

# Victoria's Sampler 

## Mystery Quilt Part 2

Reproduction of an antique quilt analyzed and designed by Renée Fersé to remain as faithful as possible to the original.

The original quilt is composed of a well-designed, central (but offset) part that is surrounded by various blocks, likely orphan blocks; they are linked by small units of four-patch, checkerboard, and pinwheel blocks. Some filler pieces were needed here and there, a few parts were cobbled together, and recuts made when it was too large. I have simplified a few fillers.

The shops participating in the Mystery Quilt are offering kits in different colours and styles. Therefore the kits will vary from one shop to another, and may contain from 10 to 17 fabrics or more for each delivery. Note that you will receive the necessary quantity for each part and that the remaining fabrics will be used for the upcoming parts.


[^0]This second part comprises two modules, 3 and 4, making up the centre part. At first it seemed to me that these modules' blocks had been constructed of a size to fit together. But a closer analysis revealed that some appeared to be smaller than $7^{\prime \prime}(18 \mathrm{~cm})$ at first and had been made larger, while others had been larger and were cut to the required measurements. They were recut, often without regard for symmetry. We suggest adding a symmetrical edging to the small blocks that need it, rather than cutting down the too-large blocks; this is in keeping with the antique quilt. (I ask forgiveness from the original quilter for this adaptation.) The fabrics chosen for the blocks in these modules are more co-ordinated than in the previous modules. Module 5 is in the spirit of Modules 1 and 2.

## General instructions

The measurements given for cutting include seam allowances of $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}(7 \mathrm{~mm})$, rounded to $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(15 \mathrm{~mm})$ for two seams. Make any necessary adjustments. The measurements in the explanatory diagrams do not include seam allowances.
For the templates, add a seam allowance of $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}(7 \mathrm{~mm})$ all around. For those using the traditional cutting method, note that you will findthe templates on the pattern sheet (add seam allowances to them). The quantities in bold in the cutting section of each step.

## Cutting key

Square cut on one diagonal
Square cut on the two diagonals


## Materials

The fabrics are 44" $(110 \mathrm{~cm})$ wide..
> Assortment of seventeen fabrics measuring $10^{\prime \prime} \times 22^{\prime \prime}$ ( $25 \times 55 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) each, in the following distribution: four light, four medium light, five medium dark, and four dark (you can replace two $10^{\prime \prime} \times 22^{\prime \prime}$ ( $25 \times 55 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) fabric pieces by one $10^{\prime \prime} \times 44^{\prime \prime}(25 \times 110 \mathrm{~cm})$ piece, or by fat quarters, if you choose a more restrained assortment).

There will be slight differences between the metric and imperial versions. Do not mix the two, as sometimes we had to add strips to make up differences. Some of the original quilt pieces have odd measurements; these pieces have templates only. Regarding the colours, we will continue with the indicated values of light, medium light, medium dark, and dark, which will be indicated in the text.

## Module 3

Size: 7" $\times 35$ " ( $18 \times 90 \mathrm{~cm}$ )
All the blocks for this module measure $7^{\prime \prime}(18 \mathrm{~cm})$ + seam allowances.

## Cutting \& Assembly

## Repeat in a symmetrical way to obtain two of Unit 2 in total.

Stitch together the remaining L1 triangles to obtain four two-tone squares. Stitch them together in twos then join to obtain Unit 3. Referring to the diagram to orient them, stitch one medium dark L3 triangle and one light L3 triangle to either side of one Unit 2.
Repeat. Stitch one Unit 1 to either side of Unit 3. Insert this unit between the previous ones to obtain the block centre.

Stitch one dark L4 strip to the top and bottom.
Stitch one L5 square to the ends of the remaining
L4 strips and join them to the right and left sides to obtain the Lblock.


## Step 2

## For the M block

, From the light fabrics, cut the following using the templates:
From one light fabric: one M1 triangle, one M5 triangle and two M6 rectangles
From a second light fabric:
one $7^{\prime \prime}(10.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ square,$\square \rightarrow$ two $\mathbf{M} 7$ triangles
From one medium dark fabric:
pieces M2, M3, and M4
From the medium fabrics, in total: one 7 " $(10.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ square $[-] \rightarrow$ two $\mathbf{M} 7$ triangles one $1 \frac{1}{4} /^{\prime \prime} \times 63 / 4^{\prime \prime}(3.5 \times 17.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ M8 strip
From one dark fabric:
one $11 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 71 / 2^{\prime \prime}(3.5 \times 19.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ M9 strip
Referring to the diagram and using the templates, appliqué the M2 piece on the M1 triangle using the traditional method as follows: turn the seam allowance to the wrong side then work small invisible stitches. Add the M3 piece to the bottom; the ends of the handle will be enclosed in this assembly seam. Stitch one M6 rectangle to either side. Add the M4 piece to the bottom then complete the basket with the M5 triangle. Stitch one M7 triangle of light fabric to two opposite sides of the basket and the medium M7 triangles to the remaining sides. Add the M8 strip to the right side and the M9 strip to the top to obtain the M block.


Block M


## Step 3

## For the N block

> From one medium dark fabric, cut the following:
one $4^{\prime \prime} \times 43 / 4^{\prime \prime}(10.5 \times 12.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ N1 rectangle you can choose a print or embroidered piece to highlight here
two $17 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 4^{\prime \prime}(5 \times 6 \mathrm{~cm})$ N4 rectangles
> From the light fabrics, in total:
two $21 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 4 \frac{3}{4}$ " $(6 \times 12.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ N2 rectangles
two $17 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}(5 \times 10.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ N3 rectangles
> From the dark fabrics, in total:
two $17 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 4^{\prime \prime}(5 \times 6 \mathrm{~cm})$ N4 rectangles
Stitch the N2 rectangles to either side of the N1 rectangle. Stitch one dark N4 rectangle to the left side and one medium dark N4 rectangle to the right side. Repeat and join these units to the top and bottom of the previous unit.


## Step 4

## For the 0 block

- From one light fabric, cut the following: eight $25 / 8^{\prime \prime}(7 \mathrm{~cm})$ squares $\square \rightarrow$ sixteen $\mathbf{O 1}$ triangles
> From one medium dark fabric:
eight $25 / 8^{\prime \prime}(7 \mathrm{~cm})$ squares,$\rightarrow$ sixteen 01 triangles
Join two contrasting triangles to obtain one two-tone square. Repeat to obtain sixteen two-tone squares.
Arrange four two-tone squares to form a pinwheel.
Stitch the squares together in twos then join.
In the same way make four pinwheels. Stitch them together in twos then join to obtain the O block.



## Step 5

## For the P block

> From one dark fabric, cut the following : one $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}(9 \mathrm{~cm})$ P1 square
four 2" ( 5.2 cm ) P4 squares

- From one light fabric:
four $23 / 8^{\prime \prime}(6.25 \mathrm{~cm})$ squares,$\square \rightarrow$ eight P2 triangles
> From one medium light fabric: one $41 / 4^{\prime \prime}(11 \mathrm{~cm})$ square $\rightarrow$ four P3 triangles
> From a second dark fabric:
four $1^{\prime \prime} \times 81 / 4^{\prime \prime}(3 \times 21.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ strips


## $\rightarrow$ four P5 strips

Stitch one $\mathbf{P}$ 2 triangle to either side of each $\mathbf{P 3}$ triangle to obtain four flying geese. Referring to the diagram to orient them, stitch one flying geese to either side of the P1 square. Stitch one P4 square to the ends of the remaining flying geese then add them to the top and bottom of the previous unit.

Make a mark at $3^{\prime \prime}(7.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ from the centre of each P5 strip. Pin one P5 strip to the right and left sides of the star with right sides together, matching the marks previously made with the star corners. Stitch, starting and stopping at $114^{\prime \prime}(7 \mathrm{~mm})$ from the corners. Stitch the remaining $\mathbf{P 5}$ strips to the top and bottom of the star in the same way then mitre the corners to complete. You will obtain the P block.

3.7 cm


## Step 6

Stitch the five blocks in a row to make Module 3.


## Module 4

Size: $35^{\prime \prime} \times 7^{\prime \prime}(90 \times 18 \mathrm{~cm})$
All the blocks for this module measure 7" (18 cm) + seam allowances.

## Step 7

For each of the two 0 blocks, using the template, cut a total of:
> From the light fabrics: twelve Q1 squares
> From the medium and dark fabrics: thirteen Q1 squares

Stitch five rows of five squares, alternating the lights and darks, to obtain one $\mathbf{Q}$ block.Repeat to obtain two Q blocks.


## Step 8

For the R block
> From the dark fabrics, cut the following:
three R1 diamonds, two $\mathbf{R 2}$ triangles
two R3 triangles
> From the light fabrics:
eight R1 diamonds
one R3 triangle
one $\mathbf{R 4}$ triangle and one $\mathbf{R 4}$ ' triangle
Referring to the diagram to orient them and to place the straight of grain, stitch two light R1 diamonds to one dark R1 diamond to obtain a cube. Repeat to obtain three cubes. Make one half-cube with one light R1 diamond and one R2 triangle. Repeat in a symmetrical way to obtain a second half-cube. Join two cubes.Stitch one half-cube to either side of the remaining cube and join these two rows. Insert the light R3 triangle to the top and add the dark R3 triangles to the bottom. Complete the block with the R4 triangles on the left and the R4' triangle on the right to obtain the R block.
When you join this block to its neighbours, you must stitch your seam along the outer side of the marked seamline on both right and left sides to compensate for the missing 2 mm of the block width. (It is mathematically impossible to make a true square with these diamonds.)

Block R
18 cm 7 "


## Step 9

## For the $S$ block

> From one dark fabric, cut the following: sixteen $\mathbf{S 1}$ pieces
> From one light fabric: four $27 / 8^{\prime \prime}(6.8 \mathrm{~cm})$ squares $X \rightarrow$ sixteen $\mathbf{S} 2$ triangles
> From another light fabric: five $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}(4.5 \mathrm{~cm}) \mathbf{S 3}$ squares
> From one light fabric: four $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}(4.5 \times 9 \mathrm{~cm})$ S4 rectangles

Stitch one S2 triangle to either side of one $\mathbf{S 1}$ piece, twice. Stitch one $\mathbf{S 1}$ piece to either side of one $\mathbf{S 3}$ square. Stitch this unit between the two previous units. Repeat to obtain four of Unit 4. Stitch one Unit 4 to either side of two S4 strips. Stitch the remaining $\mathbf{S 4}$ strips to either side of the $\mathbf{S 3}$ square. Insert this unit between the previous units to obtain the S block.


## Step 10

## For the T block

> From one dark fabric, cut the following: four T1 triangles
> From one medium dark fabric: four T1 triangles

- From one medium fabric: four $\mathbf{T} 2$ trapezoids
> From one light fabric: four T2 trapezoids
> From one medium light fabric: four T3 triangles
Stitch one medium dark T1 fabric to one medium $\mathbf{T} 2$ trapezoid, then add one $\mathbf{T} 3$ triangle. Repeat to obtain four of Unit 5. Stitch one dark T1 triangle to one light T2 trapezoid, then repeat to obtain four of Unit 6. Join each Unit 5 to one Unit 6, all in the same order. Stitch these quarter-blocks together in twos, then join them to obtain the T block.


## Step 11

Stitch the $\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{S}$, and $\mathbf{T}$ blocks together then add one $\mathbf{Q}$ block to each end to make Module 4.


Module 4


## Module 5

## Step 12

## For the U block

> from the medium or dark fabrics, cut a total of: four $378^{\prime \prime}(10 \mathrm{~cm})$ squares $\square \rightarrow$ eight U1 triangles
> From one light fabric, in total: four $378^{\prime \prime}(10 \mathrm{~cm})$ squares $\square \rightarrow$ eight U1 triangles
> From two fabrics of your choice: one $31 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 121 / 2^{\prime \prime}(8.5 \times 31.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ U2 strip one $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 121 / 2^{\prime \prime}(4.5 \times 31.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ U3 strip

Stitch the contrasting U1 triangles together in twos to obtain eight two-tone squares. Join them in two rows of two two-tone squares, making sure that they are correctly oriented, to obtain two pinwheels. Stitch them side to side then add the U2 and U3 strips to the bottom to obtain the U block.


## Step 13

For the V block, for each of the bowties, cut the following:
> From one medium fabric: two V1 pieces and one V2 piece
> From one light fabric: two V1 pieces
> From the medium and dark fabrics, in total: four $21 / 4^{\prime \prime}(6 \mathrm{~cm})$ V3 squares
> From the medium and light fabrics, in total: four $214^{\prime \prime}(6 \mathrm{~cm})$ V3 squares one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}(3.5 \times 10.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ V4 rectangle

Join the dark V1 pieces to either side of the V2 piece. Complete the unit with the light V1 pieces, then repeat to obtain four bowtie blocks. Stitch them together in twos then join. Stitch the V3 squares in two columns of four squares, alternating the colour values, then join. Add the V4 rectangle to the top. Stitch the bowtie block to the left side of this unit to obtain the $V$ block.


## Step 14

## For the W block

> from the medium light or light fabrics, cut the following: four W1 triangles
> From the medium and/or dark fabrics: four $\mathbf{W} \mathbf{1}$ triangles one $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 71 / 2^{\prime \prime}(10.5 \times 19.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ W2 rectangle, one $2^{\prime \prime} \times 71 / 2^{\prime \prime}(5.5 \times 19.5 \mathrm{~cm}) \mathbf{W} 3$ rectangle and two or three strips $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}(3.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ wide, stitched end to end $\rightarrow$ one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}(3.5 \times 32.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ W4 strip

Stitch the contrasting W1 triangles together in twos to obtain four two-tone squares. Stitch the two-tone squares together in twos then join them to obtain one pinwheel. Add the W2 rectangles to the left side and the $\mathbf{W} \mathbf{3}$ rectangle to the right side. Add the W4 strip to the top to obtain the W block.


Block W


## Step 15

## For the X block

> From the scraps from the modules made, cut the following:
pieces in various sizes, sewn together $\rightarrow$ one $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 231 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ $(6.5 \times 61.5 \mathrm{~cm}) \mathbf{X}$ block

Join the $\mathbf{V}$ and $\mathbf{W}$ blocks, then add the $\mathbf{X}$ block to

the bottom. Complete Module 5 with the $\mathbf{U}$ block on the left side.


90 cm 35"

## Set the modules aside while awaiting Part 3

and keep all your scraps

## and remaining fabrics to use them

in the subsequent modules.






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