

Project: Holiday Blooms

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Fusible appliqué and strip piecing make the seasonal throw an easy project to finish quickly—just in time for gift-giving.

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Materials

- 1⅓ yards cream plaid (appliqué foundations, blocks)
- 1⅞ yards dark red stripe (appliqués, blocks, binding)
- ⅝ yard green floral (appliqués, blocks)
- ½ yard green star print (appliqués, blocks)
- ¼ yard pink print (appliqués, blocks)
- ⅓ yard red-and-green plaid (inner border)
- ¾ yard red-and-green print (outer border)
- 2⅞ yards backing fabric
- 51×75" batting
- Lightweight fusible web
- Machine-quilting thread to match appliqués

Finished quilt: 44½×68½"

Finished block: 12" square

Quantities are for 4⅝"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order. Patterns are on page 7.

To use fusible web for appliquéing, complete the following steps.

1. Lay fusible web, paper side up, over patterns. Use a pencil to trace each pattern the number of times indicated, leaving ½" between tracings. Cut out each fusible-web piece roughly ¼" outside traced lines.
2. Following manufacturer's instructions, press fusible-web shapes onto backs of designated fabrics; let cool. Cut out fabric shapes on drawn lines. Peel off paper backings.

From cream plaid, cut:

- 4—1×42" strips
- 2—1×30" strips
- 7—12½" squares

From dark red stripe, cut:

- 6—2½×42" binding strips
- 8—1½×42" strips
- 4—1½×30" strips
- 168 of Pattern A

From green floral, cut:

- 4—2½×42" strips
- 2—2½×30" strips
- 28 of Pattern C

From green star print, cut:

- 4—1½×42" strips
- 2—1½×30" strips
- 28 of Pattern D

From pink print, cut:

- 2—1½×42" strips
- 1—1½×30" strip
- 35 of Pattern B

From red-and-green plaid, cut:

- 5—1½×42" strips for inner border

From red-and-green print, cut:

- 6—3½×42" strips for outer border

Appliqué Blocks

1. Fold each cream plaid 12½" square in half horizontally; lightly finger-press and unfold. Fold each square vertically and lightly finger-press to create foundation squares with appliqué placement guidelines; unfold.
2. Referring to **Appliqué Placement Diagram**, lay out 24 A petals, four C stems, and four D leaves on a cream plaid foundation square. Fuse in place. (You will fuse pink print B circles later so you can continuously appliqué petals and stems; the B circles will cover up the stitching between appliqués.)
3. Machine-blanket-stitch around each appliqué.

4. Position five B circles to cover ends of stems and petals (**Appliqué Placement Diagram**); fuse in place.
5. Machine-blanket-stitch around each circle to make an appliqué block.
6. Repeat steps 2 through 5 to make seven appliqué blocks total.

Assemble Pieced Blocks

1. Referring to **Strip Set Diagram**, sew together two green floral 2½×42" strips, four dark red stripe 1½×42" strips, two cream plaid 1×42" strips, two green star print 1½×42" strips, and one pink print 1½×42" strip to make strip set A. Press all seams in one direction. Repeat to make a second strip set A.
2. Again, referring to **Strip Set Diagram**, sew together two green floral 2½×30" strips, four dark red stripe 1½×30" strips, two cream plaid 1×30" strips, two green star print 1½×30" strips, and one pink print 1½×30" strip to make strip set B. Press all seams in one direction.
3. Cut strip sets A and B into eight 12½"-wide segments to make eight pieced blocks total. Each block should be 12½" square including seam allowances.

Assemble Quilt Center

1. Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, lay out blocks in five rows. Note direction of strips in pieced blocks.

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2. Sew together blocks in each row. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row.
 3. Join rows to make quilt center. Press seams in one direction. The quilt center should be $36\frac{1}{2} \times 60\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
- in the center of each flower and a meandering stitch in the background of each plaid appliquéd block. Diagonal grids add contrast to the strip-pieced blocks, while quilting in the border traces the fabric motifs with green thread.
3. Bind with dark red stripe binding strips.

Add Borders

1. Cut and piece red-and-green plaid $1\frac{1}{2} \times 42$ " strips to make:
 - 2— $1\frac{1}{2} \times 62\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips
 - 2— $1\frac{1}{2} \times 36\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips
2. Sew red-and-green plaid $1\frac{1}{2} \times 36\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips to short edges of quilt center (Quilt Assembly Diagram). Add red-and-green plaid $1\frac{1}{2} \times 62\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward inner border.
3. Cut and piece red-and-green print $3\frac{1}{2} \times 42$ " strips to make:
 - 2— $3\frac{1}{2} \times 68\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips
 - 2— $3\frac{1}{2} \times 38\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips
4. Sew red-and-green print $3\frac{1}{2} \times 38\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips to short edges of quilt center. Add red-and-green print $3\frac{1}{2} \times 68\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips to remaining edges to complete quilt top. Press all seams toward inner border.

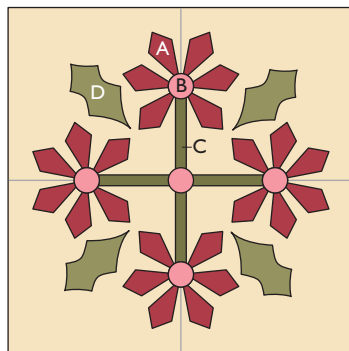
Finish Quilt

1. Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste.
2. Quilt as desired. Machine-quilter Sue Urich stitched a green curl

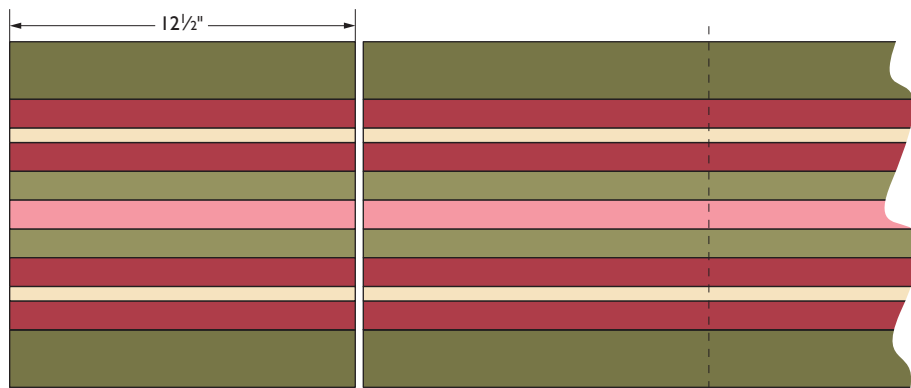
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APPLIQUÉ PLACEMENT DIAGRAM



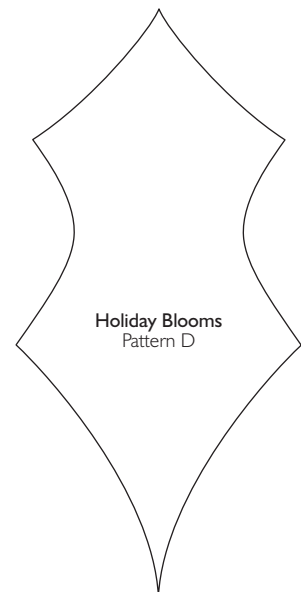
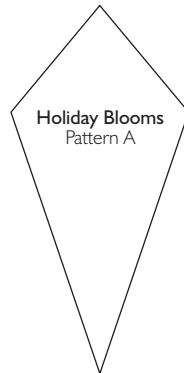
STRIP SET DIAGRAM

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QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

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