

# Merry Mayhem's Mystery Quilt Case # 137: We Salute You

Join Merry Mayhem for a romp into the unknown as you make this 55" by 65" Lap quilt that was designed in honor of Quilts of Valor®.

## Supplies

- Rotary Cutting Equipment, including rotary cutter, self-healing mat and ruler. A 4" or 4½" square ruler will be very helpful in addition to your "regular" ruler.
- Sewing Machine in good working order, extra needles, extra bobbins
- Iron, ironing board
- Basic sewing supplies, including pins, neutral-color thread for piecing, Pencil, seam ripper, scissors, etc.

## PART 1: Cutting

*WOF = Width of Fabric, or the distance from selvage to selvage; usually about 44" wide.*

### Fabric A:

- Cut **THREE** 4 1/2" by WOF strips; then cut them into a total of **TWENTY-ONE** 4 1/2" squares.
- Cut **THREE** 2 1/2" by WOF strips & set them aside for now.

### Fabric B:

- Cut **THREE** 4 1/2" by WOF strips. Cut **ONE** of them in half to make **TWO** 4 1/2" by (about) 22" strips.

### Fabric C:

- Cut **THREE** 4 1/2" by WOF strips; then cut them into a total of **TWENTY-ONE** 4 1/2" squares.
- Cut **THREE** 2 1/2" by WOF strips.

**Don't Stop Now!! Cutting Instructions are continued on the next page.**

## Fabrics

**Fabric A, Light Background:** 1 yard; should be a nice, medium to large-scale swirly red & blue print on a light tan or beige background.

**Fabric B, Focus Print** 5/8 yard. Can be a large-scale print; should be multi-colored, but "read" as a Light-to-Medium (such as a gold color). Should be a little darker than Fabric A.

**Fabric C, Light Blue:** 1 yard. We suggest choosing a quiet tone-on-tone.

**Fabric D, Medium Blue (includes Border):** 1 3/4 yards if you are cutting your Border strips lengthwise (no seams in the border), OR 1 1/2 yards if you WILL be adding seams in the border. This fabric can have some visual texture, but it should have good contrast with Fabric C.

**Fabric E, Dark Navy Blue:** 1 1/2 yards (includes Binding). This one can have a small print, such as anchors or stars, but should still read as a dark, strong navy blue color.

**Fabric F, Red:** 7/8 yard. Can have a small print to it, but it should read as a good, strong solid Red from a distance.

**Backing:** 3 3/4 yards

Yardages are based on having 40" of usable fabric width. If your fabric can not provide you with this much width, you will need to purchase extra fabric.

**Fabric D:**

*IF YOU ARE CUTTING BORDERS WITHOUT SEAMS (1 3/4-Yard piece):*

- Cut TWO 4 1/2" by LENGTH OF FABRIC strips (parallel to the selvage edges), AND
- Cut TWO 3 1/2" by LENGTH OF FABRIC strips
- Cut your remaining piece of fabric so it is about 44" long (by about 26" wide). Then cut it into SIX 2 1/2" by 44" strips (in other words, from the length of the fabric). Set aside any remaining fabric for a future project.

*IF YOU WISH TO HAVE SEAMS IN YOUR BORDER (1 1/2- Yard piece):*

- Cut FOUR 4 1/2" by WOF strips; remove selvages and sew them end-to-end in two matching pairs of strips (each should now measure 4 1/2" by about 88").
- Cut THREE 3 1/2" by WOF strips; remove selvages and sew all of them end-to-end. Then fold the strip in half and cut it into TWO pieces, each measuring 3 1/2" by about 66".
- Cut SIX 2 1/2" by WOF strips.

**Fabric E:**

- Cut TWO 8 1/2" by WOF strips; then cut them into a total of TWENTY-TWO 2 1/2" by 8 1/2" rectangles.
- Cut THREE strips, each 2 1/2" by WOF. Cut ONE of them in half so it is now TWO 2 1/2" by (about) 22" strips. Set them aside for now.
- Your remaining fabric is for your Binding.

**Fabric F:**

- Cut ONE 8 1/2" by WOF strip; then cut it into SIXTEEN 2 1/2" by 8 1/2" rectangles.
- Cut FOUR 2 1/2" by WOF strips; then cut ONE strip into FOUR 2 1/2" by 8 1/2" rectangles. Cut ONE of the other strips in half so you have TWO 2 1/2" by about 22" strips. Set aside the other TWO strips for now.

**Backing:** Fold your Backing fabric in half with the cut ends together. Cut along your new fold line. Remove selvages and sew the two long edges together. Press your seam to one side.

**YOU MAY GO ON TO PART 2 UPON ARRIVAL AT THE WORKSHOP.**