

Progress Report

To: Ms. Rogers
From: Scottie Student

Date: 27 September 27, 2002

Subject: Progress Report Number One—Buying material and finding a pattern

Previous Background: As this is my first progress report, I have little to report as previous background. Besides writing my proposal, I had done little up until this point.

Date: 1 June - 6 June, 2002

Hours Spent: Seven Hours

Work Completed:

After talking to my consultant, setting up an agreeable time to meet, we met at JoAnn's fabric store where we looked at materials. After trying several color schemes, we finally found a mutually agreeable set of colors and materials. However we did not want to buy the backing yet. So we went to Mervyns, where we found an off-white flat sheet, that we decided to use as the backing, rather than have to sew a backing from regular material.

Next we went back to my consultant's house, where she showed me some of the quilts she has made. We talked about the patterns for each quilt, discussing the difficulty level of each one. After reviewing four or five patterns, we decided that a Log Cabin quilt would be the best quilt for a beginner with no previous experience sewing.

Work Scheduled:

I need to thoroughly read through the pattern, making notes about the parts I do not understand, so that when we meet again, I will be able to make the most of the next session with my consultant, scheduled for 8 June, 2002. At that time, we hope to press all the material, then cut it into the correct sized strips.

Problems Encountered:

We didn't really encounter too many problems. Besides the difficulty in arranging a meeting with my consultant, due to both of our busy schedules, this project has been smooth sailing. When I got to JoAnn's, I was surprised to find out about all the differences in material, which, disappointingly, narrowed my options for fabrics.

Since I've started working so early, the problem regarding scheduling has not really posed a great threat. I have a lot of time left, and I'm not too worried about it.

Reflective Journal: After going through a dozen other dates that we might be able to work on, my consultant and I finally found the perfect date for shopping. When we got to the store, I really had no idea what I would want to do regarding colors. I had envisioned blues and pinks, but after the morning's search could not produce an agreeable blue, we agreed on pink and white.

I did not know that it was better to use patterned material rather than solid, so I had to rethink some of the fabrics I had chosen. Apparently, having patterns will add depth to the quilt. Then we went to Mervyns to buy a flat sheet. We could have bought material, but then we would have had to hem all the edges to prevent them from fraying. My consultant and I agreed that it would be better to skip that step. Then we went back to my consultants house, where we looked at her quilts. Just seeing them got me excited to start on my own. Each one was a reflection of her hard work and patience. It was hard to pick a pattern, but at the strong suggestion of my consultant, I decided to go with the Log Cabin quilt. I really liked it, so it wasn't a begrudging agreement.