

Close to Home - Blue Mountain Block of the Month 2013/14

52 inches by 62 inches



This year the block of the month is a simple quilt - perhaps suitable for a "Quilt of Valor". That is where our quilt is going.

We tried to pick blocks that would remind people of Canada, without being overwhelming. The quilt would look just as lovely with maple leaves in the two blocks below the house.

This quilt has some simple nine-patch blocks, some flying geese and some birds in the air variation blocks, the moon over the mountains, some log cabins and road blocks, and the aurora borealis overlooking the entire quilt. The house in the centre is a house on Salisbury Street in New Westminster, but you will find a similar older house in any Canadian Town, I am sure.

We used three shades of blue for the backgrounds and border of this quilt, plus other scraps that we had in our stash for the blocks.

Light Blue - 1.5 metres should give you plenty for the background and blocks

Medium Blue - 0.75 metres

Dark Blue - 1.25 metres should give you enough to do the mountains, borders and binding. You will need 6 - 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch strips for the binding, and 5 - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips for the border. You will need a 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip for the mountains.

Green - we used an olive green print for the grass that flows up into ribbons around the house. We used 3 - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips and one-half of a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip.

For the rest of the colours - we used 4 main colours for the birds, log cabins and bargello - a fat quarter should be enough for these.

For the house we just used fabric from our stash! Not much of any one fabric. The real house is bright teal, with violet trim, and a yellow peak, but we wanted something a bit more sedate for this quilt.