

New Year's Day Mystery Quilt

Piecing Instructions

This project will focus on the quilting. It is recommended that you choose solid color fabric or fabric with small texture that “reads” like a solid fabric.

WOF = width of fabric

Cutting Instructions

Fabric #1 - Block Light background	2/3 yard	Cut into 5—3½ inch x WOF strips. From these strips cut: 20—3½ x 3½ inch squares 20—3½ x 6½ inch rectangles**
Fabric #2 - Block Medium Dark	2/3 yard	Cut into 1—6½ x WOF strip From this strip cut 5—6½ x 6½ inch squares Cut into 4—3½ x WOF strips From these strips cut 40—3½ x 3½ inch squares**
Fabric #3 - Block Light or light medium— can be the same as Fabric #1	3/4 yard	Cut into 2—12½ x WOF strips From this strip cut 4—12½ x 12½ inch squares
Fabric #4 - Inner Border	1/2 yard	Cut into 4—3½ x WOF strips
Fabric #5 - Outer Border Medium or medium dark— Can be the same as Fabric #2	1 yard	Cut into 5—6½ x WOF strips
Fabric #6 - Binding Can be the same as Fabric# 4	1/2 yard	Cut into 5—2¾ X WOF strips
Backing Fabric	3 1/2 yards	
Batting		2 yards X 90 inches wide

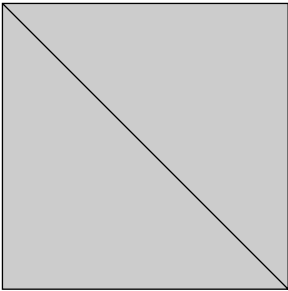
** If you are using the Marti Michelle Flying Geese Ruler to cut and sew the Flying Geese Units (see next page) follow the video instructions on the Mystery Quilt Supply List page on how to make these units.

New Year's Day Mystery Quilt

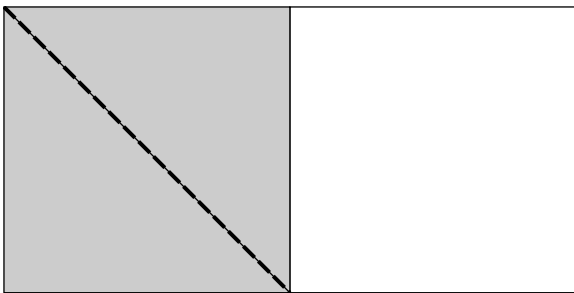
Piecing Instructions

Make 20 Flying Geese Units (FGU) as shown below.

If you are using the Marti Michelle Flying Geese Ruler to construct the Flying Geese Units, see the ** note on the previous page. If you are NOT using the Flying Geese Ruler follow the instructions below.

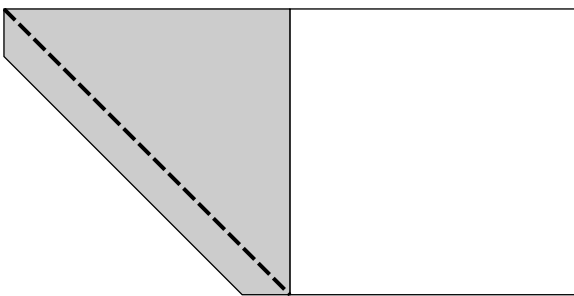


On the WRONG side of the Fabric #2, 3½ inch squares, with an extra fine line permanent fabric marker, draw a diagonal line as shown in the illustration at the left. Do this on all the squares.

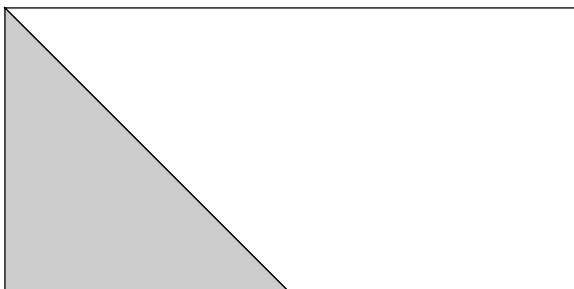


Place the Fabric 2, 3½ square, Right Sides Together (RST) on top of the Fabric #1 3½ x 6½ rectangle as shown in the illustration at the left.

Stitch along the drawn line as indicated by the dashed line in the illustration at the left. Do this for all 20 of the Fabric #1 3½ x 6½ rectangles.



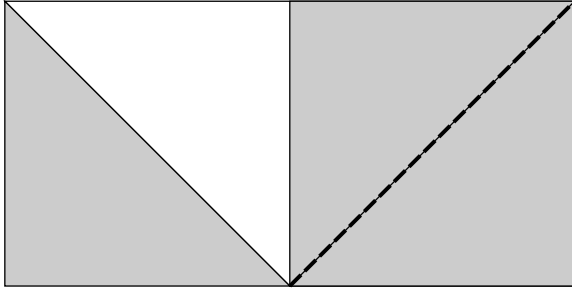
After stitching, trim about ¼ inch away from the stitching line as shown in the illustration at the left.



Press the Fabric #2 as shown in the illustration at the left.

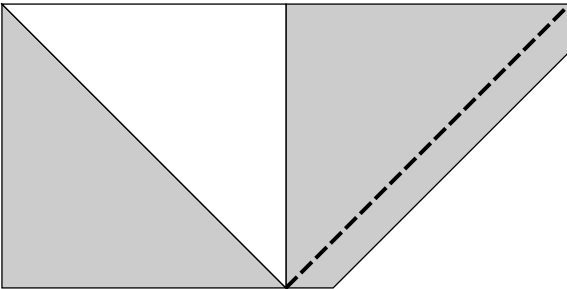
New Year's Day Mystery Quilt

Piecing Instructions

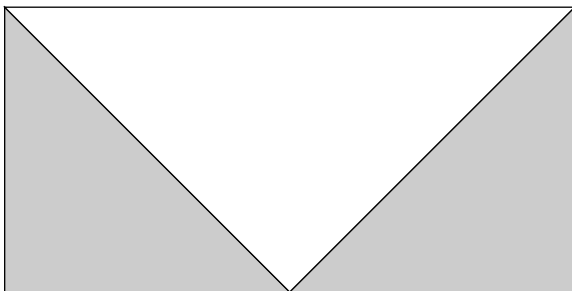


Place the Fabric 2, $3\frac{1}{2}$ square, RST on top of the Fabric #1 $3\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ rectangle as shown in the illustration at the left.

Stitch along the drawn line as indicated by the dashed line in the illustration at the left. Do this for the remaining 20 of the Fabric #1 $3\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ rectangles.



After stitching, trim about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from the stitching line as shown in the illustration at the left.



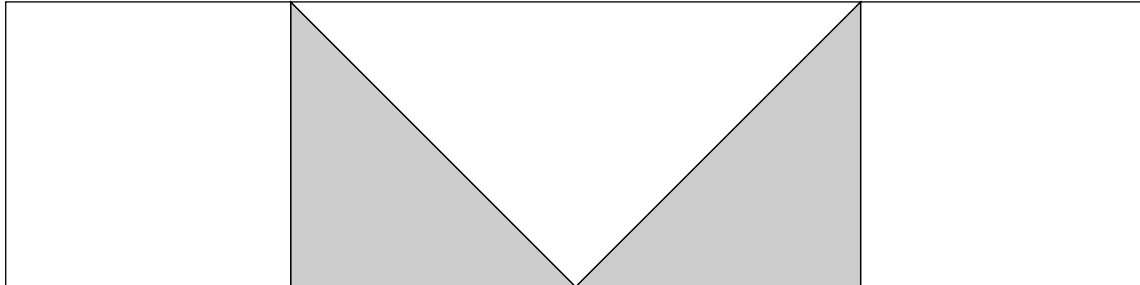
Press the Fabric #2 as shown in the illustration at the left.

Divide the Flying Geese Units into two piles of ten units each.

New Year's Day Mystery Quilt

Piecing Instructions

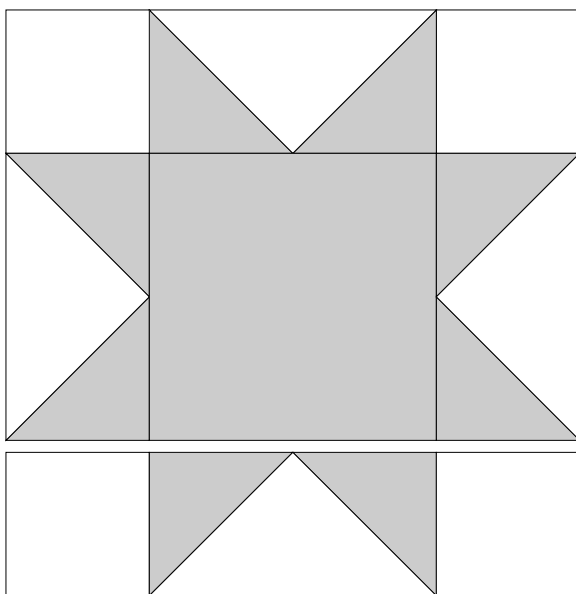
Note: all seams are 1/4 inch



Take one pile of the Flying Geese Units and with RST stitch a Fabric #1, $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ square to each edge of the Flying Geese Unit as shown in the illustration above. Press towards the Fabric #1 squares.



Stitch a Flying Geese Unit to each side of the $6\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ inch Fabric #2 square. Press towards the Fabric #2 square.



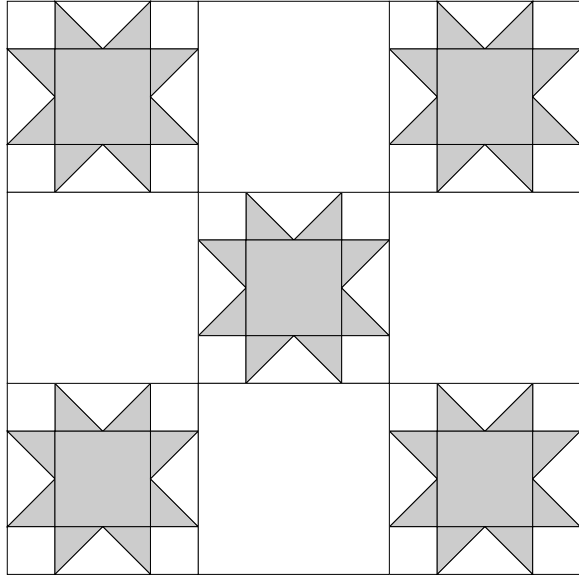
Stitch the remaining Flying Geese Units to the top and the bottom of the block as shown at the left.

Press as desired.

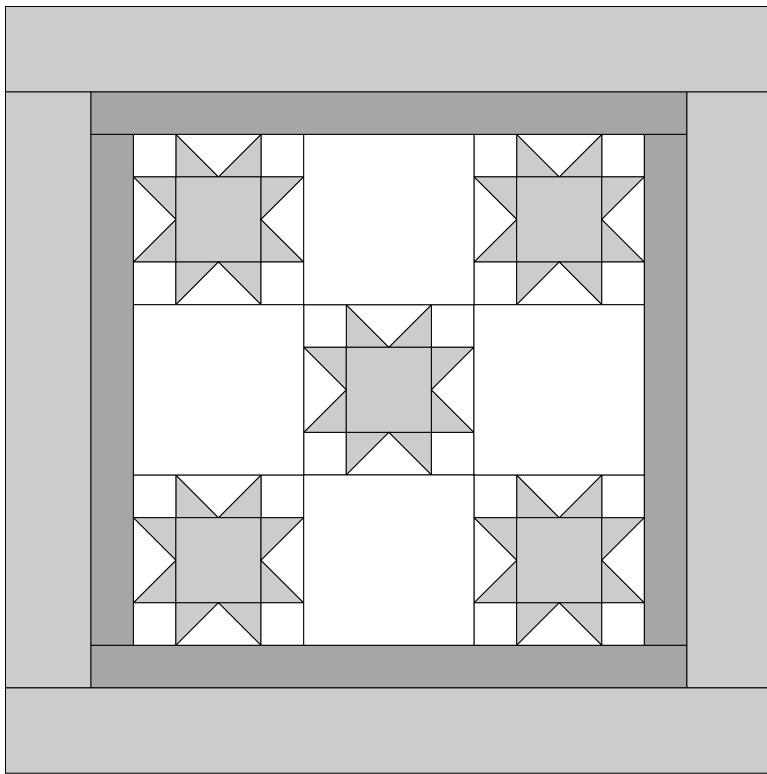
You should have 5 completed Star Blocks.

New Year's Day Mystery Quilt

Piecing Instructions



Using the 12½ x 12½ inch, Fabric #3 squares and the Star Blocks, stitch together as shown at the left. Press seams as desired.



Use Fabric #4 and add it to the quilt top as an Inner Border. Use Fabric #5 and add it to the quilt top as an Outer Border. Quilt top is complete and ready for quilting.

BONUS: I have an instruction sheet on how to apply borders to a quilt on the New Year's Day Mystery Quilt Piecing Instructions page.

New Year's Day Mystery Quilt

Piecing Instructions

I know that you are thinking that this is an pretty un-spectacular quilt. And you are correct, especially at this point. Trust me, once this quilt top gets quilted it's going to look a lot different.

Next, piece your backing fabric if necessary and then put your quilt top on your quilting machine in your usual manner. If at all possible, float your quilt top so that the top raw edge of the quilt is about 1 inch or so away from the leader. If you don't know how to do this, please go to the Longarm University website Tutorial Page and refer to the article "Putting a Quilt on the Quilting Machine."

Have a great New Year's Eve. Don't party too hard, we will begin quilting tomorrow at 8 am Pacific Time.