

West Suburban Quilters Guild
Block of the Month Mystery Challenge
2020-2021

Introducing our basket mystery quilt along challenge for this year. This challenge will have you adding something to a basket/container and/or on your background fabric each month that is similar to painting a picture. This challenge is open to everyone that is a member of the guild.

To begin you will need a piece of background fabric that is the size of a fat-quarter (18 x 22). You may want to add a piece of interfacing to the back of this piece of fabric to enable the fabric to be sturdy enough to add on your mystery motif each month.

Once you have your background fabric selected and ready to go, the next step in this challenge will be to select a piece of fabric that is fitting for the type of container (basket/vase) you want to create. You will create this container out of fabric. We suggest a basket; however, you may select any type of container or vase. Basket/container can be pieced or appliqued.

The next step will be to place your basket on your background fabric. You will work with your fat-quarter in the portrait view. You will want to center your basket from the sides of your fat quarter placing it about 3 inches from the bottom of your fabric. Be sure to leave ample space above the basket for adding in each motif as directed. Stitch/applique the basket to your fat-quarter leaving the top of your basket only tacked on to the fabric as this will enable the addition of further motif items as we move forward with the challenge.

Stay tuned for each of the additions. We will give you something to add to your basket each month.

- The BOM mystery basket challenge
 - January mystery release – Add background filler to your pot. (Greenery/wheat/?)
 - February mystery release – Add tall/spiky flower(s) of your choice (i.e.; Iris/Blazing Star Liatris/Lupine)
 - March mystery release – Add circular flower(s) of your choice (i.e.; Allium/Globe thistle/Dahlia)
 - April mystery release - Add a garden tool
 - May mystery release – Add a show-case flower and something live (bug, bird, frog, butterfly, kitten – the options are endless)

Please note...this is our last release of clues. Thus, making it time to put on the finishing touches. Remember...minimum size is the size of a fat quarter. You now may add the border(s) and binding of your choice.

Sew...be sure to stitch along with us and share your creation at each guild zoom meeting so we can see your progress.

Happy Quilting!

Your Block of the Month Team