

**Royal City Quilters Guild
Summer Milady Mystery 2021**

Week Five

General Instructions for Adding Borders

You have already made all of the pieced blocks for the borders. These instructions tell you how to put them all together. Check at each stage that the finished product is the right size. You can not really change the size of the pieced borders now that the blocks are sewn, but adjustments can be made when solid borders are added.

When sewing on the borders, always sew with the “pieced” side UP. This will allow you to hit the points as you sew and ensure that the seam allowances are laying flat along the seam. Sometimes, this means that the bottom piece is really small. Pinning in a few places can make this narrow strip stay aligned.

Find the centre of the border and the centre of the medallion. Mark each with a pin. Match the pin (centre) and the ends to get three accurate points of contact. Pin along the border distributing the fabric evenly on both sides. As the borders get bigger, you can find the quarter marks as well if necessary on both pieces to have five points of contact.

Instructions for Adding Solid Borders

If there is a sizing problem, this can be fixed when adding the solid borders 4 and 6. If your block is too large, cut the borders as instructed. If your block is too small, cut your borders larger by the difference between the width of your block and the ideal listed. In both cases, the length of the borders is unknown. Cut the side borders to the width of the block by measuring the height three times and cutting to the average size. Once finished with the sides, measure three times across the width of the block. Cut the top and bottom strips to the average width. Once your borders are added, you will have to trim your block to size as well. Be sure that the block is the exact measurement listed after adding borders 4 and 6.

Assembling Border #3

1. Find twenty (20) hourglass units made in week 2. The blocks will be sewn so that fabric 2 is attached to fabric 2. Fabrics 1 and 5 are oriented

toward the top and bottom. Check the back of the blocks. There are two possible pressing options. Half the blocks will nest with each other, and the other half will nest as well, just not with the other half of the blocks. In the illustrations below, you can see that the seams for the yellow fabric are lying in opposite directions in the two strips. Join the blocks in sets of five (5) nesting each time. Press the seams open.

2. **Attach** two (2) of these strips to the side of the centre block so that the fabric 1 triangle of the border is attached to the solid fabric 1 border. Press toward the solid border.
3. **Find** the four (4) bird in the air blocks made in week 3. Attach one (1) bird in the air block to each end of the remaining two (2) strips. The seams will not nest in all corners. Pin and sew carefully. Press the seams open.
4. **Add** these two (2) border strips to the top and bottom of the centre block. Pin the seams of the corner block carefully so that you have a clean intersection. Press toward the solid border #2.

Your block should measure 28 1/2" square after adding border 3.

Adding Border 4

1. ⇨ **Cut** four (4) 2 1/2" strips of fabric #3 WOF. Subcut two (2) of the strips to 28 1/2". Subcut the other two (2) strips to 32 1/2."
2. **Attach** the 28 1/2" strips to the sides of the medallion. Press toward the solid border.
3. **Attach** the 32 1/2" strips to the top and bottom of the medallion. Press toward the solid border.

Your block should measure 32 1/2" square after adding border 4.

Assembling Border 5

1. **Find** the thirty-two (32) combination units made in week 3. Divide into two (2) sets of sixteen (16) blocks so that each orientation is grouped together. Join pairs of blocks of the same orientation as illustrated below, first into sixteen (16) pairs, then into eight (8) sets of four, and finally into four (4) strips of eight blocks. Press seams open.

2. **Attach** two (2) strips with the same orientation to the sides of the medallion as illustrated. Press the seam to the solid border #4.
3. **Find** the four (4) HSTs in fabrics 2 and 5 made in week 1. Attach one (1) to each end of the remaining two strips as illustrated below. Press the seams open.
4. **Attach** the remaining two strips to the top and bottom of the medallion. Press the seams to the solid border #4.

The block should measure 40 1/2" square after adding border 5.

Adding Border 6

1. **Cut** four (4) 1 1/2" strips of fabric #1 WOF. Subcut two (2) strips to 1 1/2" X 40 1/2" long. Cut two (2) strips to 1 1/2" X 42 1/2" long. Use the remnants of the strips cut for border 2 in week 4 if necessary to lengthen the strips.
2. **Attach** two (2) 1 1/2" X 40 1/2" long strips to the sides of the medallion. Press toward the solid border 6.
3. **Attach** two (2) 1 1/2" X 42 1/2" strips to the top and bottom of the medallion. Press toward the solid border 6.

The block should measure 42 1/2" square after adding border 6.