

FAQ's

1. I've never done a mystery quilt before, what's it all about?

This is a double mystery!! You don't know what the pattern is, and you don't know what the exact fabrics are (although you'll get to see a teaser fabric that'll let you know the colour palette of the mystery fabric).

You'll see the fabrics as soon as you purchase your box, but you won't see the finished quilt until the BIG reveal on May 11th!

This mystery project requires that you have a Facebook account.

Two cakes are better than one and so are two mysteries!

2. What do I get in my Piece of Cake mystery box?

You'll get beautifully coordinated fabrics to make the top of a 60" x 70" quilt.

Borders, binding and backing will need to be purchased separately. We can help you with that!

You'll also get the cutting instructions and full instructions on how to join the private Facebook group where everything 'Piece of Cake' takes place.

We suggest you don't do any cutting until after you watch Karen's Feb. 17th video.

3. How do I know if I'll like the fabric in my mystery box?

The teaser fabric on the outside of your box shows you the colour palette of the quilt. If you love that fabric, you'll love your kit!

4. What if I *don't* love one of my fabrics?

If you don't love one of your fabrics and you want to switch it out you can add the fabric to your stash (you know you have one) and purchase a replacement fabric. Who doesn't love to buy more fabric?

5. What if I want borders on my quilt?

We have an amazing border fabric picked out for each quilt and you can purchase it when you purchase your mystery box (it is not included in your mystery box. We've cut enough border fabric that you can cut your borders lengthwise or across the width of the quilt. You will probably have enough fabric to do your binding too.

6. When do I get my clues?

Mark your calendar:

Clue #1, March 16th

Clue #2, March 30th

Clue #3, April 13th

Clue #4, April 27th

Clue #5, the BIG reveal, May 11th

7. How do I get the clues?

All clues are mailed out or picked up the day of the clue release. Clues cannot be emailed, yes, we know...we don't make the rules, we just enforce them!

Karen also presents each clue on the private Facebook page the day of the release.

8. Do I need to buy anything else?

No, you can make the quilt without any special tools. However, Karen demo's the CGRMS4590 ruler that she used in the past Brown Bag mysteries and also shows you how to use Triangles on a Roll to make half-square triangles. Have you used Triangle on a Roll? They're the bomb!

We have both in stock.

9. What do I have to do after I buy my bag?

We will collect your name and email address at the store. The instructions on how to join the private Facebook group are included with the cutting instructions in your mystery box. Make sure you share your name in the security question when you join, especially if your Facebook 'name' is not the same. We don't know that 'She Who Must Buy Fabric' on Facebook is you!

10. Do I have to sew along?

No, you don't have to sew along. Some people don't even start until after the BIG reveal! You'll have a paper copy of the clues so you can refer to them later and the videos/Facebook page stay active for a year.

11. When do I get to see what the finished quilt looks like?

You'll have to wait in breathless anticipation until the BIG reveal on May 11th!

12. What if I want to buy Piece of Cake as a gift for someone?

Wow! You're the best friend ever!! All you have to do is let us know who you are purchasing it for. If you want it to be a surprise, you'll have to give us their email address too.

13. Can I order online?

You bet!! You'll be able to see the mystery boxes and the border fabrics online and can order both there. Plus, we'll make the rulers and Triangles on a Roll easy to find too.

14. Can I have my box and clues mailed?

Absolutely! We ship tons of mystery boxes every year and for just \$10 we'll mail out your clues too.

15. Can I purchase more than one bag?

Well, why wouldn't you? Why not pick out two completely different mystery boxes and have fun sewing both?

16. What's all the hype about Lori's Mom's recipes?

Lori's Mom, Zoria, is an amazing baker. As a special bonus for purchasing your Piece of Cake mystery box from Lori's Country Cottage, we'll include a QR code that'll take you to our website with each clue. There you can download one of Zoria's recipes for free. Maybe you should buy a pair of stretchy pants, they are really, really, really good!

17. What else happens in the Brown Bag Mystery?

You'll be busy with this mystery! You'll get to connect with thousands of other mystery quilters on the private Facebook page. There you'll be able to share your progress and watch as others reveal their progress as well.

You'll get to watch informative videos from Karen Montgomery and you even get a free bonus project.

Here's the full schedule:

Feb. 10th – private Facebook Group opens (remember that it takes up to 7 days from when you purchase your box before you are registered on the Facebook page).

February 10th – watch the 'welcome' video on the Facebook page.

February 17th – Enjoy a video with instructions for making half-square triangles.

March 2nd – Instructions for the bonus table runner, Tea & Crumpets, will be available for download.

March 16th – Clue #1

March 30 – Clue #2

April 13th – Clue #3

April 27 – Clue #4

May 11th – the BIG reveal!