

Senior Year Twilight Mystery Quilt

15 Days

Stephenie Meyer has made some of my favorite book titles of all time with the Twilight Saga. I loved the titles Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse, and Breaking Dawn before I even knew what the text was about. Now that I know the text, the titles are even sweeter!

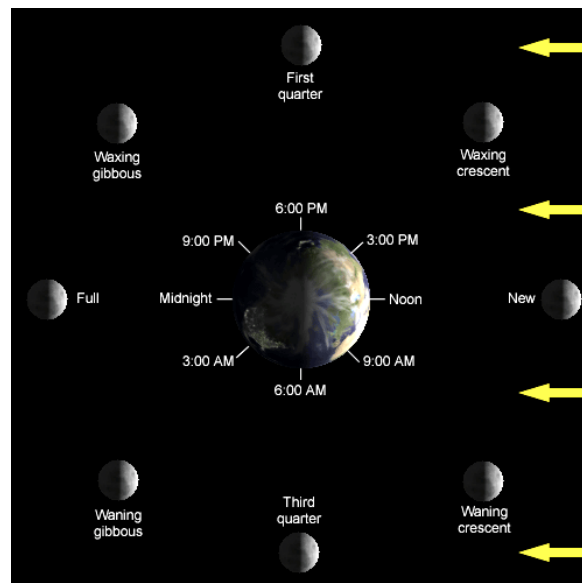
I did a little research on the phases of the moon and discovered some neat tidbits about the waxing and waning of the moon. Think on this:

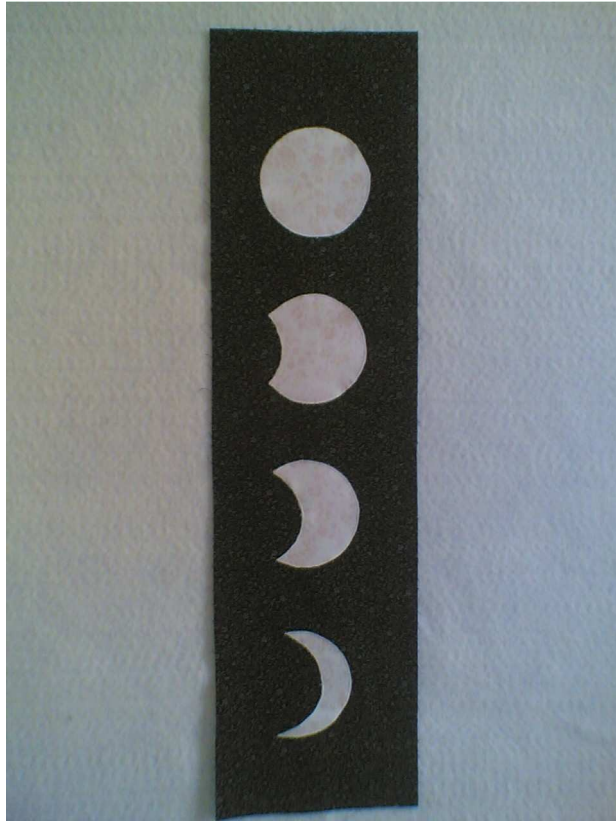
The Waxing Moon starts at the beginning of the New Moon and goes to the Full Moon. To the Celts this was considered a time of great psychic power dealing with prosperity, new projects, growth, expansion, increasing health, new love affairs, increasing of knowledge and spirituality, & fertility rituals.

The Waning Moon is the phase when the Full Moon has passed and the moon is now decreasing in size nightly as it makes it's way across the sky towards the phase of New Moon. You would work banishments and "send" the negativity away. Rid yourself of the things you don't want or need in your life. Banish negative thoughts, eliminate negative feelings, release all guilt, lose that extra weight, and release any angry or hostile emotions. Make room for the new and improved!

While I am playing school teacher, here is a chart:

(It takes 15 days to get from Full Moon to New Moon)





In quilter's lingo, we are doing some applique again.

p.s. I hope you print out these instructions and add them to your Orientation , Freshman,
Sophomore, and Junior Year pages.
This will all make a lovely book when we are done.

Step 1: Cut Fabric

You will need to refer to our chart from [Orientation](#).

I always wash, dry, and then iron all my fabric before cutting. You can use starch if you like, but hold off on the fabric softener.

We are making one applique block. It will measure 6.5" x 24.5" when finished.
Always sew with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances, unless noted otherwise.

Fabric A:	one rectangle 6.5" x 24.5"
Fabric B:	use template of moon phases and cut out one of each do not worry about adding $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams unless you intend to do needle turn applique

Step 2: Working Through 15 Days

1. This block assembly is easy to complete. We are doing applique again, so you will need to refer to our Orientation for your favorite applique technique. I will tell you that for these pieces, my personal opinion is that a raw edge applique that is machine finished with a satin stitch may work the best. I think we need to see the crisp points on those phases. I also used some double sided fusible interfacing to first adhere the moon applique pieces down to the background.
2. Basically, you need to cut out your applique moons from Background B.
3. Next you sew them in place down the middle. I eyeballed the center and placement. Sometimes a tacky spot of a glue stick is all you need to keep them in place while you sew around them, but you can use the double sided interfacing as well.
4. Practice your satin stitch before you tackle these, as you may want to get it looser, or tighter, or shorter to look neat and trim.
5. Finish off by trimming any small snippets of thread around your moon phases.

You are DONE! You did it! Give yourself a high five!!

We went 15 days and beyond. What next????

