

# Simply Colorful

## 2016 “Brown Bag” Mystery Quilt – Clue 1

It’s time for another Simply Colorful Mystery Quilt! We’re calling this one the “Brown Bag” mystery, because if you become a Simply Colorful Patron, you’ll be rewarded with a shipment of fabric in a brown paper bag.

Curious? Good! Go to [www.patreon.com/simplycolorful](http://www.patreon.com/simplycolorful) to sign up for your fabric reward.



Alternatively – you may buy the mystery fabric from your local quilt store without becoming a Patron. We’ll reveal the “special” mystery fabric requirement in a future clue.

### This One’s A Doozy

We’ve had it easy for the past few Mysteries with big pieces and smaller-sized quilts. [Here are links to previous Mystery Quilt Patterns: [Oh Baby Baby](#), [KB Sampler](#), [Two Color Delight](#) ]

The Brown Bag Mystery is neither. It has **many pieces** and it’ll be big enough for a **queen bed**.

**doo·zy**  
/ˈdoozē/

*noun* NORTH AMERICAN *informal*

something outstanding or unique of its kind.  
"it's gonna be a doozy of a black eye"

It’s a “doozy of a mystery quilt!” Buckle up and get ready for a challenge.

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## What You Have to Do in Week 1: Select Your Fabric

This week you'll select fabric.

### Let's talk Color, Value and Hue

Without getting too technical, we need to review some color theory.

"The word **color** is the general term which applies to the whole subject - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet, black and white and all possible combinations thereof. **Hue** is the correct word to use to refer to just the pure spectrum colors. **Value** is defined as the relative lightness or darkness of a color. Any given color can be described in terms of its value and hue."

Source: <http://char.txa.cornell.edu/language/element/color/color.htm>

For this mystery you'll select fabrics not only based on hue – but also on value. You may use the same colors as I have identified OR use different colors ... just make sure the values of each are as prescribed.

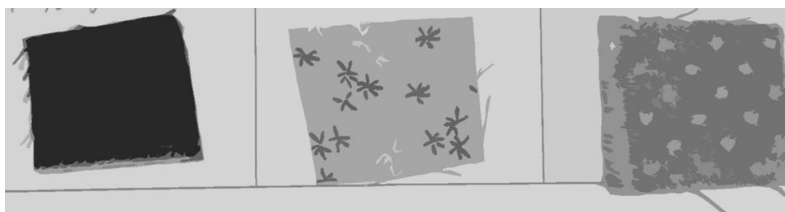
By selecting fabrics in varying values, in addition to hues, we'll be able to create more movement and optical illusion in our finished quilt.

### Tip: Take a Black and White Photo to Assess Value

Here's how it works. Here's a color picture of my 3 swatches.



Here's the same picture in black and white. It's easier to see the blue on the left is a **Dark** value, the blue in the middle is a **Light** value and the blue to the right is a **Medium** value.



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## Finished Size

The finished quilt will measure 96" x 96". It'll be big enough for a double or queen-sized bed.

## Yardage Requirements

In addition to the piece of Mystery fabric, gather the following material:

COLOR A	MEDIUM YELLOW	¾ yard (yd)
COLOR B	DARK RED	5/8 yd
COLOR C	MEDIUM ORANGE	1 yd
COLOR D	DARK BLUE	1 and 3/8 yds
COLOR E	LIGHT BLUE	5/8 yd
COLOR F	MEDIUM BLUE	1 and 7/8 yds
COLOR G	VERY DARK GREY/BLACK	3 yds
COLOR H	LIGHT TAN	7/8 yd
COLOR I	DARK BROWN	½ yd
COLOR J	SECOND LIGHT BLUE	¼ yd
COLOR K	DARK ORANGE	1 yd
COLOR L	MEDIUM ORANGE	3/8 yd
COLOR M (Includes Backing)	MEDIUM BLUE	6 and 5/8 yds

Please note: These yardage estimates come from Electronic Quilt (EQ). They are on the high side. You will have left over scraps!

Binding – 7/8 yd

This quilt works up best with smaller-motifed fabrics.

## Fabric Preparation

Wash and iron all fabrics – if you want to -- and especially if you're using reds. If you're washing many fabrics together in the same load, it's always a good idea to use Shout Color Catchers so leaky dyes don't land on "sister" fabrics. [For the record, I didn't wash my fabric.]

Once fabrics are selected, cut 1" x 1" swatches of each color and glue them to the Color Chart. You'll refer to your chart often throughout the next 8 weeks! (Available for download at <http://www.simplycolorful.com/16brownbagmysteryquilt.html> )

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## Clue Rollout Schedule

Clues will be published by 7AM Friday mornings on [www.simplycolorful.com](http://www.simplycolorful.com) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SimplyColorful).

Clue 1 -- September 2

Clue 2 -- September 9

Clue 3 -- September 16

Clue 4 -- September 23

Clue 5 -- September 30

Clue 6 -- October 7

Clue 7 -- October 14

Clue 8 & Reveal -- October 21

## Sew Together Every Friday on FiberCast

We'll work on the Clues each week during [Simply Colorful FiberCast](https://www.facebook.com/SimplyColorfulFiberCast). We go LIVE at 8PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) every Friday evening (unless Lynn has a prior commitment.)

## Share Your Progress

Post questions and photos here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SimplyColorfulMysteryQuiltAlong/>

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