



On Ringo Lake  
A Quiltville Mystery  
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Happy Halloween, Everyone!

I've been planning for this day for months and months, but honestly didn't have the time to sit and pull all of this together before returning from China.

And I know you were THINKING that this year's mystery would focus on somewhere far away, but this time I am hitting somewhere very close to home for me.

On Ringo Lake!

Just this past August I had the opportunity to teach in Iowa and following that retreat I trundled up to Minnesota where a whole heartful of memories were made. I could spend time just unwinding and having fun with my mom, her two sisters (my very crazy and much-loved aunts!) and their brother (my uncle Steve) and his wife Kathryn. We made the MOST out of those few days- more than we've ever been able to before, including a trip up to Spicer, Minnesota where I captured the most peaceful

sunrise I've seen in a long while. Complete with the sound of loons at daybreak and mist upon the waters.

It is the colors seen in this sunrise scene that set the palette for this quilt.



Refecation and light on water. The start of a new day.

If you've followed along with our many past Quiltville Mysteries, you'll already have a good handle of what happens. I'm glad to have you back sewing with me again!

If you are one of the many, many new ones (My Quiltville Facebook Page is very near to 110,00 followers and our Quiltville's Open Studio group page is encroaching on 73,000 quilters sharing their projects, laughter and all else quilty!) I want to welcome you.

This post will contain the colors, examples of the fabrics used in my own On Ringo Lake quilt, and yardage requirements.

You are NOT required to sew with these colors, and you can change them to whatever color palette you would like, but please remember value and contrast when switching things up.

Our stunning quilt finishes at 75" x 90". If you want a smaller size, start with 1/2 the

units. You can always go back and make more units once you decide on your own layout. If you want it bigger, you can add more borders.

I view our mysteries not just as “A pattern” but as a vehicle to teach methods, tips, tricks, helps and hints while working with each unit. I will provide a printer-friendly PDF for each clue, and for those wanting to save paper, just save the PDF to your computer or tablet and look at it there without printing it out. Save clues to a place where you can find them!

You can also choose to print certain pages but not others from within your printer settings. You can also copy/paste the blog post into a word document and delete extra photos, extra text that you don't need. Just save the nitty-gritty. You can choose how to save paper/ink yourself. My job is to teach, however many pages it takes.

**PAINT CHIPS:** These are NOT required, but they are helpful when choosing many fabrics that will work together from your stash. These are guidelines only, and I have even pushed the boundaries of those color families a bit in all directions, so I have a quilt with more life that doesn't look so flat.

Yardage amounts are for scraps and/or planned yardage. If you want one piece of yardage for each color, you are fine there too!



Our paint chips this year come from the Valspar line at Lowes. I have also photographed these

chips next to the Ultimate 3-in-1 Color Tool found in the Quiltville Store for those who want guidance, but don't have access to or want to pick up paint chips.

In this year's mystery there is not a constant fabric playing a strategic role. Everything revolves around a variety of fabrics by color family.



My favorite photo of the morning, just before sunrise.



Aqua boat, front and center!



Aqua to Turquoise!

Valspar 5007-9

My fabrics are closer to the 2 darker shades on the paint chip and you will need 4 1/2 yards of assorted fabrics.

**\*NOTE\*** The 3-in-1 color tool really doesn't have these colors. The turquoises are bluer and the blue-greens greener. These paint chips are in between but fabrics in these colors are plentiful right now.



Warm Browns.



Chocolates!



Yummy!

Valspar 2009-10

All my browns are quite dark for contrast. Don't go too light with your browns here. In my browns you will find that I dug into the deep stash for even some 1980s & 1990s chocolate calicoes. Don't worry if they are ugly – they will be cut small! You will need 2 3/4 to 3 yards of brown. It all depends on the method you choose to make the units given.



Oh, that morning keeps getting better and better!



Melon to Coral

This is going to be a BEAUTIFUL project!



You know how I love my neutrals!



Oh my heart sings!

Valspar 2005-3



White to Cream to Beige!

PUSH the boundaries of your color families with this one. Sunrises bring about a whole bouquet of color. Check out my fabrics above. Even some of those 1980s –1990s peachy fabrics came out to play. I mixed them with several new “modern” prints and I love the look. Dig deep! Throw in some salmon pink, and go all the way to melon. Total yardage of this color family: 3 1/4 yards.

- 7006-24 Ultra White
- 7003-24 Ivory Dust
- 7002-11 Apricot Haze

And everywhere in between!

Total neutral yardage: 5 1/4 yards.

Things to remember: You may need more or less fabric depending on the method you choose for each unit I present.

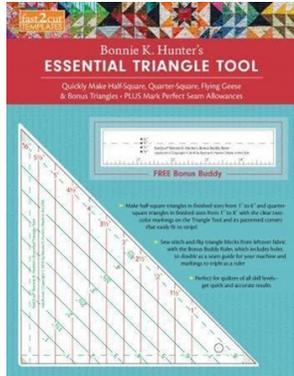
Seams take up a LOT of fabric, up to 25% when the piecing is small. Don't be alarmed at the yardage requirements given.

ANYONE with a bit of confidence can make this quilt if they take it one step at a time. MEASURE MEASURE MEASURE your



units. Make sure they are the right size BEFORE you make them all.

### Specialty Rulers:



Essential Triangle Tool

I used the Essential Triangle Tool to make this quilt, and will be demonstrating this ruler during our mystery. Regular rotary cutting sizes will be given for those who don't wish to use this ruler. The ruler is currently 20% off in the Quiltville Store and will remain on sale for the duration of the mystery.



Simple Folded Corners Ruler.

I saved a lot of time and fabric using this ruler during the making of On Ringo Lake. If you don't have it yet, you are going to want one! It is also on sale in the Quiltville Store.

If we sell out quickly, check back, I will continue to add more!

If you choose not to use this ruler, traditional methods will be given.

I am not giving out shapes or sizes for Accuquilt dies as they reveal too much ahead of time. Thank you for understanding.

Mystery time is supposed to be fun. It is supposed to help you relax and enjoy a bit of something nice for yourself during the busy holiday season. The best advice I can give to anyone is to stay with the clues, and even if you are busy, make a few of each clue each week so that you have a handle on what each unit and technique is. Then after the holidays when things settle down you can pick up and finish the amount required for each step.

Clues will come every Friday with the first clue going live on Black Friday, November 24th. No set time of release of the clue is given. Thank you for understanding that sometimes life [and holiday hubbub] gets in the way for me too.

I will be adding an **On Ringo Lake** tab at the top of the blog where all parts for this mystery will be found. Printer-Friendly links to PDF downloads will also be found at the top of each clue, hopefully as clues are released but if they are a bit delayed, just know that they are photo and text heavy and do take time and I appreciate the slack. If they aren't linked on each post when posted, check the next day for the updates.

It is up to YOU to print your clues as they are released and to save them in a place where you can find them easily. This mystery will be retired from my blog on Feb 1, 2018 and placed in the digital downloads section of the Quiltville Store for purchase at that time.

Many of you also know that I am dealing with some family issues that may cause a delay in clue postings. If that happens, just know that I will get on to posting the next clue as quickly as possible. We may be carrying this mystery into

January at a slower pace than previous mysteries.

I am not stating the number of clues in this quilt at this time because I do like to keep it a mystery, enjoy the process and perhaps keep you guessing a bit more. Depending on what is going on in my life, I may break clues down even farther, in hopes that it might make the holidays more peaceful for all.

I invite you to post to your social media be it blogs, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or what-have-you. Please do NOT share piece count or unit sizes in your posts. Let's keep this a mystery for everyone. Please do not rewrite my tutorials and post directions in your own media. Simply direct people here to find the clues and tutorials. Thank you for understanding.

We will be using the hashtags #quiltville #quiltvillemystery and #onringolakequilt in all social media for the duration of this mystery. As this mystery goes from 2017 into 2018 it is actually helpful to NOT post a year in your hashtag, so we can find your posts more easily. Hashtag away!



Always, always, always – NO WHINING!



Quiltville Quote of the Day!

Punkin' Patch from the Sept/Oct 2017 [Quiltmaker](#) issue!

Have a Happy Halloween, everyone!

Get gathering those fabrics!

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