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Mystery quilt Fall 2025

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"Tied up in chains"

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This will make a throw 66" x 74"

Equipment needed to solve the crime:

- Sewing machine with ¼" foot
- Sharp pins
- Seam ripper
- 8 ½" x 24" ruler
- 8 ½" or larger square ruler
- Masking tape or labels
- Wonder clips
- Rotary cutter and 18" x 24" mat
- Thread to match. Wind up two bobbins
- Best Press

HOMEWORK:

BEST PRESS FABRICS - CUT STRIPS LISTED. Clip a label to each, A, B, etc.

Line up your suspects: Make a CSI sheet of your clues and suspects by cutting a small scrap of each, tape them to the "sheet" and label them A, B, etc.

Suspects:

All should be non-directional prints 100% cotton fabric

Feature fabric: 1.55m

This could be a larger suspect that will also be found on the border? Find this first

- First cut seven 6 ½" strips
- Then cut two 4 ½" strips

Background: 1.4m

This should be much lighter or darker than any other suspect. An interesting tone-on-tone character?

- First cut three strips 8 ½" wide
- Cut two 4 ½" strips
- Cut five 2 ½" strips, then cut these into seventy-eight 2 ½" squares

Suspect A: 40 cm

Tone on tone that really likes the feature suspect. They never leave large prints. A bit of a "cool" customer perhaps?

- Cut 8 ½" strip
- Cut 4 ½" strip

Suspect B: 40 cm

He or she is a very good friend with suspect A and could even be the same skin tone as A, but just a bit lighter or darker. Another "cool" customer perhaps?

- Cut the same as suspect A

Suspect C: 50 cm

He or she is much stronger than Suspects A or B. Also, a tone-on-tone kind of guy, but maybe a bit more of a "hot" suspect? Their fingerprints are also very small and hard to read.

- Cut two strips 6 ½"
- Cut one strip at 2 ½" and cut this into nine 2 ½" squares

Suspect D: 50 cm

This guy is also very good friends with Suspect C, but their character is a good contrast to his friend C and suspects A and B. He could also be a very "hot" suspect, and possibly the most vivid personality of the group, but his fingerprints are small too and also hard to read.

- Cut the same as suspect C

Mini Border: 65 cm

This border crossing is always tricky and so it should be picked after the mystery is almost solved. These borders are often a make or break it when you are on a case. Maybe choose this after working on the case for a while?

- Cut seven strips 3 ½" wide