

Auntie “M”’s Mystery Quilt – Part 1

Auntie “M” wants to make a quilt for her great-niece, the only problem is her sewing room. Her organizational skills and ability to clean up after herself are less than stellar.

“Let me see...I know just the quilt I want to make, I can picture it in my mind – well, sort of. Hmmm. Where did I put that pattern? It must be here somewhere and I just need to find it. Oh my, here it is, now why was I using it as a book mark? I think this is it, but it seems to be missing the first page. Oh well, that is just fine, I don’t need to know the name of it or see a picture, I know it’s the one.”

“What size to I want? I could make it a small one since she is a baby, or maybe one of the larger sizes... I will make up my mind after I find the fabric. It has the yardages for 3 different sizes.”

And so it did, and this is the yardage chart:

| | <u>Twin</u> | <u>Throw</u> | <u>Baby</u> |
|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Print Layer Cake or 10” squares | 30 Squares | 20 squares | 12 squares |
| Coordinating Solid Layer Cake or 10” squares | 30 Squares | 20 squares | 12 squares |
| Inner Border | ½ yd. | ½ yd. | 1/3 yd. |
| Outer Border | 1 ¼ yd. | 1 1/8 yd. | 7/8 yd. |
| Binding | 5/8 yd. | ½ yd. | ½ yd. |

“Well that seems clear. I can use a layer cake or cut my own squares, that would be 10” of fabric for every 4 squares. So if I make a throw, I will need 50” of fabric. Dividing by 36, that is 1.388888888. Oh my, I’ll just call it 1.5.”

“Now to get started. It says to place a solid and a print right sides together and sew all round them with a ¼” seam. On all four sides? Well, yes that is what it says, so it must be what you do.”

And Auntie “M” proceeded to follow the directions and sew each of her 10” print squares to a 10” solid, sewing all four sides with a scant ¼” seam.

“Now for the next step, what do I do now? Oh dear, it must be on the next page. I will have to try to find it, but I have time. This doesn’t have to be done for a few months. Maybe I’ll find it when I clean...”

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