

# The Cat's MEOW

A Mystery Quilt Pattern by Debbie Caffrey

Finished size of quilt before borders is 51" x 68".

The addition of an optional border will allow you to enlarge the quilt to a twin size.

## Fabric Selection:

I began my fabric selection with a medium/medium-dark focus or theme fabric. Secondly, I chose a tone on tone accent fabric. The third fabric I selected was the light background. Make sure there is good **CONTRAST** between your background fabric and the other two. Avoid directional fabrics.

Choose fabrics that you like. Rarely do I give any hint about what colors I've used to make my quilt. Any colors will be successful in this quilt as long as you achieve enough contrast to show the pattern.

## Yardage Requirements:

These instructions are written with the assumption that there is at least 42" of usable fabric between the selvages. Unless your fabrics are extremely narrow, you will have plenty of fabric. I allow extra for shrinkage, straightening, and *minor* goof's.

	<b>Light Background</b>	3 yards
	<b>Main Print</b>	1 3/4 yards
	<b>Accent Fabric</b>	1 3/4 yards
	<b>Optional Border</b>	2 1/8 yards*
	<b>Binding</b>	1 yard*

\*For the border, use more of the main print or another fabric of your choice. The accent fabric would make a good choice for binding. Border and binding may be purchased after you've solved the mystery, but more of the same fabrics may not be available at that time.

## Other Tools & Supplies:

Rotary cutter, mat, & rulers  
Sewing machine  
Thread to blend with your fabrics

## Cutting for Step 1:

Strips are cut across the width of the fabrics, making them approximately 42" long with selvages on each of the short ends.

### **Light Background**

Cut seven strips 2" wide.

Cut five strips 3 1/2" wide.

Use four of these strips to cut twelve 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles and twenty 3 1/2" squares. The remaining strip is used for strip-piecing.

### **Main Print**

Cut four strips 2" wide.

Cut one strip 3 1/2" wide.

### **Accent Fabric**

Cut nine strips 2" wide.

Cut three strips 3 1/2" wide.

## Piecing for Step 1:

Sew with 12 stitches per inch (2.0).

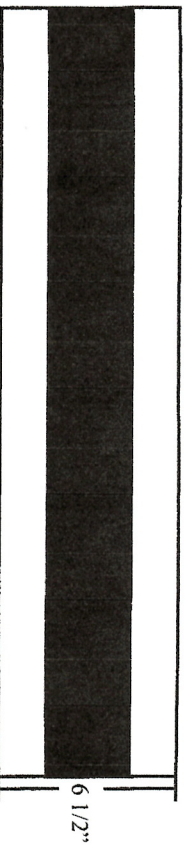
The success of your quilt depends upon precise seam allowances.

Measure your strip-pieced panels after they are pressed. If your measurements are different, adjust your seam allowances now and restitch so the pieces fit together easily as your quilt progresses.

Use the strips you have cut to make the following strip-pieced panels. Press all of the seam allowances toward the accent fabric.



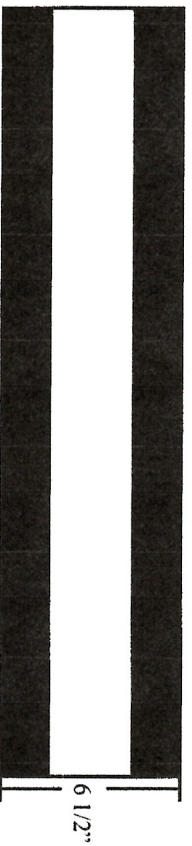
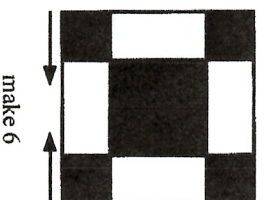
Panel #1  
make 5



Crosscut Panel #2 into six 3 1/2" wide sections.

Crosscut Panel #3 into twelve 2" wide sections.

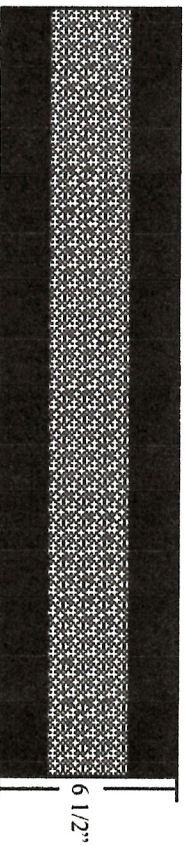
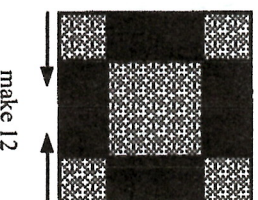
Use the pieces from Panels #2 and #3 to make six Puss in the Corner blocks. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrows.



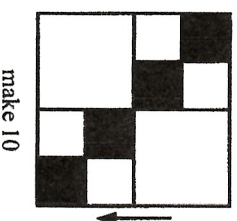
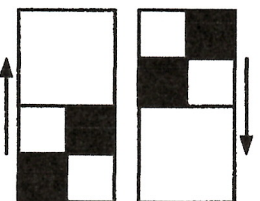
Crosscut Panel #4 into twelve 3 1/2" wide sections.

Crosscut the two #5 panels into twenty-four 2" wide sections.

Use the pieces from Panels #4 and #5 to make twelve Puss in the Corner blocks. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrows.



Use twenty of the Four Patch blocks and the twenty 3 1/2" squares of background fabric to make ten Double Four Patch blocks. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrows.



Crosscut the #1 panels into eighty-eight 2" wide sections.

Use these sections to make forty-four Four Patch blocks.

Press the seam allowances to one side.



Use the remaining Four Patch blocks and the rectangles of background fabric to make twelve sections like the one shown at the right. Press the seam allowances toward the rectangles.

