

Christmas Stars Runner

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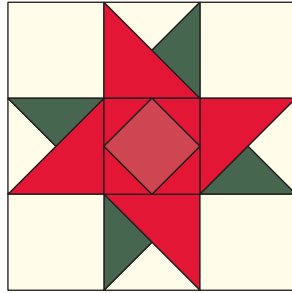
Christmas colors of red and green are the perfect combination for this star-design runner.

Project Specifications

Runner Size: 49" x 21"

Block Size: 12" x 12"

Number of Blocks: 3



Christmas Star
12" x 12" Block

Materials

- 1/3 yard cream-on-cream print
- 1/3 yard red mottled
- 3/4 yard Christmas print
- 1 yard green mottled
- Backing 53" x 25"
- Batting 53" x 25"
- All-purpose thread to match fabrics*
- Cream, red and green machine-quilting thread
- Basic sewing tools and supplies, rotary cutter, mat and ruler

Instructions

1. Cut three squares Christmas print 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" for A.
2. Cut 12 squares red mottled 2 1/2" x 2 1/2". Draw a line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each square.
3. Cut six squares red mottled 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"; cut each square in half on one diagonal to make C triangles. You will need 12 C triangles to complete three blocks.
4. Cut three squares each cream-on-cream print and green mottled 5 1/4" x 5 1/4"; cut each square on both diagonals to make D triangles.
5. Cut 12 squares cream-on-cream print 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" for E; you will need 12 E squares to complete three blocks.
6. To piece one block, place a B square right sides together on one corner of A referring to Figure 1 for placement of the drawn line; stitch on the line.



Figure 1

Place a B square right sides together on 1 corner of A; stitch on marked line.

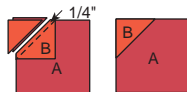


Figure 2

Trim seam 1/4" beyond stitched line; press B open.

7. Trim seam allowance to 1/4" beyond stitched line as shown in Figure 2; press B to the right as shown in Figure 2.
8. Repeat with a B square on each of the remaining corners of A to complete an A-B unit referring to Figure 3.
9. Sew a green mottled D to a cream-on-cream print D as shown in Figure 4; repeat for four D units. Press seams toward darker fabric.

10. Sew C to a D unit as shown in Figure 5; press seam toward C. Repeat for four C-D units.

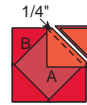


Figure 3

Repeat with B on each corner of A to complete an A-B unit.



Figure 4

Sew a green mottled D to a cream-on-cream print D.



Figure 5

Sew C to a D unit.

11. Sew a C-D unit to opposite sides of the A-B unit to make the center row referring to Figure 6; press seams toward the C-D units.
12. Sew E to opposite sides of each of the remaining C-D units, again referring to Figure 6; press seams toward E.
13. Sew a C-D-E unit to opposite sides of the center row to



complete one block, again referring to Figure 6; press seams away from the center row. Repeat for three blocks.

- 14.** Cut ten 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" strips green mottled for F sashing strips. Join the blocks with the F strips, beginning and ending with F as shown in Figure 7; press seams toward F.

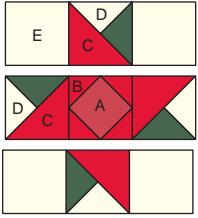


Figure 6

Complete 1 Christmas Star block as shown.

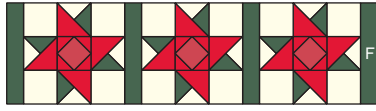


Figure 7

Join the blocks with the F strips, beginning and ending with F.

- 15.** Cut eight 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares red mottled for G sashing squares.

- 16.** Join four G squares with three F strips to make a border strip as shown in Figure 8; repeat for two strips. Press seams toward G.

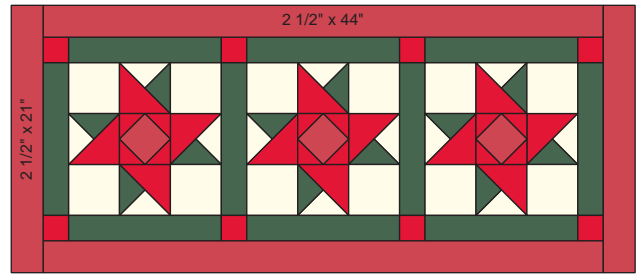


Figure 8

Join 4 G squares with 3 F strips to make a border strip.

- 17.** Sew an F-G strip to opposite long sides of the pieced center; press seams toward strips.

- 18.** Cut (and piece) two strips each 3" x 22" and 3" x 44 1/2" Christmas print. Sew the longer strips to opposite long sides and shorter strips to the short ends of the pieced center; press



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Placement Diagram

49" x 21"

seams toward strips to complete the pieced top.

- 19.** Sandwich batting between the completed top and prepared backing piece; pin or baste layers to hold.

- 20.** Quilt as desired by hand or machine. *Note: The runner shown was machine-quilted in a meandering design in all cream-on-cream print and Christmas print border pieces using cream machine-quilting thread. The remainder of the quilt was machine-quilted in the ditch of seams using machine-quilting thread to match fabrics.*

- 21.** When quilting is complete, remove pins or basting and trim batting and backing edges even with quilted top.

- 22.** Cut four strips 2 1/4" by fabric width green mottled; join strips on short ends. Press strip in half along length with wrong sides together. Sew to runner edges with raw edges even, mitering corners and overlapping ends. Turn to backside; hand- or machine-stitch in place to finish. ❖

