

Langley Quilters Guild Mystery Quilt 2009/2010

Final Instalment - Finally



To qualify for either the Participant's or Viewer's Choice prize, your quilt top must be *complete and on display for both meetings May 26, 2010*. You do not have to be present to win a prize but your quilt top does. If you know that you are not able to get your quilt to the May 26 morning meeting, you are welcome to get your quilt to me between May 21 and 24. I will be happy to make sure your mystery is revealed. If you cannot pick your quilt up from the evening meeting please make arrangements with myself, or another quilter, to take the quilt home for you.

REMEMBER, you only have to complete the top. It is not necessary to quilt or bind the top to qualify for the prizes.

ASSEMBLY OF BLOCKS

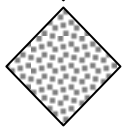
Throughout the course of the mystery you have made four of "Block A", five of "Block B", four of "Block CA", eight of "Block CB" and four of "Block CC"; a total of 25 blocks.

The blocks are to be sewn together in rows as illustrated below. Please refer to the illustration for placement. Use a scant seam allowance. Block CC (corners) not shown.

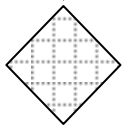
KEY to Block Placement:



Block A

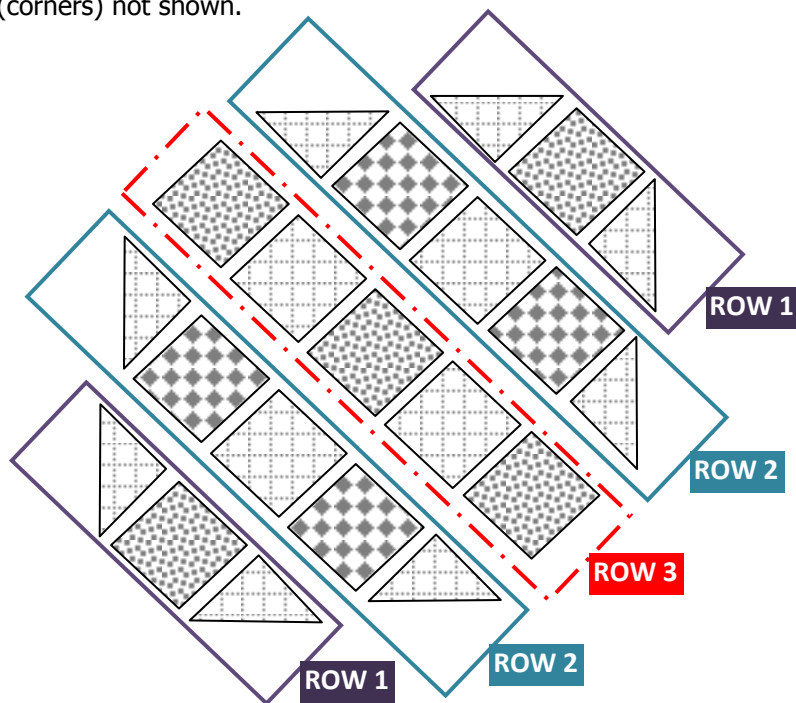


Block B

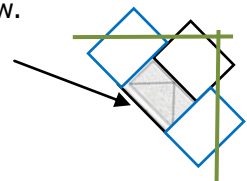


Block CA, CB

Block CC (corners) not shown.

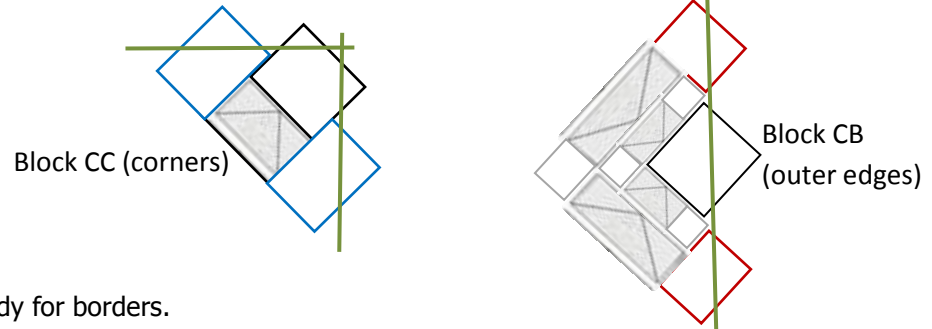


The corner blocks, "Block CC", are to be attached once you have sewn the five rows together. Note that the longest side of Block "CC" will be sewn to the corners of the quilt top. Long side shown below. The green lines represent what will be trimmed off and are not to scale.



Once the rows have been assembled press well. The blocks will have to be trimmed to create straight neat edges. Before trimming the edges consider using a temporary marker to draw the cutting lines on your top *before cutting* to confirm that you will end up with straight edges and square quilt.

Carefully trim the excess of Blocks CB and CC from your quilt top using the outer seam points as your guide, adding a 1/4" seam allowance. The green lines in the illustrations are not intended as accurate cutting lines.



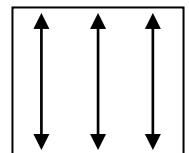
After trimming, your top is ready for borders.

BORDERS

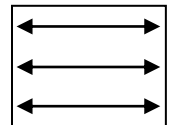
An inner and outer butted border will be added to complete the top. The borders can be pieced or cut as continuous strips depending on your available yardage.

You also have the option of using an additional dimensional decorative flange bordered.

To determine the average length of your quilt top, measure the quilt top as illustrated; inner left side, middle and inner right side. Do not measure along the outer edges of the quilt; position the tape measure 8 to 10 inches in from the edges. Add up the three measurements and divide the total by three. Example: First measurement 40", next 39.75, and lastly 40.25 = 120" divided by 3 = 40". The quilt top in this example is 40" long.



Since this is a square quilt top, the width should be the same as the length. To be sure, measure the width, as you did the length; add up the three measurements and divide by three to get your average width.



OPTIONAL Dimensional Border: Known as a flange, you may choose to use this decorative border as a color accent. It does not make the quilt any larger as it is attached with the inner border; inserted into the seam between the quilt top and inner border. This is an optional border and not required to participate in the prize draws.

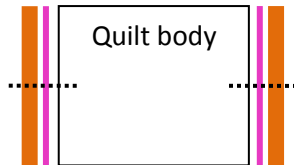
This border was not included in your recommended yardage. Check your remaining fabric supply before cutting the flange border. If you wish to include the flange border, the color used is entirely up to you. Review the INNER and OUTER BORDER colors before making your flange color choice.

To include the flange border cut two strips the length of your top and two strips the width of your top (according to your calculations) each 1 1/4" wide. Fold each strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, press for a crisp fold.

To avoid shifting, some quilters may stay stitch the flange to the quilt top, 1/8" from the edge, before attaching the inner border. Others sandwich this flange in between the inner border and the quilt top and sew the flange and inner border on at the same time. The choice is yours. Attach at this point or set aside for the next step.

INNER BORDER: Color C5.

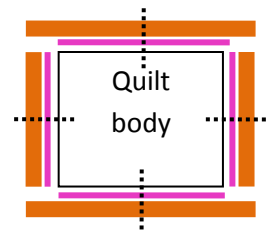
1. Using the LENGTH you calculated for your quilt top, cut, or piece, two inner border strips the length of your top that are 1 1/2" wide. The example used earlier would require a 40" inch long strip that is 1 1/2" wide.
2. Fold the borders in half lengthwise and finger crease the center.
3. Find and mark the center on all four sides of the quilt.
4. Line up the crease of an inner border strip and the quilt top, right sides together. Include the flange between the quilt top and inner border, if using the flange option and not previously attached.



- Dotted line indicates creases.
- Flange - Pink line.
- Inner border - Heavier orange line.

5. Pin through all layers at the crease to prevent shifting. Line up the ends of the border with the ends of the quilt and pin. Match and pin the border(s) to the opposite sides of the quilt as shown above. Pin well to make sure the quilt and border lengths match up. Sew the border(s) onto the quilt.

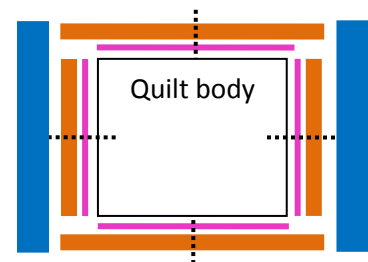
6. Using the WIDTH of your quilt top, PLUS the additional width of the inner borders on each side (2 1/2" in total), cut two more inner border strips 1 1/2" wide and pin according to step 5. See diagram on right.



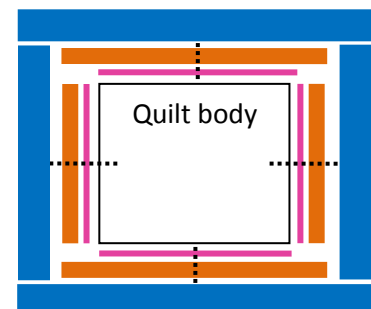
OUTER BORDER: Color C1.

With the four inner border strips attached (and possibly flange), your quilt top will have grown a little. Flange is not used with the outer border.

7. Using the new quilt top length, cut two outer border strips that are 2 3/4" wide.
8. Fold the border strips in half lengthwise and finger crease the center.
9. Line up an outer border crease with the inner border crease. Pin the layers at the crease to prevent shifting. Line up the ends of the border with the ends of the quilt and pin. Match and pin the borders to the sides of the quilt. Pin well to make sure the quilt and border lengths match up. Do this on opposite sides of the quilt as shown. Sew the borders to the quilt.

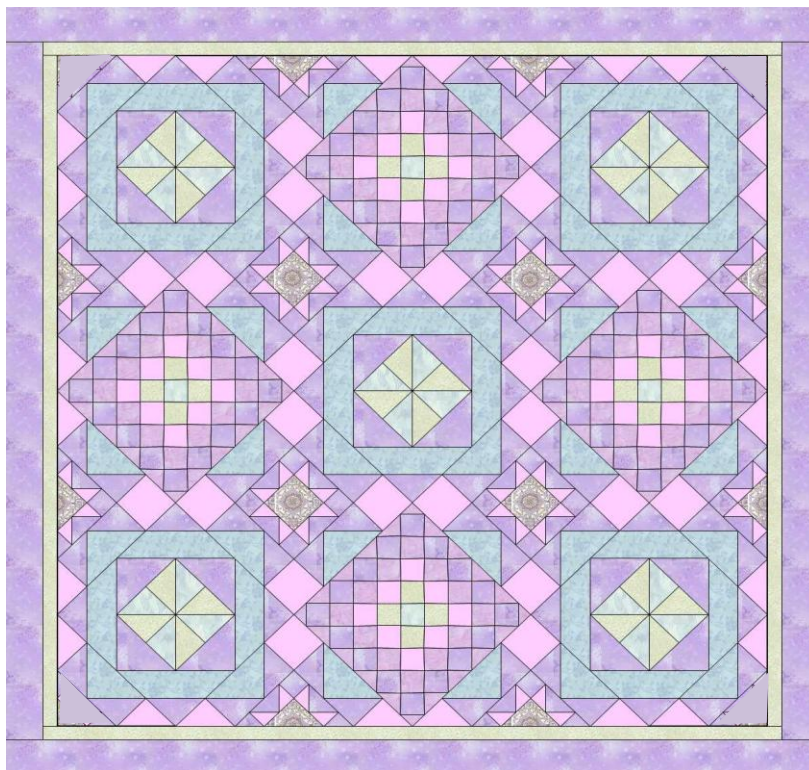


10. Cut two outer border strips the width of the quilt top PLUS 5", to allow for the outer borders you have attached, that are 2 3/4" wide. Attach to the top and bottom of the quilt.



Congratulations!!

You have completed your
Mystery Quilt top!!



Back, quilt and bind as desired. Create a label with the leftovers from Block A and the remaining scraps.

Thank you to Aurifil for their generous support of the Mystery Quilt!

Thank you for your participation and patience with the Mystery Quilt. I hope that you enjoy your top and are pleased with the outcome!

The Participants Prize is a wonderful assortment, more than 20 spools, of Aurifil Cotton Mako' 40 thread and an Aurifil storage case to store your 1000 meter spools.

The Viewer's Choice Prize is great assortment of Aurifil Cotton Mako' 40 thread; 1000 meter spools.

GOOD LUCK!!

Tammy Murray,
Mystery Mistress

