

### MYSTERY SCRAPPY SAMPLER BLOCK 7

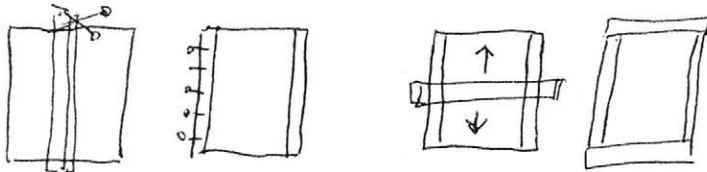
Mysterious notes: Your quilt can tell you much about what to use for borders.

Since this quilt can be busy, I recommend a narrow frame border, finished 1-2 inches wide. Then; a larger outside border. Lap size w/o borders is 60" x 66": Addition a 1" finished frame border with a 3" to 4" outside border

Twin size w/o borders is 60" x 74": Addition a 2" finished frame border with a 5" outside border. If this is out of scale for your quilt try other combinations just make sure the finished total adds to at least 5-7" on each side to achieve a generous twin to allow for shrinkage in laundry and from quilting. Lap quilt doesn't matter, as laps are many different sizes. (I used a 2" frame for three sides of my quilt as the bottom edge of my lap quilt was the outside log of the block 6 log cabin and since I used the same strong piece it appeared to be one long strip. I continued that same piece on the three remaining sides to create the illusion of a frame border around the entire quilt). Do what you like for your quilt.

Cutting: Cut borders  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wider than finished size. I prefer borders cut crosswise as there is a little more ease. Your first border will take about (7) strips. The second will take 7-8 for a lap and 8 for a twin. (One extra border strip is needed if you miter your corners).

Sewing: Sew the short ends of border strips for narrow frame together into one long piece. Lay your quilt out flat. If space is a problem you only need a spot as long as the quilt since only the center 20" needs to be flat, edges can be rolled.



Place the two ends of the long border strip together, cut off selvages and place this cut edge at the edge of the quilt as shown, crossing the center of the quilt, as shown. Making sure that the two border pieces are straight and flat and haven't slipped in from the edge of the quilt; cut them parallel to the edge, at the edge. You are using the center of your quilt as a measure for the borders to be pinned and sewn to the outside borders that are parallel to this center. As you ease this border to your quilt and repeat for the ends, it will guarantee you have a rectangle quilt. Pin more heavily if you have differences in border and quilt length. Repeat for outside borders.

Create a scrappy back for you quilt at least 2" bigger each side. Or Purchase 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  (for pre-wash) yards for lap, and 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  yards for a twin. Quilt as you like and bind. See one of the suggested books for info on this.

Make a label for your quilt, name it, give it some sort of documentation, at the very least your name and the date.

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