MQA Quilt-A-Long 2020



Fabric Requirements

Using 4 fabrics for the blocks, approximately 1/2 yard of each.
Using same background for each block, approximately 1½ yards.
The suggested layout will be a straight set 3x4 (12 blocks) with sashing, cornerstones, and border. Finished Quilt – 50" x 64"
Sashing – 1 yard; Cornerstones – 1/4 yard; Border – 1 yard; Binding – ½ yard.

This is a beginner friendly project. But anyone can participate.

This is your quilt. You select the fabrics you want to use.

It's OK to use scraps and make it scrappy.

The blocks will be traditional blocks and are 12 ½" square (12" finished).

MQA 2020 QAL Block #1 Uneven Nine-Patch



What you will need:

Fabric 1 (center square)
Cut (1) 6 ½" x 6 ½" square

Fabric 2 (rectangles)
Cut (4) 3 ½" x 6 ½" rectangles

Fabric 3 (corner squares) Cut (4) 3 ½" x 3 ½" squares

Block #1 Instructions

Lay out the pieces per the photo.

Flip the 2nd column right sides together onto the first column.

Sew all three pieces in a continuous seam.

Fold back the 2nd column and add the third column. Sew.

Press seams toward the rectangles.

Fold top row onto 2nd row and sew seam.

Press toward the top.

Fold bottom row onto 2nd row and sew seam.

Press toward the bottom.

(This method is call Webbing)

MQA 2020 QAL Block #2 4-Patch Chain



What you will need:

Fabric 1 (dark) 4-patch Fabric 2 (light) 4-patch 2 ½" x 26" strip of each fabric

OR

(10) 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares of each fabric

Fabric 3 (4) 4 ½" x 4 ½" squares

Block #2 Instructions

Method #1 –Strip Set
Sew the two strips together right sides together
Press to the dark strip
Cross-cut in 2 ½" segments. (10) pieces

Method #2 – Squares Sew a light and dark square together. Press to the dark fabric.

Sew pairs into (5) 4-patches.

Arrange 4-patches and Fabric 3 squares into a 9-patch. Stitch together.

MQA 2020 QAL Block #3 Jacob's Ladder



What you will need: Two Fabrics, 1 dark and 1 light

From **each** fabric you will need:

Option #1 (1) 2 ½" x 26" strip (for 4 patches) (1) 4 ½" x 12" strip (for HST)

OR

Option #2(10) 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares (for 4 patches) (2) 4 7/8" squares (for HST)

Block #3 Instructions

Using Option #1

Strip Set for 4-patches:

Sew the dark and light 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips right sides together. Press to the dark strip. Cross-cut in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " segments. Equals (10) pieces. Sew these into (5) 4 patches.

Strip Set for <u>Half Square Triangles</u>:
Put the dark and light 4 ½" strips right sides together.
Using Essential Triangle or Easy Angle ruler, cut 4 HST.
Sew together for (4) HST.

Using Option #2

Making 4 patches:

Sew a light and dark square together. Press to the dark fabric. Sew pairs into (5) 4-patches.

Making <u>Half Square Triangles:</u>

Draw a diagonal line on the light 4 7/8" square. Place light and dark squares right sides together. Sew $\frac{1}{2}$ " on both sides of the center line. Cut on the diagonal line. Will make 2 HST from each 4 7/8" square pair.

Arrange 4-patches and HSTs into a 9-patch.(See photo)

Stitch together. Press towards 4-patches.

MQA 2020 QAL Block #4 Monkey Wrench



What you will need:

Fabric 1
Cut (1) 4 ½" square
Fabric 1 & 2
Cut (4) 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles from each fabric.
Fabric 3 & 4 (HST)
From Each Fabric Cut:
Option 1* (2) 4 7/8" x 4 7/8" squares*
OR
Option 2** 1 strip 4 ½" x 12" min**

Block #4 Instructions

Fabrics 1 & 2:

Take one each of the rectangles and sew together in pairs.

Press to the darker fabric. Should measure 4 ½" square. Make 4

Option 1 for Fabrics 3 & 4:

Take the (2) 4 7/8" square background pieces, draw a diagonal line on the back of each. Place the other 4 7/8" square and the background 4 7/8" square pieces right sides together. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of diagonal line. Cut apart on the line. Press towards the dark fabric. Makes 4 HST. Trim to 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " square.

Option 2 for Fabrics 3 & 4:

Take both 4 %" x 12" strips and place right sides together. Using an Essential Triangle Tool (or Easy Angle ruler) cut 4 half square triangles using the 4" line on the ruler. (or 4 % on the EasyAngle) Sew the triangles together. Press towards the dark. Makes 4 HST. Trim to 4 %" square.

Lay out the pieces per the photo. Sew together in a nine patch format.

Press seams on row 1 and 3 toward the center squares.

Press seams on row 2 away from the center square.

Fold top row onto 2nd row and sew seam. Press toward the center.

Fold bottom row onto 2nd row and sew seam. Press toward the center.