



MURDER OF THE VIKING

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 central medallion PLUS a hidden secondary design, with integrated borders and accent blocks. 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.

Where you have a stash fabric in a smaller cut, feel free to use more than one similar fabric to get the required yardage; the one place where this is not recommended for beginners is the background fabric and the border fabric, which is best purchased all at one time, before the quilt begins. Any other fabrics can be purchased as the year goes along, if you'd prefer!

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 72" x 84"

The design includes integrated 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 4 yards of 45" quilt-weight cotton fabric

Batting: pre-packaged batting measuring at least 75" x 90" (larger if optional borders are added)

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

Binding: 3/4 yard of fabric to make bias-cut binding for the finished quilt OR store-bought quilt binding measuring at least 9 yards long.



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Listed below are the colors and amounts needed to complete the 2023 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.

Foundation fabrics

A	sea glass	2y
B	deep peridot	1.5y
C	tarragon	3/4y
D	topaz	1y

Foundation fabrics:

These colors make up the foundation of the quilt and will be seen in large sections, including the borders (B, C, D) and the background (A). They appear in more than half the blocks throughout the quilt, and B, C, and D should co-ordinate closely.

Neutral fabrics

E	onyx	FQ
F	white	1/2y
G	steel	FQ
H	honey	1/2y
J	sand	1/2y

Neutral fabrics:

These colors appear as accents throughout various blocks of the quilt, as well as appearing in larger segments in three blocks.

Focus fabrics

K	aquamarine	1/2y
L	clover	1/2y
M	amethyst	1/2y
N	bordeaux	1/2y
P	citrine	1/2y
Q	flame	1/2y
R	crimson	3/4y
S	fog	3/4y
T	harbor	1/2y
U	glacier	1/2y

Focus fabrics:

These jewel-inspired colors create the major visual elements of the blocks, and are in fact the focus of the entire quilt!

They are grouped at left with the other fabrics that touch them the most along seam lines in various blocks.

Smaller prints work, but large-scale prints may lose detail since many of these fabrics appear in cuts of 3" or smaller. However, it is possible to fussy cut some of the blocks where these colors are used; this may require additional yardage.

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!

NOTE: There is no fabric "i" or "o" to avoid confusion with numerals 1 and 0 in block patterns.

Keep track of your selections by cutting small swatches & stapling them to this guide for reference as the year goes on!

TIP