Exclusive Design for the 2009 QHC Quilt Show!

2009 Quilters' Heritage Celebration Show Mystery Quilt "Inspired by…Spring!"

Designed by Kimberly Einmo / Quilt Size: 55" x 55" / Finished Block Size: 10" x 10"

Skill level: Confident Beginner / Intermediate

By special request and back by popular demand, I've designed an exciting new mystery quilt *exclusively* for the **2009 Quilters' Heritage Celebration Show**! This original design celebrates this year's QHC theme, "Inspired By…" with a unique combination of traditional blocks arranged in a beautiful setting. While the blocks themselves are not difficult to piece, the secondary pattern that emerges is surprising and reminiscent of spring! With careful cutting and organization before class, you should be able to assemble your quilt top or at least piece your blocks by day's end.

Choose your fabrics by following the color ***values*** listed on the supply list enclosed with your registration confirmation. ***For the secondary pattern to really emerge there should be strong contrast between your fabrics. And here's an extra hint: if you plan to use a green fabric, you might want to use it as fabric #4 – think leaves!*** The ruler of thumb is this: if the hues, contrasts, and scale of prints are balanced and look great lying side by side, they'll look great in this quilt. For a sneak peak of my fabric choices for two different versions of the mystery quilt, check out the special section on my website dedicated to the 2009 QHC Show at www.kimberlyeinmo.com in early November, 2008. And please feel free to contact me directly via email at Kimberly@kimberlyeinmo.com.

Student's Supplies:

Please bring to class

- Fabrics washed, ironed and cut according to the supply list (bring all your leftover fabric, too!)
- ***Easy Star and Geese Ruler*** *by Kimberly Einmo (I will have available for you to use in class or for purchase at a special discount. I do not require you to buy this ruler to participate in making the mystery quilt!)*
- 45 mm (or larger) rotary cutter – *treat yourself to a new blade and experience the joy of stress-free cutting!*
- Rotary mat
- Ruler 6" x 24" preferred / 9½" (or larger) square ruler *(optional, but very helpful for squaring up blocks)*
- Neutral sewing thread in ecru or light gray
- Basic Sewing Supplies such as sewing scissors, straight pins, general sewing supplies, seam ripper
- Pre-wound cotton bobbins in a neutral color *(optional)*
- Bring anything you might need to make your classroom experience more efficient, stress-free, and enjoyable! *(Think: an extra light next to your machine, extension cord, a comfy cushion to sit on, magnifying or reading glasses, something to drink in a cup with a spill proof lid, chocolate or an energy snack… and most importantly, a sense of humor and fun!)*

Hints:

- It is especially helpful if you take the time to prepare a fabric "legend" with swatches of your fabrics for reference throughout the piecing process.
- To keep all your strips and fabric pieces organized, put them into Ziploc baggies and label accordingly.
- Pre-wash and dry your fabrics and use spray sizing (such as Niagara or Magic Sizing) or *synthetic* starch to press your fabrics before you cut them according to the rotary cutting chart. The extra crispness makes wrinkles disappear and the fabric easier to cut. Your cutting will be more precise, and this will make your piecing more accurate. ***Trust me!***

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FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: Cut all strips selvage to selvage. It will be extremely helpful if you prepare a fabric legend by gluing a piece of fabric in each of the spaces provided at the right in the chart.

FABRIC	COLOR VALUE	YARDS	CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS	LEGEND
Fabric #1	**MULTI-COLOR PRINT**	1½ yd.	• Cut 2 – 11" strips; subcut 4 – 11" squares (H patches). Cut squares once diagonally to yield 8 triangles. *[Step 3]* • Cut 2 – 3" strip; subcut one 3" strip in half (WOF) to approximately 21" *[Step 4]* • Cut 4 – 3" strips *[Step 5]*	
Fabric #2	**LIGHT (BACKGROUND)**	1 yd.	• Cut 2 – 5½" strips; subcut 4 – 5½" squares (C patches) from one strip. *[Step 1]* • Cut 1 – 3" strip; subcut 4 – 3" squares (E patches), 4 – 3" x 5½" rectangles (F patches) *[Step 2]* • Cut 1 – 5½" strip; pair with one fabric #5 – 5½" strip *[Step 2]* • Cut 2 – 5½" strips; pair with two fabric #4 – 5½" strips *[Step 3]*	
Fabric #3	**MEDIUM LIGHT**	½ yd. (+ ¼ yd.)	• Cut 1 – 3" strip; *[Step 4]* • Cut 4 – 3" strips; *[Step 5]* • *Optional: extra ¼ yd. needed for fusible appliqué*	
Fabric #4	**MEDIUM**	¾ yd.	• Cut 2 – 5½" strips; pair with two fabric #2 – 5½" strips *[Step 3]* • Cut 4 – 3" strips *[Step 5]*	
Fabric #5	**MEDIUM DARK**	1 yd.	• Cut 1 – 10½" strip; subcut 1 – 10½" square (D patch). Trim remaining strip to 5½" strip *[Step 1]* • Cut 1 – 5½" strip; pair with one fabric #2 – 5½" strip *[Step 2]* • Cut 2 – 5½" strips; subcut 4 – 5½" x 11½" rectangles (G patches) *[Step 2]*	
Fabric #6	**DARK**	1/3 yd.	• Cut 1 – 3" strip; subcut 4 – 3" squares (E patches) *[Step 2]* • Cut 2 – 3" strips *[Step 4]*	
Backing		3½ yd.	• 2 panels 30" x 62"	
Batting		---	• 62" x 62"	
Binding		½ yd.	• Cut 6 – 2¼" strips for binding *(Hint: Any of the fabrics EXCEPT fabric #3 will work)*	

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ROTARY CUTTING *(Measurements include seam allowances)*
Chart provided for reference only. Do not cut any A or B patches before class.

PATCH	MEASUREMENT
A	Use Side A (Magenta side) of ***Easy Star and Geese Ruler*** to cut A (geese) units IN CLASS ONLY
B	Use Side B (Mint green side) of ***Easy Star and Geese Ruler*** to cut B (wing) units IN CLASS ONLY
C	5½" square
D	10½" square
E	3" square
F	3" x 5½" rectangle
G	5½" x 11½" rectangle
H	11" square (cut once diagonally to yield two large triangles)