

And the mystery begins

Pick your five fabrics. A yard of each is more than sufficient. You can use the leftovers to make an interesting bag. Label the fabrics: A, B, C, D, E. The order is important as this is what I use to make the strip sets.

We have already talked about fabric selection, but if you still have questions call or send me a note. I will be glad to look at your selection and provide whatever help I can. Keep in mind though that I am color blind and my advice is questionable at best. Of course, Kathy will help-as she always does.

Cut the following strips for each fabric. You need 40" inch strips.

Fabric A: 10 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips; 4 $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

Fabric B: 11 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips; 1 $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

Fabric C: 11 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips; 3 $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

Fabric D: 11 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips; 2 $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

Fabric E: 11 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips; 1 $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

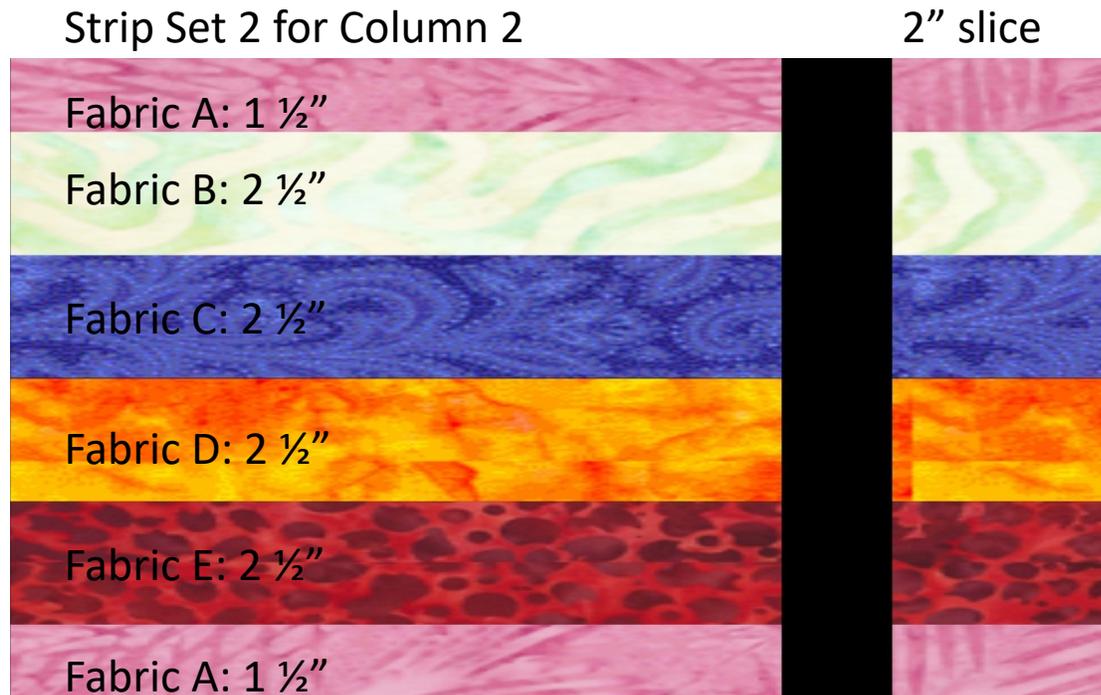
For the first month, we will do columns 1 and 2. In subsequent months we will do 3 columns.

Strip set 1-for column 1: $2\frac{1}{2}$ " A/ $2\frac{1}{2}$ " B/ $2\frac{1}{2}$ " C/ $2\frac{1}{2}$ " D/ $2\frac{1}{2}$ " E



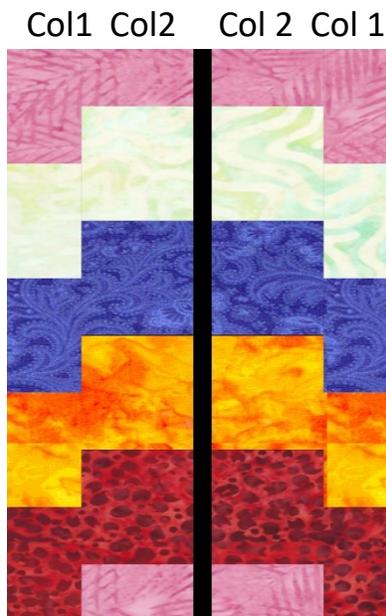
Make 16 $1\frac{1}{2}$ " slices: 8 for column 1 for the block and 8 for the reverse block.

Strip Set 2 for column 2: 1 1/2" A/2 1/2" B/2 1/2" C/2 1/2" D/2 1/2" E/1 1/2" A



Make 16 2" slices: 8 for column 2 for the block and 8 for the reverse block.

Recommendation: I strongly suggest that you "sew as you go". You could make all the strip sets and get all the columns and then start sewing them together. The potential for mix up is extremely high. I now "sew as I go". Sew column 1 to column 2. Do this eight times. Sew column 2 to column 1. Do this eight times. Next month you can just add column 3 to the partially completed block. Make separate piles: one for the block and one for the reverse block. [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]



Note: You will have a fair amount of strip set left over after cutting the sixteen columns. We will deal with the leftover in next months directions.