

PROJECT: Square Scramble





S Q U A R E S C R A M B L E

A quick-to-piece table runner and coordinating place mats in a calming color combo add interest to an inviting tabletop.

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MATERIALS FOR TWO PLACE MATS AND ONE TABLE RUNNER

½ yard white-and-white-
tan print (blocks)

18×21" piece (fat quarter)
gold stripe (blocks)

9×21" piece (fat eighth)
tan-and-white print
(blocks)

18×21" piece (fat quarter)
green medallion print
(blocks)

9×21" piece (fat eighth)
green spiral print (blocks)

18×21" piece (fat quarter)
tan doodle print (blocks)

18×21" piece (fat quarter)
tan spiral print (blocks)

1¼ yards tan medallion
print (place mat side units,
borders, binding)

2½ yards backing fabric

23×59" rectangle batting
for table runner

2—20×25" rectangles
batting for place mats

FINISHED PLACE MAT:
14½×19½"

**FINISHED TABLE
RUNNER:**
14½×50½"

FINISHED BLOCK:
12" square

Yardages and cutting
instructions are based on
42" of usable fabric
width.

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

Press seams in directions
indicated by arrows on
diagrams. If no direction
is specified, press seams
toward darker fabric.

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From white-and-tan print, cut:

- 2—2×12½" rectangles
- 4—1½×12½" rectangles
- 6—3½×6½" rectangles
- 6—3½" squares

From gold stripe, cut:

- 12—3½" squares

From tan-and-white print, cut:

- 6—3½" squares

From green medallion print, cut:

- 6—3½×6½" rectangles
- 6—3½" squares

From green spiral print, cut:

- 6—3½" squares

From tan doodle print, cut:

- 6—3½×6½" rectangles
- 6—3½" squares

From tan spiral print, cut:

- 6—3½×6½" rectangles
- 6—3½" squares

From tan medallion print, cut:

- 8— $2\frac{1}{2}\times 42$ " binding strips
- 3— $1\frac{1}{2}\times 42$ " strips for border of table runner
- 4— $1\frac{1}{2}\times 19\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips for place mats
- 2— $1\frac{1}{2}\times 14\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips for table runner
- 4— $1\frac{1}{2}\times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips for place mats
- 4— $1\frac{1}{4}\times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

From backing fabric, cut:

- 1— 23×59 " rectangle
- 2— 20×25 " rectangles

ASSEMBLE BLOCKS

- 1) Sew together one white-and-tan print $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square and one gold stripe $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square (Diagram 1).

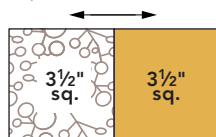
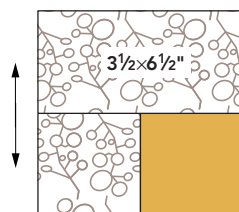


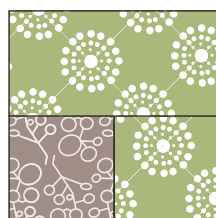
DIAGRAM 1

- 2) Aligning long edges, add a white-and-tan print $3\frac{1}{2}\times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to Step 1 segment to make Unit A (Diagram 2). Unit A should be $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.



UNIT A
DIAGRAM 2

- 3) Repeat steps 1 and 2 to make six A units total.
- 4) Using tan-and-white print $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and green medallion print $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and



UNIT B
DIAGRAM 3

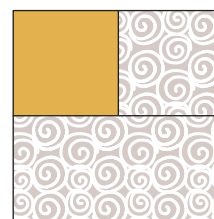
$3\frac{1}{2}\times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, repeat steps 1 and 2 to make six B units (Diagram 3).

- 5) Using green spiral print $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and tan doodle print $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and $3\frac{1}{2}\times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, repeat steps 1 and 2 to make six C units (Diagram 4).



UNIT C
DIAGRAM 4

- 6) Using gold stripe $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and tan spiral print $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and $3\frac{1}{2}\times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, repeat steps 1 and 2 to make six D units (Diagram 5).



UNIT D
DIAGRAM 5

- 7) Referring to Diagram 6, sew together one each of A, B, C, and D units in pairs. Join pairs to make a block. The block should be $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

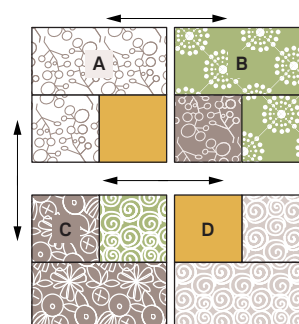


DIAGRAM 6

- 8) Repeat Step 7 to make six blocks total.

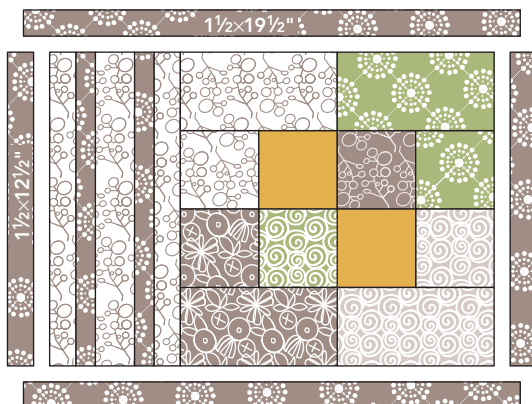
ASSEMBLE PLACE MAT TOPS

- 1) Referring to **Diagram 7**, sew together one white-and-tan print $2 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle, two tan medallion print $1\frac{1}{4} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, and two white-and-tan print $1\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to make a side unit. Press seams toward tan medallion print rectangles. The unit should be $5\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.



DIAGRAM 7

- 2) Add side unit to left-hand edge of a block to make place mat center. Press seam toward side unit. The place mat center should be $12\frac{1}{2} \times 17\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
- 3) Referring to **Place Mat Assembly Diagram**, join tan medallion print $1\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips to short edges of place mat center. Add tan medallion print $1\frac{1}{2} \times 19\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips to remaining edges to make place mat top. Press all seams toward border.
- 4) Repeat steps 1–3 to make a second place mat top.



PLACE MAT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



ASSEMBLE TABLE RUNNER TOP

- 1) Referring to **Table Runner Assembly Diagram**, lay out remaining blocks in a row, rotating every other block 180°.
- 2) Sew together blocks to make table runner center. Press seams in one direction. The table runner center should be $12\frac{1}{2} \times 48\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
- 3) Sew together tan medallion print $1\frac{1}{2} \times 42$ " strips to make 2— $1\frac{1}{2} \times 48\frac{1}{2}$ "-long strips for border.
- 4) Sew tan medallion print $1\frac{1}{2} \times 48\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips to long edges of table runner center. Add tan medallion print $1\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips to remaining edges to make table runner top. Press all seams toward border.

FINISH PLACE MATS AND TABLE RUNNER

- 1) Layer a place mat top, batting 20×25 " rectangle, and backing 20×25 " rectangle; baste.
- 2) Quilt as desired. Designer Kate Collieran machine-quilted a square spiral in the center four squares of each block and straight vertical lines about $\frac{3}{8}$ " apart in the remaining areas.
- 3) Bind with tan medallion print binding strips to complete place mat.
- 4) Repeat steps 1–3 to complete a second place mat.
- 5) Using table runner top, batting 23×59 " rectangle, and backing 23×59 " rectangle, repeat steps 1–3 to complete table runner.



TABLE RUNNER ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM