## **Teeny Tiny Mystery**

This teeny tiny mystery makes a teeny tiny table topper or candle mat in less than two hours! Be sure to use four distinctly different colors or prints so you can see the design.

## Fabric Requirements

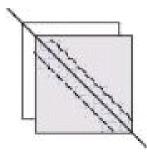
- (1) 3 ½" x WOF strip of fabric from Color One
- (1) 3 ½" x WOF strip of fabric from Color Two
- (1) 3 ½" x WOF strip of fabric from Color Three
- (1) 3 ½" x WOF strip of fabric from Color Four
- (1) 9 ½" x WOF strip of fabric from the Background

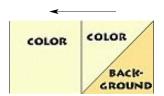
## **Cutting Instructions**

- 1. From each of the (4)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, cut (1)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square, then
- 2. Cut the remaining strip down to  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  wide.
- 3. Cut each of those  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips into (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square and (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Set aside the remainder of the strip to use in the binding.
- 4. From the background fabric, cut (2)  $9 \frac{1}{2}$ " x  $9 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Cut each of these squares on the diagonal to make 4 triangles.
- 5. From the remaining background fabric, cut (4)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and (4)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

## Sewing Instructions

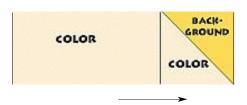
Match each of the 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " color squares to one background square of the same size. Draw a line on the diagonal and sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the diagonal. Cut on the line to create half square triangle blocks. (HST blocks) Press to the color and square these up to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".





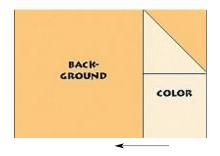
Using the 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and the HST blocks of the same color, make a unit like the one to the left. Press the seam away from the HST. Make four of these units, one for each color. These units will measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.

Using the  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles and the HST blocks of the same color, make a unit like the one to the right. Press the seam toward the HST. Make four of these units, one for each color. These units will measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.

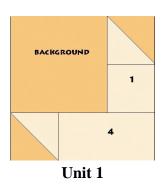


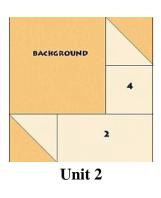
Using the 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles units and a 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " background square, make (4) units like the one to the right. Press the seam toward the background square. This unit will measure 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

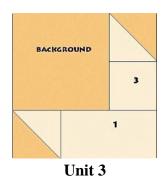
Your next step will be to sew the remaining  $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6 \frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle units to the bottom of the units you just made. *You must do these in a particular order for the design to* 

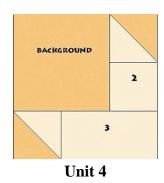


*come out right!* Be sure to follow the graphics below. The numbers in the graphic refer to the color numbers. As you sew, press to the background square and label each unit with its number. It will finish at  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".

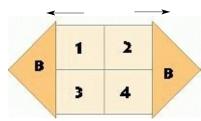




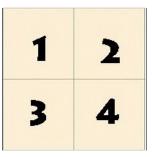




Now you can put it all together into a four-patch as shown to the right. The numbers in the graphic refer to the unit numbers. "Twirl" the seams in the center to keep the bulk down. Square this up to 12 1/2".



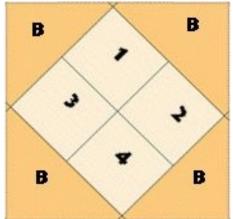
Sew two of the background triangles to either side of your four patch as shown to the left. Press toward the background fabric.



Sew the remaining triangles to the other two sides and press again toward the background fabric. Square this up to 17 ½". You have now set your four-patch on point - and finished the Teeny Tiny Mystery!

Bat, back, quilt, bind and enjoy!

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