

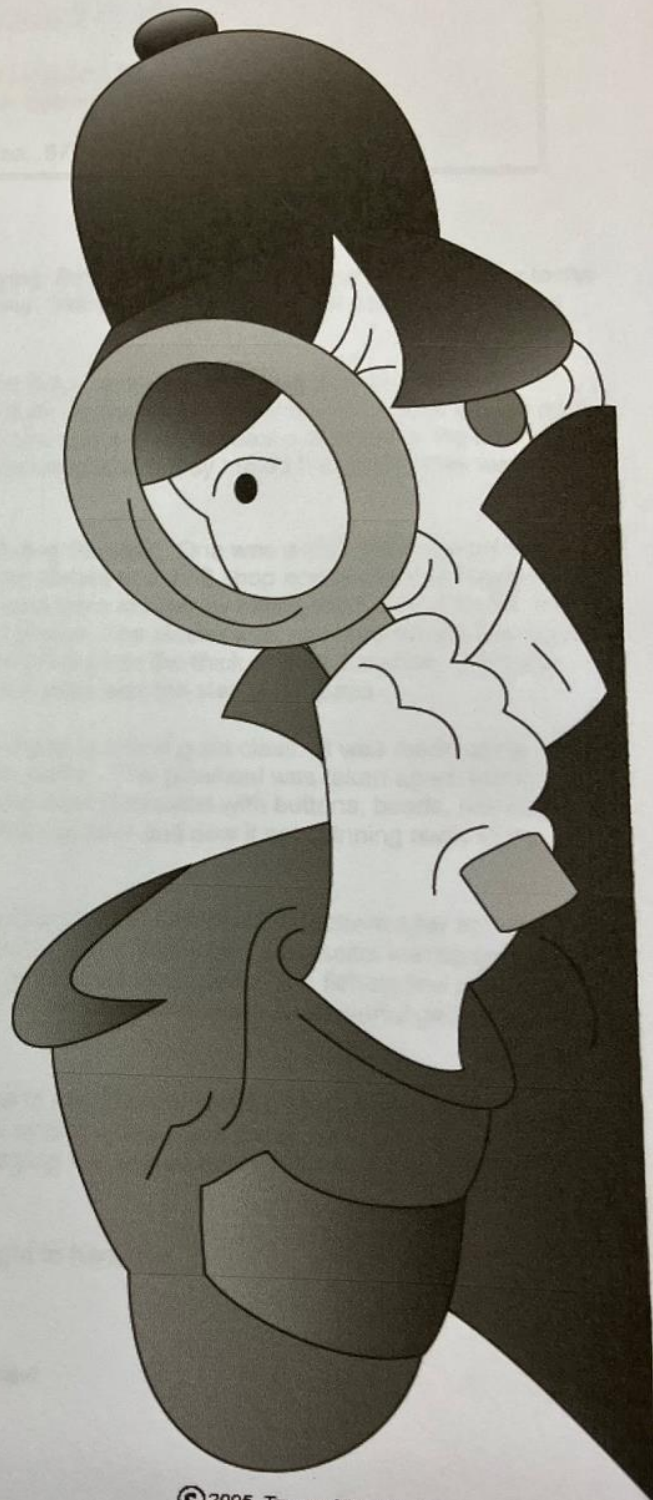
**Quilter's Quarters**  
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## THE MYSTERY QUILT CLUB

### STUDENT HANDOUT

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Designed by Tammy Minnich, Spenwick Cottage Designs

Finished Size: 57" x 57"

It was an early winter's day that Melody was enjoying. Setting outside, on the small patio, listening to the winter cardinals twittering in the bare trees was a joy. With a cup of hot tea in her hands, Melody was struck by the sounds coming from her garden.

There were a few leaves left in the old oak tree and they crackled as the wind blew around them. Occasionally, one leaf would snap off its twig and flutter to the grass. Squirrels rummaged around on the ground while talking to each other, rooting in the grass and around the bases of plants in the flowerbeds. In the spring, Melody would find small oak trees sprouting where they buried the acorns they were now stashing away.

She also saw the new treasures she had crafted during the year. One was a side table she sat her teacup on. It was made after she found a few broken dishes at a thrift shop and decided to recycle them. The pieces were too large for her project so she made them smaller by hitting them with a mallet, then she applied them to an old wooden table top using plaster. The plaster was smeared across the wooden top using a trowel then she pressed the small china pieces into the thick white substance. After she wiped off the excess plaster and allowed it to dry, the table was the star of her patio.

The second project was a fancy pinwheel she had made in a quilt guild class. It was made using one of those colorful plastic pinwheels found at the garden center. The pinwheel was taken apart, fabric was sewn then slipped over each plastic petal. The petals were decorated with buttons, beads, rick-rack and anything else that was on hand. It was then put back together and now it sat spinning away in the flowerbed next to her patio.

Hanging on the front porch, chimes were tinkling in the breeze. She had made them after seeing one hanging in a craft fair booth and costing a small fortune. First, she glued a beautiful teacup to its saucer. Then she collected silverware, drilled a small hole in the tip of each piece, tied fishing line onto each spoon and fork and attached the line to the bottom of the saucer. It made a wonderful gentle tinkling sound and all the pieces were thrift store finds.

Melody loved to make items from her scavenger hunts just like she loved making quilts from bits and pieces of fabrics left over from other projects. As a matter of fact, Christmas was coming soon and she had a quilt to make for her new great nephew. Carrying her teacup into the house, she wound her way into the sewing room to get back to work.

'These presents don't make themselves,' she thought to herself.



This month's Mystery Quilt will be using three fabrics. Select fabrics with tone-on-tone or small scale designs – one light, one medium and one dark.

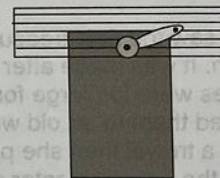
Have fun selecting the fabrics.

#### **Fabric Requirements:**

Fabric A	1 ¾ yds	Medium Fabric
Fabric B	½ yd	Dark Fabric
Fabric C	2 ¾ yds	Light Fabric
	4 yd	Backing/Binding (not needed in class)

#### **Other Supplies Needed:**

Sewing Machine and basic sewing supplies  
Neutral Sewing Thread to coordinate with fabrics  
Iron and Pressing Board  
Rotary Cutter and Cutting Surface  
Ruler (6 ½" and 12" squares)  
The Tucker Trimmer tool will be helpful



#### **HOMEWORK**

- Fabric A      Cut 4 strips 6" x WOF, sub-cut into 6" squares (26 needed)  
                    Cut on the diagonal to create 52 triangles
- Cut 2 strips 12 ½" x WOF, sub-cut into 12 ½" squares (6 needed)
- Fabric B      Cut 2 strips 7" x WOF, sub-cut into 7" squares (7 needed)
- Fabric C      Cut 2 strips 7" x WOF, sub-cut into 7" squares (7 needed)
- Cut 4 strips 3 ½" x WOF, sub-cut into 3 ½" squares (52 needed)
- Cut on the diagonal to create 104 triangles
- Cut 2 strips 12 ½" x WOF, sub-cut into 12 ½" squares (6 needed)
- Draw diagonal lines from corner to corner in both directions
- Cut 6 strips 4" x WOF (for borders)

WOF = Width of Fabric (selvage to selvage)