

Final directions for Mystery² Quilt 2019-20.

October Newsletter

Finishing the quilt: (Mine's not finished either. The elements are pinned to my design wall so measurements aren't exact.)

Measure your feathered star if it is not 28 ½ unfinished, trim it so it is square, then you will adjust the first border to make the resulting bordered square 30 ½ inches unfinished.

First border: Measure the sides of your center block. Average the measurements. From C2-#1, cut the two side borders at 1 ½ inches wide, or what you need to make it 30 ½ inches across. Cut the side strips at to the average length of both sides plus ½ inch. Pin the borders right sides together to the star. Allow ¼ inch extra at the top. Sew the sides with the medallion on top. Set the seams, and iron toward the borders. Trim off the extra. **Border the top and bottom:** measure the top and bottom. Average, and cut the two 1 ½ inch (adjusted) strips to the measurement. Again, sew the strips with the medallion on top, set the seams, and iron open, pressing toward the borders.

Putting the feathered star medallion on point.

You will use the 4 Garden of Eden blocks from the August directions and the 8 setting triangles you made in July, with the small Double Cross blocks inside. On each of the Garden of Eden blocks, sew one triangle to either side of one point of the large block, making 4 larger triangles. Then put a 2 ½ inch background strip on the other two sides of the Garden of Eden, making an even larger triangle. Extend these strips at least 3 inches beyond the points. Then trim the background strips to extend the diagonal raw edge, keeping the triangle shape.



Place these triangles around the medallion. Be aware of the placement if the fussy cuts are directional. Sew opposite sides first, and center the triangles on the sides.

Mark the centers, and line up the and sew the triangles to the medallion. The large triangles should be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch longer on both sides. Set the seams, iron toward the borders. Place the triangles on the other two sides. Center and pin; leaving $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch tip on either side. Sew and press toward the borders. This will float your square inside...

Sew the **second framing border**: I called for both borders to be the same color, but when putting it on the design wall, I went with color 1 for the second border. Cut 5- $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips WOF in C2-#1. Sew them together into one long strip. Cut the framing strips to the average length of the two sides, pin and sew, then measure top and bottom, measure both, cut the border strips to average length, sew, and then iron to the borders.

Background border. The back ground borders are 4 inches WIDE (all four sides) when finished. They can be adjusted to maintain your square. You need the final inside square to measure the same length as the 4 pieced borders from August. If they are within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, the borders can be eased or gently stretched to fit. Measure them. The background borders are 4 inches finished, both sides. So, your center block should be 8 inches shorter than the length of those final pieced borders, (not counting the $\frac{1}{2}$ seam allowances) Adjust the background borders so they are the length of the **final** pieced borders.



Decide which side of the borders will be in, or out, placing your Clay's Choice blocks as your cornerstones.



Congratulations! Your top is done!