

Mystery Quilt Part 8

This is the final part of the Mystery Quilt. The mystery was revealed in Part 7, and now this part will show you how to add the two borders.

Inner Border

Line up the 1/4" mark on a see-through ruler with the design points on the outer edge of quilt (see the dashed lines in the photos below)



Use a pencil or marker to draw a line on the fabric along the edge of the ruler. Don't worry about what marking tool you use as this line will be cut away after sewing on the Inner Border



From the **Dark Sash Fabric**:

cut **7 strips - 1 1/2" x WoF**.

Sew strips end-to-end to make one long strip. Cut this strip in half.

At the top corner on one side of the quilt top, align a border strip beside the marked line. Sew on the border, using a seam 1/4" away from the right edge of the border strip. Trim off excess length and set aside. Using the other long strip, sew a border on the opposite side of the quilt top. Cut away the triangle pieces that stick out beyond the border, that is, cut beside the drawn lines. Discard the triangle pieces. Press both seam allowances toward the border.

***Tip:** When you press, use spray starch on the blocks around the edges of the quilt top to help keep the bias edges from stretching while sewing on the borders.*

Using the excess border strips, sew a border to the top and bottom of the quilt top, trim excess border, cut and discard the waste triangles, and press seams toward the border.

Outer Border

From the **Background Fabric** (or **border fabric** of your choice):

cut **8 strips - 4 1/2" x WoF**.

Join 2 strips. Sew to side, trim away excess length.

Repeat for the other side; press seams toward outer border.

Join strips and sew borders to top and bottom as above. Press.

Congratulations, you're done with the top!

Now, prepare your backing, layer with batting, and quilt as desired.....

I hope you enjoyed this Mystery and are happy with your finished quilt top. I'm looking forward to seeing your fabric choices and how they look in this design. We will have our own special Show 'n Tell at a future guild meeting!

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