



Murder on the High Seas

sew the quilt to solve the crime!

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fabric selection guide

Choosing the fabric for your mystery quilt is part of the fun! Our finished quilt features a traditional-modern design with sashing & borders, plus overlapping blocks that create an overlay effect. The design builds along with the clues as the year progresses—so you never know too much too soon!

In the list on the next page, I have detailed the fabrics required to complete the quilt. The swatch illustrations show solid-color selections to indicate the general color of the fabrics I have used for the master quilt--these are a suggestion only, and are intended to help guide you as you make choices. You are by NO means expected or required to use these colors, this palette, or this cutting guide! Feel free to make your quilt as scrappy as you choose, as the design is very scrap-friendly! You can also easily select your fabrics as we go along, once you have seen each block design, taking care to observe the yardages so that fabrics will match across blocks. Yardages are given for each fabric, and include a small margin for mistake cuts or directional prints. We have included smaller cuts this year to indicate good places to utilize your stash.

While these swatches indicate solid colors, I have primarily used small-scale prints in my own quilt, based on my personal tastes. Feel free to use any prints you like, and even to tuck in some whimsical bits of fabric in various places! In the same way, should you have too little of a particular fabric, you can almost certainly supplement with a similar print and still have a gorgeous finished quilt.

Remember to have fun choosing fabrics, and make a quilt you're going to love!

Finished Quilt Measurements

Finished quilt top measures 70" x 54"

The design includes integrated sashing and borders; additional optional borders may be added after construction to make a larger quilt. Instructions for cutting optional borders will be provided at the end of the project upon request but are not included in the monthly block instructions.

Additional Supplies

Backing fabric: approximately 3 yards of 45" fabric

Batting: pre-packaged batting measuring at least 75" x 60"

Thread: for piecing the blocks and for quilting the final project. These may be different thicknesses of thread, and are likely different colors.

Binding: 1/2 yard of fabric to make binding for the finished quilt.



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Listed below are the colors and amounts needed to complete the 2021 Murder Mystery Quilt. Color names are given for clarity ONLY and should not be regarded as hard + fast "rules," since your quilt should be beautiful to YOU! There is a great deal of latitude in the design, so have FUN selecting fabrics you'll love quilting with as the year unfolds.

Main fabrics

BO	gray	1.5y
BG	aqua	1.5y
A	white	1/2y
B	black	1/2y

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These colors make up the bulk of the quilt and will be seen in large sections, including the sashing + borders (BO) and the background (BG). All colors appear in more than half the blocks throughout the quilt, and BG + BO are nearly always touching one another.

Featured fabrics

E	marine	FQ
P	ruby	FQ
N	gold	1/2y

Featured fabrics:

These colors appear in a highlighted portion of the quilt, as well as in approximately half of the blocks.

Accent fabrics

D	navy	FQ
F	royal	FQ
H	teal	FE
K	dk green	FQ
L	green	FQ
M	chartreuse	FE
Q	salmon	FQ
R	magenta	FQ
S	orange	FE
T	pink	FE

Accent fabrics:

While these are called "accent" fabrics, they are in fact the building blocks of our blocks! These colors appear throughout the twelve main blocks of the quilt, and most are used in three or more blocks.

Some care should be taken to ensure that color H is easy to differentiate from the background, and that colors K + L + M all coordinate with one another.

FE = fat eighth measures at least 9" x 22" or can be a scrap

FQ = fat quarter measures at least 18" x 22"

1/2y = half yard measures at least 18" x 44"

1.5y = one and a half yards measures at least 54" x 44" but can be in multiple pieces

When in doubt, feel free to buy a little extra OR use multiple prints to achieve the necessary amount!