Jolly Jewels

Peppermint Version – Mystery Information

Mystery or Non-Mystery Quilt Along through Advent 2026

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Mystery Information

The following pages are for the mystery lovers. You can read everything in this file!

Introduction

Jolly Jewels is the forth Christmas mystery pattern. It shows a modern, graphic (Christmas) design built out of 24 “shapes”. Additional basic appliqué is suggested.

With the pattern originating in an Advent calendar, the idea is that the shapes can be sewn from stash/scraps, with only few other materials to organize.

Content

The blog Advent calendar will include the FPP templates for 20".

You also have the option to buy the full FPP template collection:
https://www.mellmeyer.de/jolly-jewels-adventscalendar-2026/

It includes

- all three template sizes 16", 18", and 20"
- scaling instructions for 15", 17", and 19" printing
- all the mock-ups including more color & design inspiration including gradients
- a color distribution table for most of the examples given
- a mystery printing option for the additional sizes to follow the Advent structure without reading the pattern or non-mystery information - and -
- the information in pattern format

! No cutting instructions are included in either version.

While this pattern gives a rough overview of materials needed for various pillow sizes, I am sure you can come up with many others creative ways of how to use the design.

Skill Level

●●●○○ Intermediate

The design is sewn entirely with the technique called foundation paper piecing (FPP). Additional basic appliqué is suggested.

Basic knowledge of foundation paper piecing, appliqué if chosen, pillow construction, and basic quilting techniques is assumed.

Share On Instagram

And don't forget to share your version on Instagram: #mm_jollyjewels.
Please be mindful: I can only see your creation if you use my #mm_quiltname hashtag!

Feel free to additionally tag me @mellmeyer so I will be notified and can admire your quilt ;)

Material List

	40 × 40 cm Pillow	45 × 45 cm Pillow	50 × 50 cm Pillow
project size (finished)	15" or 16" finished quilted front	17" or 18" finished quilted front	19" or 20" finished quilted front
Fabric for *			
the 24 main "shapes"			
the basic appliqué			
background			
Pillow Materials			
pillow insert	15" or 16" - or- 40 × 40 cm	17" or 18" - or- 45 × 45 cm	19" or 20" - or- 50 × 50 cm-
pillow lining ** + ***	18" × 18"	20" × 20"	22" × 22"
pillow backside (envelope closure) [1]	½ yard or (2) 11 ½" × 16 ½"	½ yard or (2) 12 ½" × 18 ½"	½ yard or (2) 13 ½" × 20 ½"
interfacing	(½ yard)	(½ yard)	(½ yard)
zipper [2]	(17" nylon zipper)	(19" nylon zipper)	(21" nylon zipper)
batting ***	18" × 18"	20" × 20"	22" × 22"
binding	(5" × WOF) (less than ¼ yard)	(7 ½ × WOF) (less than ¼ yard)	(7 ½ × WOF) (less than ¼ yard)

( ) Material in brackets is optional and depends on you pillow construction.

* No cutting instructions are included in this FPP template collection.

** The backing of your quilted front.

You may also consider the use of scraps, muslin or an ugly fabric :)

*** The batting and backing sizes are calculated with a 1" overlap on all sides.

Your personal preference may vary.

[1] Simple 3" calculations. Planning on a ½" double folded seam for the envelope closure; ¼" seam on the pillow outside.

[2] Alternative to the simple envelope closure. Nylon zipper by the foot/meter recommended.

This is my favorite tutorial for a zipper backing:

https://sotakhandmade.com/free-tutorials/2012/12/installing-zipper-closure-in-pillow.html

Color Information

You will need a background fabric plus 1 or as many as 24 additional colors (hues) for the motive, as it has 24 “shapes”. All will touch the background and some neighbors.

Most color examples and thus the mystery color palettes suggest 4 color(groups) plus an accent and a background. In the full pattern also gradient designs are shown - both in random and color flow arrangements.

On the templates the sections are labeled either C for your colored fabrics or B for your background fabric.

In the blog Advent calendar we will follow the 4C random layout.

The optional full pattern also gives placement suggestions for 5C, 8C and 12C.

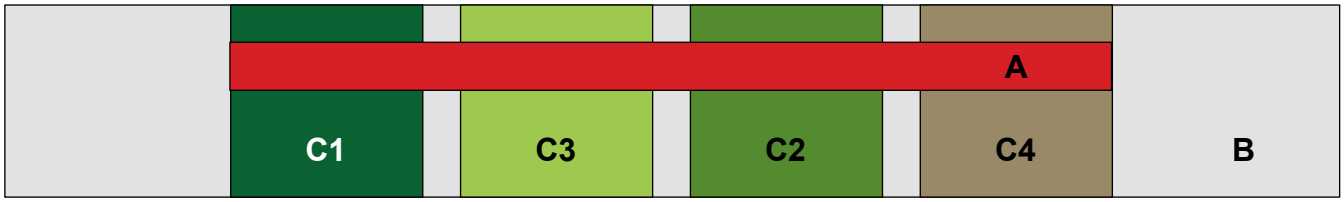
- The 4C and 5C designs are always randomly placed.
- The 8C and 12C designs also include a gradient option.

Color Palette Ideas Mystery Version

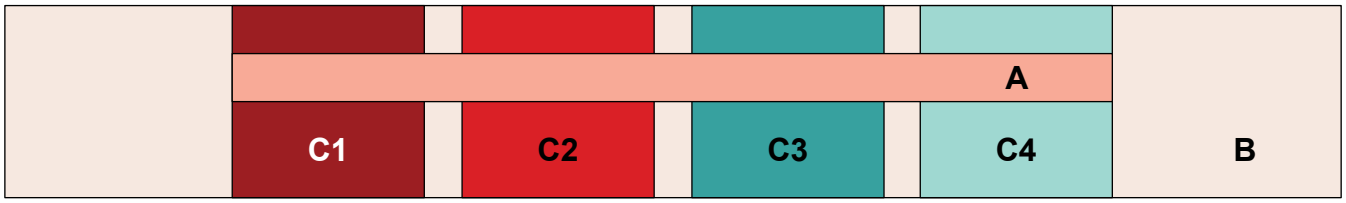
Christmas 1 (Monochrome) (5 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



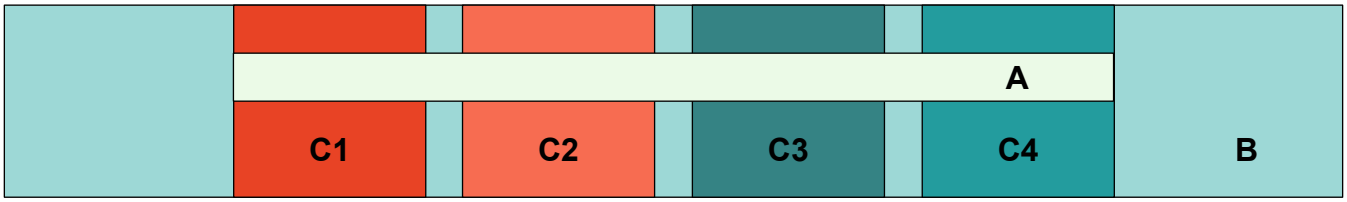
Christmas 2 (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



Christmas 3 (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



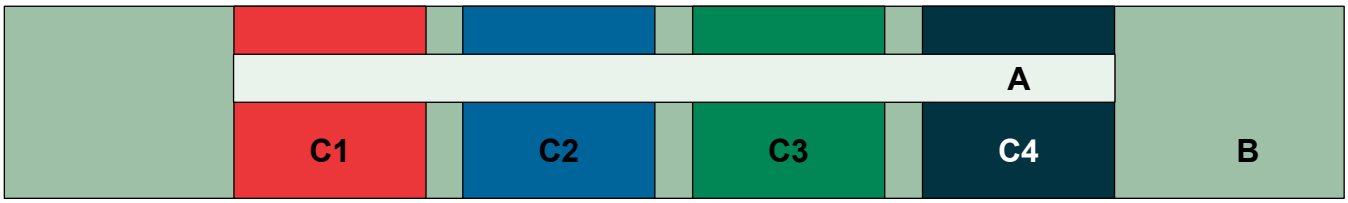
Christmas 4 (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



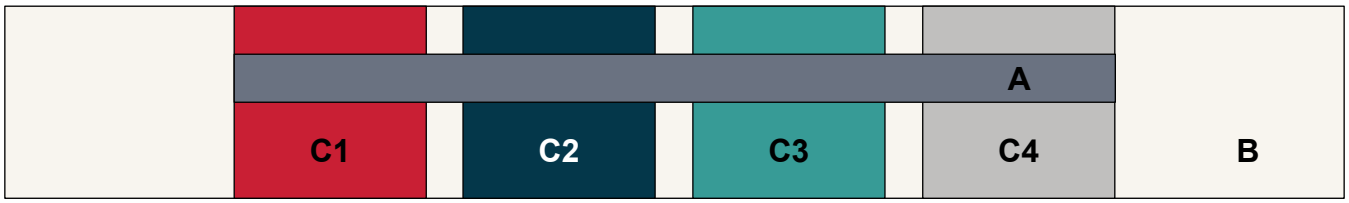
Christmas 5 (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



Christmas 6 (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



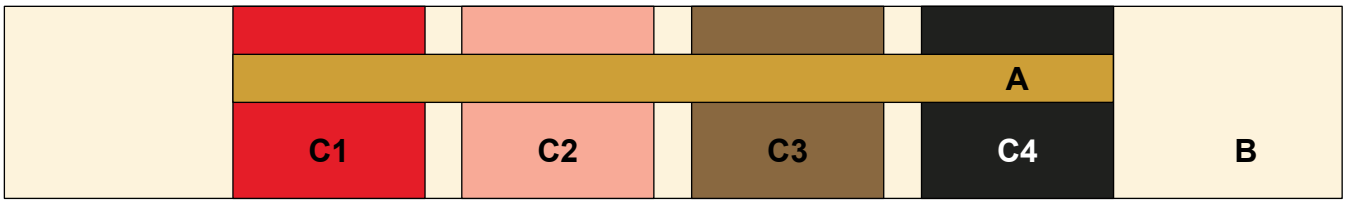
Christmas 7 (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



Christmas 8 (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



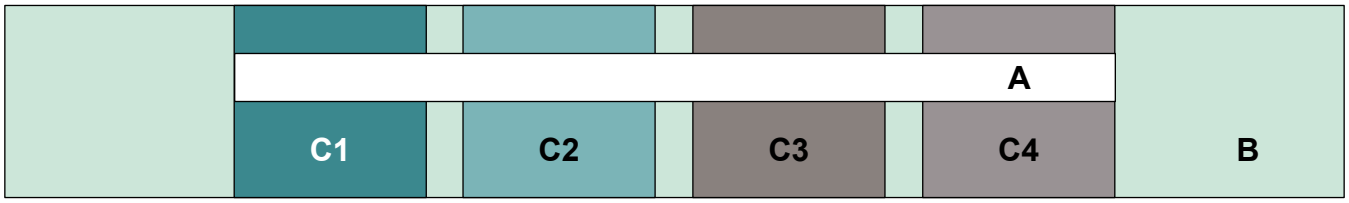
Christmas 9 (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



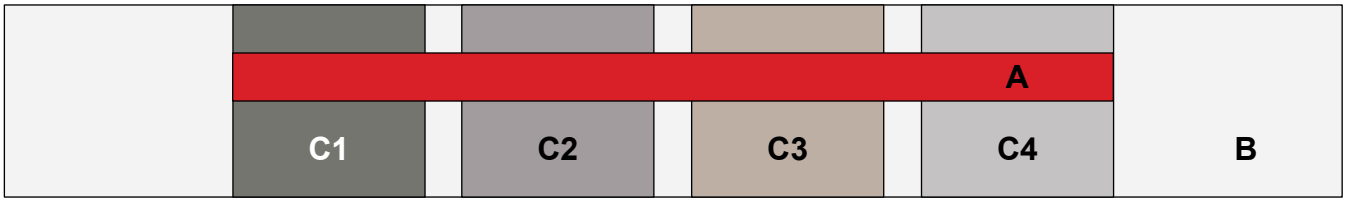
Christmas 10 (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



Winter 1 (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



Winter 2 (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



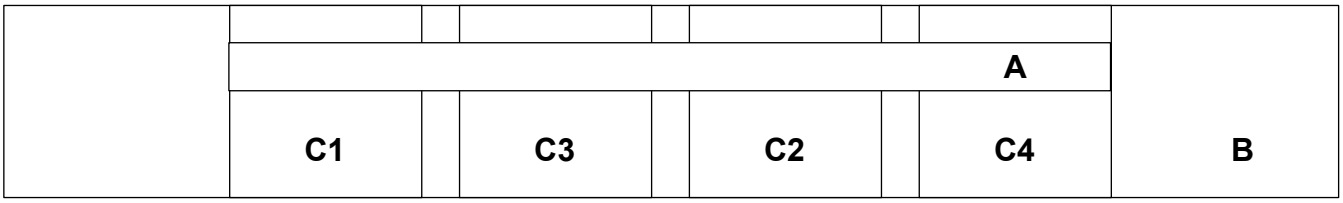
Mystery Fabric Swatch Card 4C

4C	C1	C2	C3	C4
random				
Swatch | Note for your project palette				

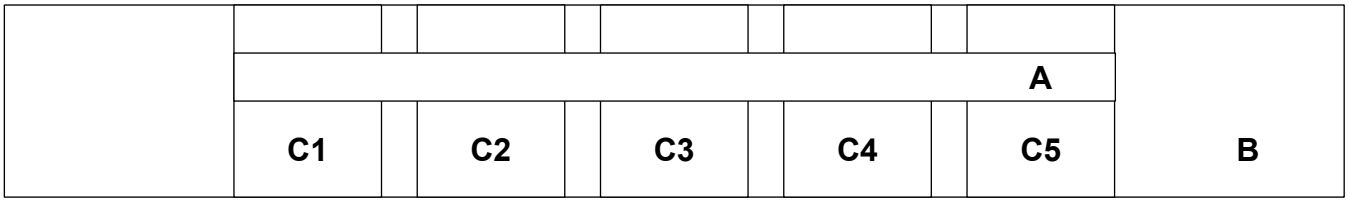
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Coloring Page Mystery Version

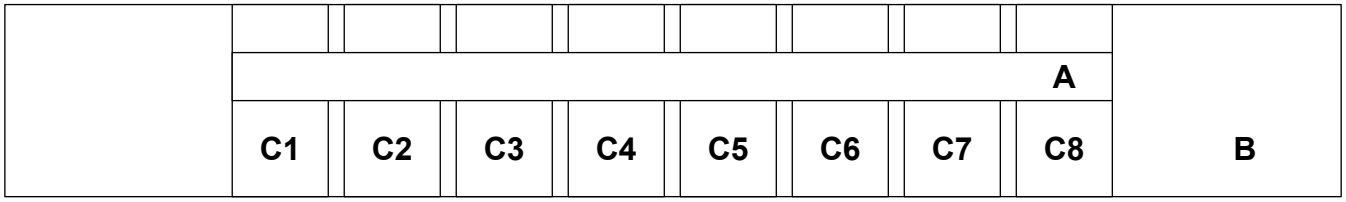
4C (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background)



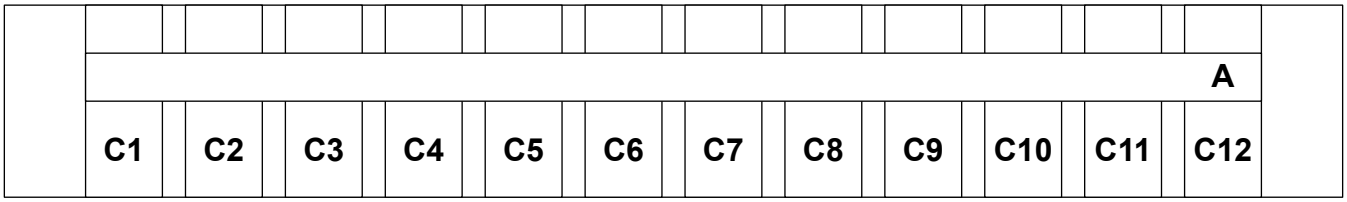
5C (5 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background) *



8C (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background) *



12C (4 Colors/Hues plus Accent & Background) *



* included in the Gingerbread version

This is the best graphical representation „mystery style“ that I could come up with. Keep in mind that every color (C1-12) might tough another of the colors. They will not stay in this order ;)