

Perfectly Pieced 2026 Mystery Quilt

Thank you for joining me for the Perfectly Pieced 2026 Mystery Quilt project!

This project is hosted by Alison, Mrs. AZfamilyzoo Stiches on her YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/@Mrs.AZfamilyzooStiches>

Each month we'll select a block or blocks to add to our yearlong mystery quilt project. The following pages have two layout choices, Lap quilt and Ladder quilt, using the 8-inch block size and outer borders.

Why use the 8-inch block size?

Perfectly Pieced blocks are sometimes stand-alone blocks and other times are "partial blocks" that require a two-by-two layout of the 4-inch blocks to create a finished looking 8-inch block.

Each month I'll have a video showing block options for our mystery quilt.

Fabric requirements: Since each month is a mystery, I recommend a good-sized fat quarter bundle and background yardage or a blend of scrappy backgrounds. You can also select yardage in your favorite colors. I have no advanced knowledge of the blocks so I am unable to give specific amounts.

We'll create a bordered block each month and at the end of the year put together our quilt. The following pages have sample layouts for a Lap quilt and Ladder quilt, as well as backing and binding fabric requirements.

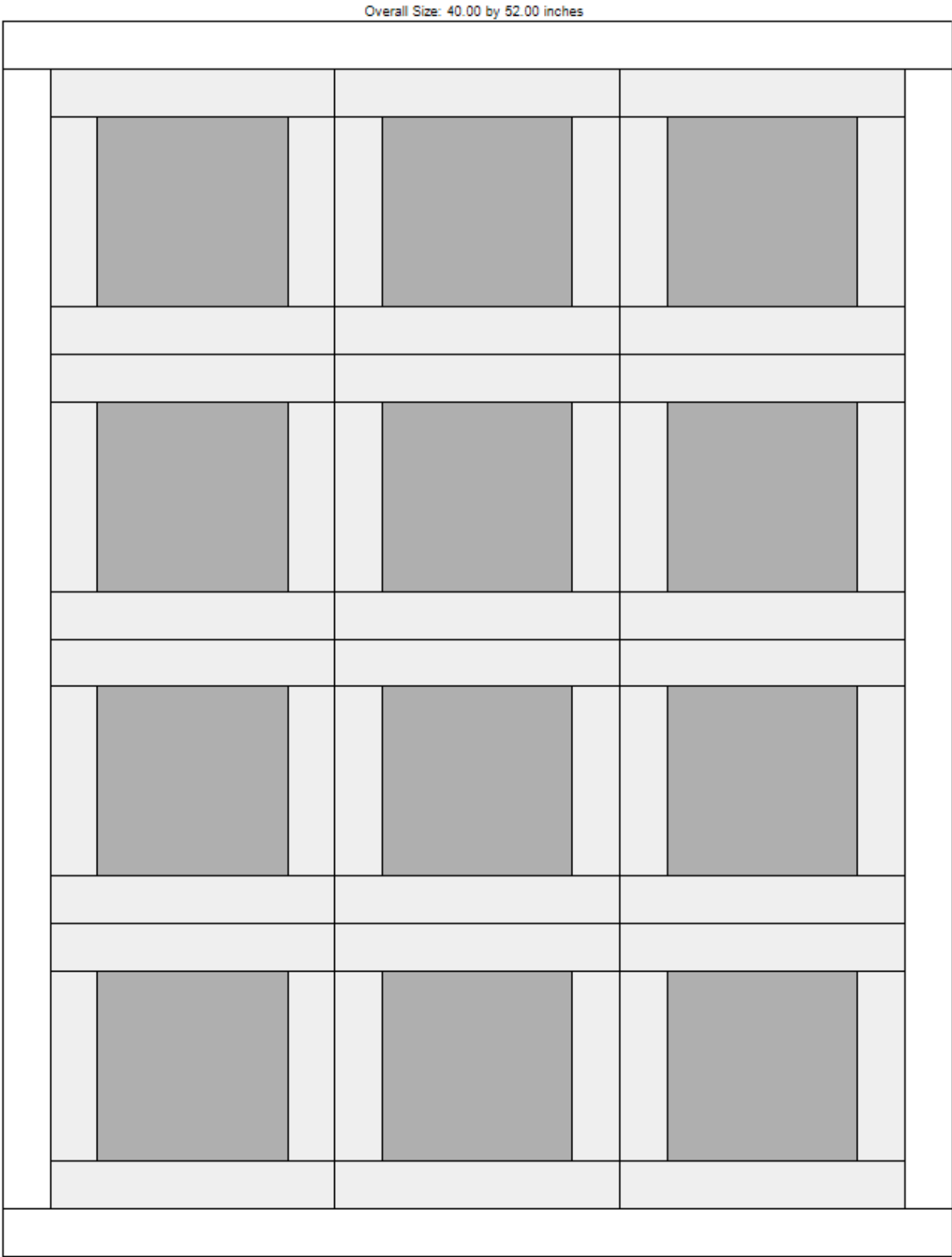
Make sure to subscribe to my YouTube channel so you don't miss the monthly tutorials. I also have a Facebook group and would love you to join and share your progress throughout the year. <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/16ghxZWjj2/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at azfamilyzoo@gmail.com

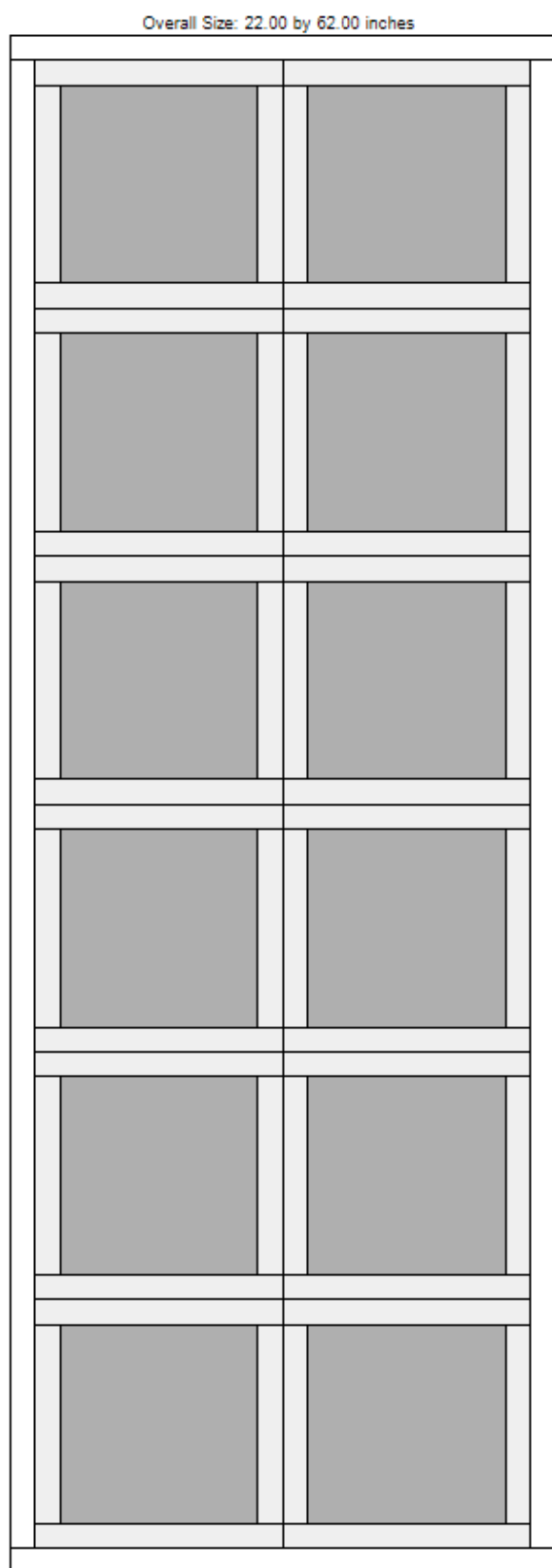
Here's to a year of machine embroidery fun!

~Alison

Lap quilt, 8-inch blocks, 2-inch border surrounding each block, 2-inch border around entire quilt.



Ladder Quilt, 8-inch blocks, 1-inch border surrounding each block, 1-inch optional outer border



Backing and Binding fabric requirements

For both projects the backing is calculated for stitch in the ditch with an additional 2-inches around on all sides.

Lap quilt, finished size 40 x 52

Backing 44 x 56 inches

Binding 194 inches of 2.5-inch strips, if using yardage 5 width of fabric strips will give about 200 inches.

*Outer 2-inch Border, For the sides (attached first) two strips at least 48 inches long by 2.5-inches wide. For the top and bottom (attached second) two strips at least 40 inches long by 2.5-inches wide.

Ladder quilt, finished size 22 x 62 *with outer border*

Backing 26 x 66 inches

Binding 178 inches of 2.5-inch strips, if using yardage 5 width of fabric strips will give about 200 inches.

*Outer 1-inch Border is optional. Leave this off if you have a shorter ladder. With no outer border the quilt measures 20 x 60

With the border, For the sides (attached first) two strips at least 60 inches long by 1.5-inches wide. For the top and bottom (attached second) two strips at least 22 inches long by 1.5-inches wide

Outer Borders

Depending on how you quilt your outer borders your strips may need to be cut both longer and wider. When quilting borders end to end on the embroidery machine you want to cut your borders one to two inches longer. I would also recommend cutting them a bit wider, as the border files often have tack down lines that are close to the finished width of the border. I'll review and discuss borders on my YouTube channel.