

November Retreat Mystery

I was fooling around with some 2 1/2 inch strips I had left over from another project, and came up with a pretty boring block. Then I played with it some, and came up with what I hope you will all like in the end. I am very pleased with my sample project, despite its flaws.

This is a terrific project for using up left over strips. You know, all those left over binding strips you have lying around. To go along with your strips, you need squares which will coordinate and/or contrast with those strips. Or you can use some of those store bought strips or jelly rolls. If you are purchasing a jelly roll to do this project, get some yardage which coordinates.

This project can be scrappy or you can use all new coordinated fabrics. Personally I like the controlled scrappy version best, and that is what I will be doing.

Now, although you could make this quilt with as few as three fabrics, that would give you a fairly boring, in my opinion, finished project. So I suggest you use lots of different fabrics, the more the merrier. I probably used about 60 different fabrics in my sample.

If you are saving those strips, and have a huge box of them, start off by sorting them into lights and darks. (Set the mediums aside, you can use them too.)

Once you have your strips sorted into lights and darks, sort them by similar colors. Put all the dark blue strips together, all the dark green strips together, etc. Repeat with your light strips.

Now, confession here, I have no idea how many strips you get with a jelly roll... since I am a pre-washer, I have never used them. I can not tell you how many rolls you will make, but I can tell you how much fabric you will need total to make different sizes.

Sizes:

A comforter usually covers the top, sides and foot of the mattress. You use it with a dust ruffle to pretty up your bed. Sizes for those are - twin 66 X 86, full 76 X 86, queen 86 X 88 and king 102 X 88.

Bedspreads usually fall almost to or all the way to the floor and allow for a pillow tuck. Measurements for those are - twin 80 X 108, full 96 X 108, queen 102 X 118 and king 120 X 118. However, how many pillow that allows for, or what thickness, I can't say. To be safe, you probably should get out the old tape measure and see what measurements you come up with yourself.

These sizes do NOT include borders, so you can add borders to make them larger.

Top Center Size	Lights Yards	Darks Yards	4 1/2 inch squares Equal # light and dark
Lap quilt 46 X 46	1 1/2	1 1/2	8 each
Twin 69 X 80	3	3	21 each
Double/Full 80 X 80	3 1/4	3 1/4	25 each
Queen 92 X 92	4 1/4	4 1/4	32 each
King 103 X 92	4 3/4	4 3/4	36 each