

# Simply Colorful Spring FLING 2018 Mystery Quilt Challenge

## CLUE #1

Welcome to the [2018 Simply Colorful Spring Mystery Quilt](#) challenge!

This is a 7-week challenge, with plenty of old-fashioned block piecing. Sew along with Lynn Marquedant on Friday nights during [Simply Colorful FiberCast™](#) (8-9 PM EST) AND/OR join us for more interactive sessions on [Simply Colorful Patreon](#) on Saturday mornings.

### SCHEDULE OF CLUES

Here's the schedule of clues. Each clue will be posted by 7AM on the [Simply Colorful Mystery Quilt Along Group of Facebook](#) AND [here](#) on the Simply Colorful website.

Clue 1 – April 13, 2018

Clue 2 – April 20, 2018

Clue 3 – April 27, 2018

Clue 4 – May 3, 2018 (note: this isn't a Friday)

Clue 5 – May 11, 2018

Clue 6 – May 18, 2018

Clue 7 – May 25, 2018 (note: the reveal happens on Friday of Memorial Day Weekend!)

### OVERVIEW OF CLUE 1

In Clue #1 we'll make a fabric swatch sheet and nine-patches. (The number of nine-patches you need to make will depend on what size quilt you decide on.)



SIZE OPTIONS & FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

There are 4 size options. I recommend starting with the Throw-sized quilt, then if (and when) you love the pattern, buy more fabric and make more blocks for a Double, Queen, or King-sized quilt. This quilt was designed in [Electric Quilt 8 \(EQ8\)](#). The yardage requirements are generous.

FABRIC COLOR & LABEL	THROW-Sized Quilt 68" x 68" (yards)	DOUBLE 80" x 92" (yards)	QUEEN 92" x 92" (yards)	KING 104" x 116" (yards)
A - Yellow	5/8	7/8	1 + 1/8	1 + 1/2
B - Green	1 + 1/4	1 + 7/8	2 + 1/4	3 + 1/4
C – Light Purple	3/8	1/2	5/8	5/8
D – Dark Blue	3/4	1 + 3/8	1 + 3/8	2
E - Magenta	3/4	1 + 1/8	1 + 1/2	2
F –Burgundy	1/4	1/4	3/8	3/8
G - Grey	1 + 5/8	2 + 1/8	2 + 3/8	3 + 1/8
H - White	5/8	1	1 + 1/8	1 + 3/4
I – Very dark blue or black	1/4	1/4	3/8	1/2
Backing and Binding	Because the yardage requirements appear generous, <u>I'm holding off on buying my backing and binding.</u> I plan to use left-over fabric for both.			

TIP FOR SELECTING FABRIC COLORS

You can use any pallet of 9 colors. My approach was to find a fat quarter I like and select my fabrics from that palette. This is a similar approach to how we selected our fabrics for the [2014 Simply Colorful Crocus and Daffodil Mystery Quilt](#). The results were beautiful. Here's my inspiration fabric ([Free Spirit Tula Pink Tabby Road Eek Blue Bird Fabric](#)) and corresponding fabrics. (yes, I'm going with all [Kona cottons!](#))



SWATCHING and LABELING YOUR FABRIC

I find it's useful to make a swatch when I begin a mystery quilt like this. We have 9 colors of fabric to keep track of.

Here's a template you can print out. **Use a glue stick or staples to adhere your fabrics to this piece of paper and then hang it up close to your work area for easy reference.**

<b>A - Yellow</b>	<b>B - Green</b>	<b>C – Light Purple</b>
<b>D – Dark Blue</b>	<b>E – Magenta</b>	<b>F – Burgundy</b>
<b>G – Grey</b>	<b>H – White</b>	<b>I – Very Dark Blue or Black</b>

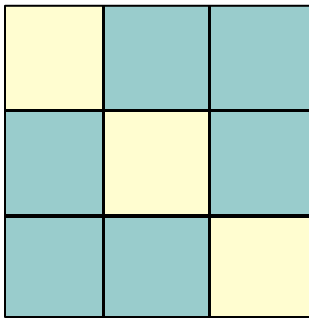
## MAKING UNITS I-a and I-b

It's time to start cutting, sewing, and pressing! We are making simple 9-patches this week.

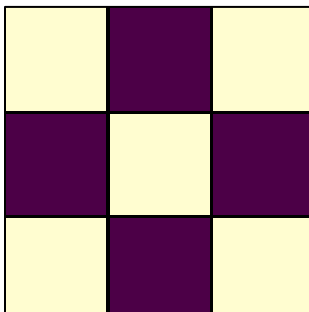
The catch? Each finished 9-patch will measure 3 inches! [3.5" unfinished]

This means we're starting with 1.5" strips OR 1.5" x 1.5" blocks. We'll practice both approaches on [Tonight's FiberCast™](#) on April 13<sup>th</sup>. (Remember to [subscribe](#), so you receive email alerts when we go live.)

UNIT I-a – Use colors A (Yellow) & B (Green) -- trim your blocks up to 3.5" x 3.5" (unfinished)



UNIT I-b – Use colors A (Yellow) & F (Burgundy) -- trim your blocks up to 3.5" x 3.5" (unfinished)



# Blocks to Make	THROW-Sized Quilt 68" x 68"	DOUBLE 80" x 92"	QUEEN 92" x 92"	KING 104" x 116"
# of I-a blocks	52	84	100	144
# of I-b blocks	13	21	25	36

That's all there is to Clue #1!

Please post questions and photos on the [Simply Colorful Mystery Quilt Along Group of Facebook](#). Clue #2 will be published on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by 7AM EST on <http://www.simplycolorful.com/18mqscrapppyspringfling.html>