

Shhh.... It's a Mystery!

Colorado Quilting Council's 2025/2025 Mystery Quilt

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As you make Colorado Quilting Council's mystery quilt during the heart of winter, think spring. You'll find a new appreciation for one of quilting's most used, easy-to-make units: the half-square triangle. You'll be surprised at the unique fresh look created with this tried, true, and loved quilt star. From new quilter to experienced stitcher, this quilt will be a joy to make.

Fabric

You're going to need five colors — red, blue, orange, purple, and green — plus white or off white for this quilt. You also need small cuts of pink/light red, light blue, peach, and light lavender. Solids, tone on tones, small prints, and one-color batiks will work best. Avoid large prints. Here's the yardage:

Red, blue, orange, purple	$\frac{3}{8}$ yd per color
Pink/light red, light blue, peach, light lavender	$\frac{1}{8}$ yd per color
Green	$1\frac{3}{8}$ yds
White or off white	$1\frac{3}{4}$ yds
Binding	$\frac{1}{2}$ yd
Backing	$3\frac{3}{8}$ yards

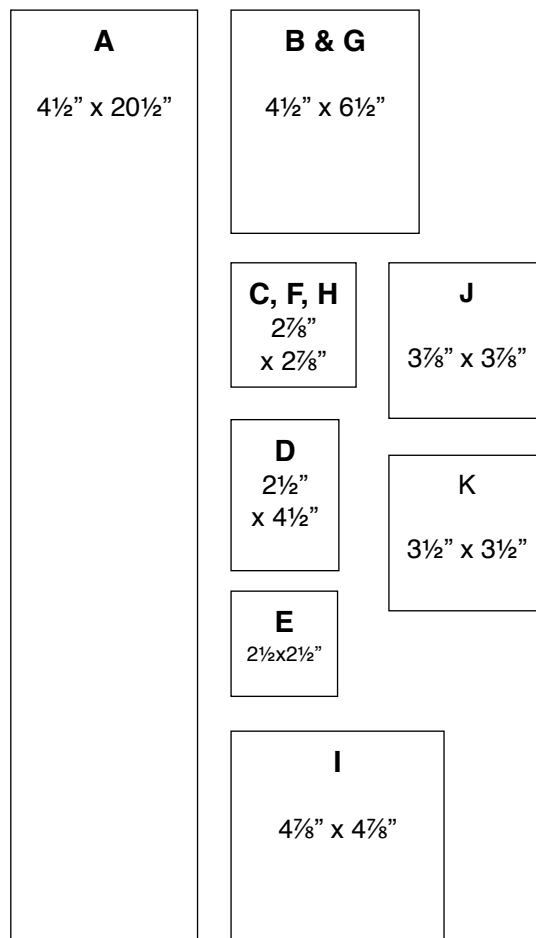
Cutting

In each of the major colors, there are a variety of sizes of pieces. Keep them straight by creating bags labeled by color and piece letter A-K. For example, label bags A Red, A Blue, A Orange, and so forth. This will facilitate piecing and ensure the right pieces are in the right places.

Red, blue, orange, purple	8 C, 5 D, 8 E, 2 F, 1 G, 1 H per color
Pink/light red, light blue, peach, light lavender	2 F per color
Green	8 C, 28 D, 12 E, 4 H, 2 I, 6 J, 2 K, 2 L, 2 M
White/off white	2 A, 2 B, 38 C, 4 E, 2 I, 6 J, 4 K, 2 L, 2 M

Wait to cut binding and backing after the quilt top is together.

Cutting Diagrams



Don't cut borders L and M borders until the quilt top is pieced to ensure they are the right lengths. To figure the length for side borders L, you'll measure the length through the vertical middle of the quilt top. For the length of top and bottom borders M, you'll measure the width through the horizontal middle of the quilt. Then you'll cut two borders of each length x $3\frac{1}{2}"$. The length of L will be about $36\frac{1}{2}"$. The length of M will be about $40\frac{1}{2}"$.