

# 2013 Quilted in Honor Mystery

## Clue #9

### Gift Card Pockets

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There are **two changes** to the original cutting directions for the pockets.

1. The top pocket unit measures 8" by 32.5" (no changes)  
The **new bottom pocket** unit measures 8" by 34.5" (same number of pockets)

*Since I had already made both pockets the 32.5" length, I discovered that I could stretch it to work with the 34.5" requirement and it looks fine.*

2. The top 1 inch strip is the same, measures 1" by 32.5" (no changes)  
The bottom 1 inch strip changed and the **new measurement** is 1" by 34.5"

*I worked with the original 32.5" length for the bottom inner border since I had already cut it. I was able to stretch it to fit.*

#### Directions:

**Access to the pockets is built into the top and bottom inner borders.**

1. Press the interfacing according to the interfacing directions to the back of the (2) 1.5" by 32.5" inner border strips.
2. **Adding pockets to your quilt.**
  - a. Take both pocket units  
(**directions for construction included in the cutting directions document.**)
  - b. Finger press down (don't use an iron) the top 1/2" along the 32.5" and 34.5 edges.  
(**Important to fold down the edges that are on top.**)



- c. Turn the pocket units over so the folded edges are facing down.
- d. Lay your quilt top **FACE UP** on top of the 32.5" pocket unit.  
Line up top edges and pin.

- e. Take **one** of the striped borders.  
Unsew (seam rip) about 2 inches from the seams joining the end (red or blue) rectangles. Start unsewing each seam from the same edge.  
This creates partial seams that will be finished later.  
Lay your striped border **FACE UP** on top of the 34.5" pocket unit.  
Fold the end red or blue rectangles out of the way.  
**Place the edge with partial seams to the top.**  
You are NOT sewing the two end rectangles in this step  
Line up top edges and pin.
- f. Sew **LESS** than 1/4" joining the top of the quilt to the unfolded 1/2" at the top of the pockets.  
Sew the pocket unit to the striped border using same process.
- g. Take the 1" by 32.5" strip. Turn right side down.  
Place on top of the quilt top. Right sides together.  
  
Take the 1" by 34.5" strip. Turn right side down.  
Place on top of striped border. Right sides of the fabric together.
- h. Sew with a 1/4" seam along the 32.5" and 34.5" edges.
- i. Finger press up and press with iron.
- j. Fold over to the back of the 1/2" edge of the pocket and press again.



- k. Turn to the right side of the quilt top. This looks like a binding edge.
- l. Stitch in the ditch where border strips is sewn to the quilt top and striped border.  
Check the back to verify the border has been sewn down on the back.  
The back edge of the skinny strip will remain unfinished.



- m. Unfold the previously folded 1/2" pocket edges.  
Press flat.

### 3. Complete Top Pocket Construction

Sew top pocket unit to the 1.5" by 32.5" inner border.

- a. Take the quilt top with the pocket unit attached and turn right side up.
- b. Take the 32.5" by 1.5" inner border with the interfacing on the back.  
Turn upside down.
- c. Sew the 1/2" pocket edge to the 1.5" inner border strip.  
Finger press, then press **AWAY** from the border strip.

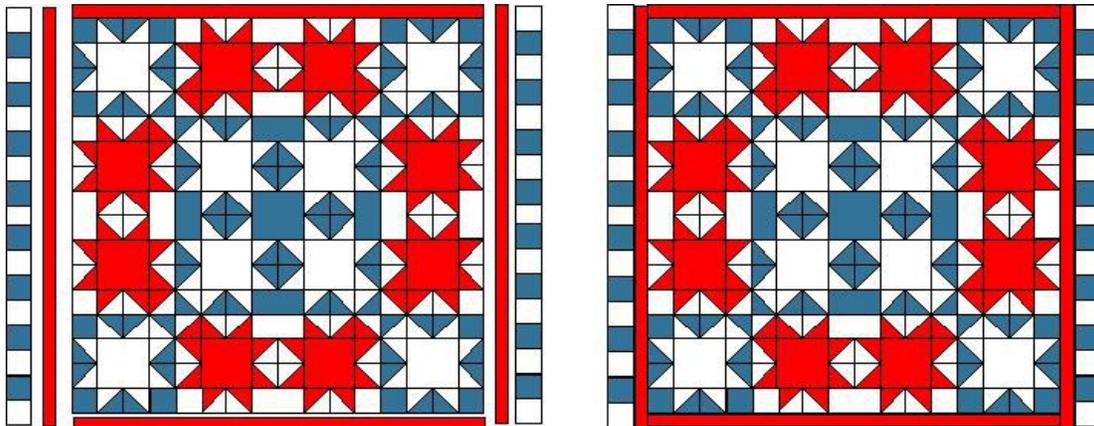


#### 4. Complete Bottom Pocket Construction and Borders

- a. Sew the other 1.5" by 32.5" border strip with the interfacing to the bottom edge of the quilt top, right sides together.
- b. Sew the (2) 1.5" by 34.5" border strips to either side of your quilt top, right sides together. Press to the border strips.  
Include the sides of the pocket unit in these seams. **See photo below.**  
Make sure the skinny edge that looks like binding is included in these seams.  
Lay this unit flat.  
It should overlap the bottom 1/4" of the 1.5" upper border. **See photo.**

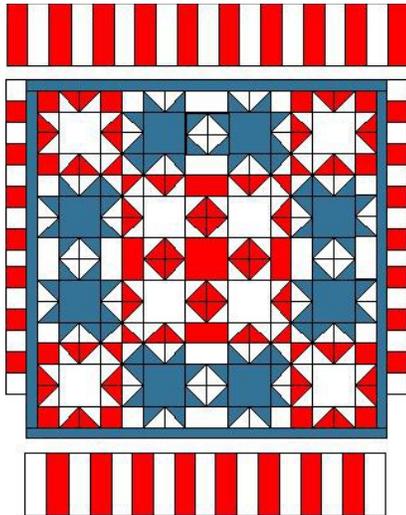


- c. Sew the two checked border units to the two borders you just finished sewing.  
**Don't sew down the last couple of squares nearest the bottom of the quilt.**

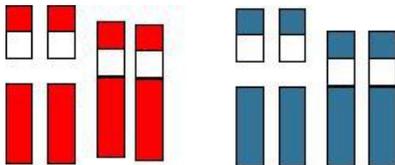


- d. Sew the top striped border to the top of the quilt. Right sides together.  
Press to the striped border.
- e. Sew the bottom striped border with pocket unit to the lower inner border,  
**but NOT to the checkerboard border.**  
Place the bottom edge of the quilt **right sides together**  
with pocket unit/striped border.

Quilt edge is the **BOTTOM 1.5"** border.  
Pocket edge is the unfolded  $\frac{1}{2}$  edge.  
Do **NOT** sew the two rectangles on the ends of the border yet.  
Press **away** from the 1.5" border.



- e. Sew the end of the checkerboard border to the last rectangles of the striped border.



- f. Finish these final two partial seams joining the quilt to the checkerboard border and final rectangle of the striped border.  
Include the sides of the pocket unit in these seams.  
Make sure the skinny edge that looks like binding is included in these seams.  
Lay this unit flat.  
**It should overlap the bottom 1/4" of the 1.5" border.**

- f. The final step is to tack down the skinny strip aligned with the seams of the individual gift card pockets. I place a light chalk mark at each spot to be tacked. You can hand tack or use your sewing machine. This step is important because it makes the pocket more secure for the gift cards. It also helps those putting in the cards know where the pockets are



**Quilting Suggestion:** I plan on placing (2) strips of blue masking tape across my quilt marking the ends of the pocket units. I don't want to accidentally quilt my pockets closed.

### My Quilt with Pockets



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