

Take Me For A Spin

By Cindy Mccooy

Introduction

This month, we begin a new mystery quilt by Cindy Mccooy called **Take Me For A Spin**. Choose just three fabrics with good contrast and you're set. This mystery is sure to keep you guessing each month as you complete each new step. As usual, Cindy has outdone herself by creating a mystery that will create two quilts! One wall-sized quilt measuring 36" x 36" and another table topper challenge measuring 34" x 34". The **Color Options** table contains suggestions for color combinations, but don't limit yourself to just these options.

Cindy Mccooy's **Take Me For A Spin Mystery** will appear in six installments from November 2013 to April 2014.

Be sure to join the **Take Me For A Spin Mystery Quilt** group on [Pattern Pastiche](#), [The Quilt Pattern Magazine's](#) online quilters' forum. There, you can get answers to any questions you might have, share your progress, and see what others are doing. Don't forget you can post pictures of in-progress and finished **Take Me For A Spin** quilts as well!

— TQPM



Part One

Choose three fabrics with good contrast for your **Take Me For A Spin** quilt. Don't limit yourself to solids, but very large prints are not recommended. One fabric will be the background. For a bold presentation, choose two other colors that are complementary on the color wheel. For a softer look, choose two analogous colors with less contrast.

Once you've selected your fabrics, refer to the **Take Me For A Spin Fabric Requirements** table below for the exact yardages for the size quilt you are making.

This month, we will cut strips, make strip sets, and subcut them into rectangle units. Make a storage and labeling plan now to keep everything organized.

— Cindy

A Few Color Options

	Christmas	Winter	Patriotic
Background	Gold	Cream	White
Color #1	Green	Dark Grey	Navy Blue
Color #2	Red	Blue	Red

Take Me For A Spin Mystery Fabric Requirements:

Not suitable for directional or striped fabrics.

Fabric	Fabric Requirements
Background	2-1/4 yds
Color #1	1 yd
Color #2	1 yd
Binding	2/3 yd
Backing	40" x 40" piece and 38" x 38" piece
Batting	40" x 40" piece and 38" x 38" piece
Special Tools Required: 12-1/2" square ruler with 45-degree lines. Spray starch.	

Cutting:

Since you will be working with bias edges, starch and press your fabrics very well before cutting to help avoid stretching later when piecing.

Referring to the **Take Me For A Spin Cutting and Labeling** table below, cut each fabric into the number of pieces required for the size quilt you are making. It is **very important** to group and label the pieces as they are cut. Note that a number of strip sizes are repeated in different color combinations.

Take Me For A Spin Cutting and Labeling Table (wof = width of fabric)

Fabric	Label	Size to Cut	Quantity to Cut
Background	Sq1	9-1/2" square	4
	Sq2	13" square	2
	S1	2" x wof strip	10
	S2	9-1/2" x wof strip	2
Color #1	S3	6-1/2" x wof strip	2
	S4	8" x wof strip	1
	S5	9-1/2" x wof strip	1
Color #2	S6	6-1/2" x wof strip	2
	S7	8" x wof strip	1
	S8	9-1/2" x wof strip	1