

MAQ Mystery Quilt 2017-2018

Kiss and Tell

We're going to try something new for the next meeting year. Instead of a Block of the Month, we're going to be making a year-long Mystery Quilt. Each month I will publish a construction step in the newsletter and at the end of the year you will have a quilt top finished if you choose to participate. You can work at your own pace and work along all through the year, start at any time and catch up or even wait until all of the clues have been revealed. It's all up to you.

The first step is to collect your fabrics, and you'll have all summer to do it. Your quilt can be scrappy in a color family, wildly scrappy, or have a carefully coordinated palette. It's all up to you. Won't it be fun to see, at the end, what everyone has chosen to do. Wildly scrappy is my own choice. Raid your stashes if you can!

For this quilt, (roughly 57 1/2"x69 1/2") you will need:

- 1) Approximately 2 yards of **neutrals**. It could be a single neutral, a limited assortment (about 8 fat quarters), or completely random.
- 2) Approximately 2 3/8 yards of a **highly contrasting color(s)**, or again about 10 fat quarters or random darker scraps.
- 3) Approximately 2 yards or about 8 fat quarters of **bright yellow(s)** or a random collection of yellow scraps.
- 4) 3/8 of a yard of **red** or about that much of varied red scraps.
- 5) 1 yard of **blue** or about that much of varied blue scraps.
- 6) Twin size **batting**.
- 7) Approximately 3 5/8 yards of **backing**.
- 8) And approximately 5/8 yard for **binding** – blue, red or yellow, or more scrappy – either straight grain or bias takes the same yardage.

I hope you will join me in making Kiss and Tell, it should be a lot of fun. - Nina