Painted Pony 'n Quilts 281-471-5735

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The finished size of this quilt is 70" x 82".

The most important thing to remember when selecting fabrics for a mystery quilt is contrast. The fabrics should have good contrast among them in order for the pattern to emerge. Use color and/or value to achieve this contrast. Avoid directional fabrics unless you are prepared to ignore their prints.

Fabric Requirements

Fabric #1 – Light (background)	1½ yards
Fabric #2 – Medium	21/4 yards
Fabric #3 – Dark (main fabric)	2 yards
Outer Border – more of fabric #3 or another	11/8 yards*
Backing	5½ yards*

^{*}The borders, backing, and binding may be purchased after the mystery has been solved, but more of the same fabrics may not be available.

Other Supplies

Sewing machine
Thread to blend with your fabrics
Rotary cutter, mat, & basic rulers — A ruler that is at least 6½"
wide is best.

Cutting Instructions

Strips are cut across the width of the fabric, making them approximately 40" long with selvages on each of the short ends.

Cut the following pieces prior to class. Bring all of the cut pieces, your scraps, and your excess fabric to class with you.

Fabric #1 – Light (background)

Cut nine strips 2½" wide.

Reserve four strips for strip-piecing.

Use the remaining five strips to cut seventy-two 2½" squares.

Cut four strips 2" wide.

Cut ten strips 11/2" wide.

Fabric #2 – Medium

Cut three strips 6½" wide.

Use the strips to cut ten $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and seventeen $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.

Cut five strips 3" wide.

Cut eight strips 2½" wide.

Cut six strips 2" wide.

Cut four strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ wide.

Fabric #3 – Dark (main fabric)

Cut four strips $6\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

Use the strips to cut sixteen $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and fourteen $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.

Cut two strips 31/2" wide.

Use the strips to cut fourteen $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and four $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.

Cut two strips 21/2" wide.

Cut eight strips 1½" wide.

Cut ten strips 11/4" wide.