- Choose a focus fabric of pleasing colors or color schemes as mentioned above
- Choose fabrics for the project stash that are friends, but not clones, of the focus object
- Use simple rules to choose fabrics for each block such as each color can only appear once
- If you want a certain 'color cast' to your quilt change the rule
- Enjoy the process; revel in the new combinations this method brings you

I recommend you read each clue before starting. You may have a different method of constructing the final block. You can wait to cut at each clue too if you like. I know that some people like to have everything cut from the start.

Also, I give no real pressing directions. I pressed my squares to the dark and it all worked out okay for me.

The final quilt size without borders is about 74" square.

Fabric requirements:

Background/Light fabric - Just under 4 yards

Medium/Dark scraps – equivalent of about 3 yards ---really use your scraps!

And you will need at least one yard of a fabric for a small inner border and binding. You might want to wait until the last clue to determine the color/fabric you want to use. If you want to cut it now, cut 8 – 1 ½" strips for the inner border and 8 strips of whatever size you cut your binding at (some do 2 ½" binding, some smaller)

From the background fabric or light fabric cut the following:

17 – 2 ½" strips. From about 4 of these strips cut 64 2 ½" squares and set aside for Clue #4, leave the rest as strips at this time.

8 - 4½" strips and subcut into 64 4 ½" squares

2 – 3 3/8" strips subcut into 16 - 3 3/8" squares

7 - 3" strips and subcut into 96 3" squares.

5 – 5" strips and subcut into 40 5" squares

For the medium/dark scraps you will need the following:

128 - 2 ½" squares

12 - 2 ½" strips (can be 24 fat quarter strips of 21" or even scrappier if you want)

96 – 3" squares

32 – 2 7/8" squares Cut diagonally once to produce 64 dark/medium triangles.

40 – 5" squares

(for those in Scrap Therapy you can cut down your 3" and 5" squares to get these sizes)

That's it for part 1.