

Mystery Quilt 2017, It's Layout Time



Lay out your blocks as shown. See how they play together. I did some rearranging so that I didn't have the same pink of a 9 patch right up against the same fabric where it meets another 9 patch, but that's about it. It's time to cut setting triangles next.

Side Triangles:

Cut 5 14" squares from various pinks. Cut squares twice on the diagonal with an X. These are your side triangles, there will be 20 of them, and you only need 18 of them. Two will be bonus. However, you can't use them for the corners because the outside edge will be on the bias.

Corner Triangles:

Cut 2 7 1/4" squares. Cut once from corner to corner giving you 4 corner triangles.

Lay the corner triangles and the side triangles in with your blocks in a manner that pleases you.



Stitch the quilt in rows, beginning in the upper corner. Press seams TOWARDS the setting triangles, and towards the double 9 patch blocks. I join the rows making the quilt in two halves..and then sew the two halves of the quilt center together. It is easier for me to handle this way. Here you can see the upper half pieced and pressed...the bottom half is still laying there waiting it's turn .



Quilt Center measures 63 3/4" X 76 1/4" before borders.

But before I add borders, I need to do some trimming up.



I use my large 15" omnigrid ruler for this step.

You'll need a large table surface, and I find it helpful to have some books or something to weight the quilt in places so it doesn't slide off the table. Using the 1/4" line as a guide, line it up from block corner to block corner, leaving yourself a good 1/4" seam allowance on the outside edge of the quilt center. Trim. It might be just a sliver, but that sliver needs to GO!

Also be sure when you trim that your corners get a good square angle.

At this point, you can choose to border as you desire, quilt as is and finish it off with a nice brown binding, or stay tuned next month for the border options.