

## Spring Mystery Part 4

### Happy Spring!

Are you guys all having fun deciding which setting triangles to sew? If you have Electric Quilt, you can click on the links and download the project file for the various steps. This can make the “play” much more fun!

This month we'll be choosing between two borders that will measure 3 ½” . Remember there will be some options appliqué next month. While either of these borders will work with the appliqué, they would also work if you choose to omit any more appliqué work.

**Option 1** is three borders plain borders, the first and third borders will measure ¾” finished and the second border finishes at 2”. I like this option if you choose the more complex of the upcoming appliqué choices OR if you choose one of the setting triangles with more piecing than blank spaces Remember, to think about the finished quilt and where you want to leaving breathing room for you eyes to rest.

### Cutting Direction

#### Accent 1

2 strips 1 ¼” x 21 ½”

2 strips 1 ¼” X 23 ¼”

#### Background

2 strips 2 ½” x 23 ¼”

2 strips 2 ½” x 2 ½ x 27 ¼”

#### Accent 2

2 strips 1 ¼” x 27 ¼”

2 strips 1 ¼” x 28 ½”

Your assembly is very straight forward. Starting with Accent 1 attach the two shorter strips to opposite sides of the quilt top, press to the accent fabric. Attach the remaining 2 strips and again press to the accent fabric.

Attach the background strip and second accent strip in the same manner. Always press to the accent fabric.

Your finished top should measure 28 ½” at this point.

### **Option 2**

This is a border that creates a subtle optical illusion of rounding the edges of your center square. The illusion is especially effective if you use the same background fabric in the center triangle and a darker fabric in the two outer right angle triangles.

## Cutting Directions

### Background

4 strips at least 24 1/4" x 4" you will sub cut these into shallow triangles using the attached template.

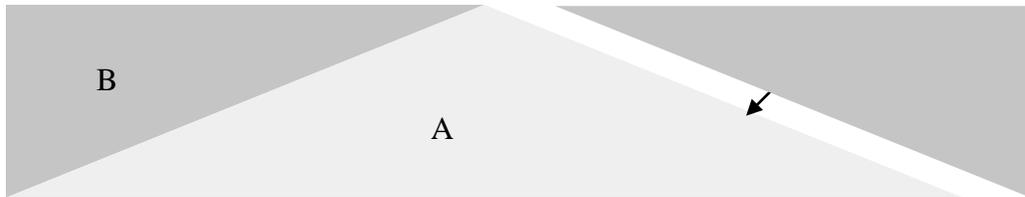
### Accent 1

4 rectangles 12 1/4" x 4 1/8" Place your ruler diagonally across the rectangle and subcut into 2 right triangles. Repeat for a total of 8 triangles

1 strip 4" x 16"; sub cut this into (4) 4" squares

### **Assembly**

Here is what the finished units will look like.



You will attach the bias edges of the B triangles to the bias edges of your center A triangle. Be careful! You are working with two bias edges here; it will be easy to stretch and distort this seam. Pin carefully and you'll be OK. Also when you press the seam, be sure you are pressing (Lifting and lowering your iron) rather than ironing (moving the iron back and forth on the piece).

Join one B to the A unit and press to the A; add the other b triangle. Repeat this for a total of 4 units.

Add one unit to opposite sides of your quilt top. Press away from this new unit.  
Add the 4" squares to opposite sides of the remaining two units you just created. Press this seam to the added squares.

Join these two units to the remaining sides of your top.

Your top should now measure 28 1/2"

That's it for this month, now let's go sew!

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