Holiday Patchwork Quilt

in Poinsettias at Christmas by Riley Blake Designs

Finished size: 63½" × 73½"

Recommended Notions

- Creative Grids Self-Healing Rotating Cutting Mat 14" × 14" - #CGRMATR14
- Creative Grids 9½" Square Quilt Ruler - #CGR9

NOTE

All seams are ¼"

WOF = Width of Fabric RST = Right Sides Together

Refer to arrows for pressing directions. Arrows that point in both directions ⟷ indicate a seam that is pressed open.

CUT FABRIC

From **red snowflakes**, cut:
- (2) 2" × WOF for **strip-piecing**
- (20) 1½" × 1½" for **cornerstones**

From **red text**, cut:
- (2) 2" × WOF for **strip-piecing**

From **green text**, cut:
- (4) 2" × WOF for **strip-piecing**

From **cream/gold snowflakes**, cut:
- (2) 3½" × WOF for **strip-piecing**
- (2) 3½" × WOF, subcut to:
  (30) 2" × 3½" for **short rectangles**

From **green snowflakes**, cut:
- (4) 2" × WOF for **strip-piecing**

From **red plaid**, cut:
- (2) 6½" × WOF for **strip-piecing**
- (2) 6½" × WOF, subcut to:
  (30) 2" × 6½" for **long rectangles**

From **green stripe**, cut:
- (13) 1½" × WOF, subcut to:
  (49) 1½" × 9½" for **sashing**

From **cream ornaments**, cut:
- (4) 9½" × WOF, subcut to:
  (15) 9½" × 9½" for **squares**

From **black border stripe**, cut ***down length of fabric:***
- (2) 7½" × 73½" for **side outer border**
- (2) 7½" × 63½" for **top/bottom outer border**

From **multi plaid**, cut:
- (8) 2½" × WOF for **binding**

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Make Strip-Pieced 4-Patch Units

Sew a red snowflakes **strip** to a red text **strip**. Make a total of (2) strip sets, paying careful attention to the pressing directions as shown *(right)*.

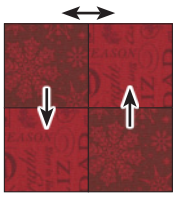
From strip sets, cut a total of (30) 2" units. Each unit should measure 2" × 3½".

Make (2) 3½" × WOF **Cut (30)**

Refer to diagram *(right)* to arrange (2) 2" strip-pieced units into a 4-patch unit. Sew units together.

4-patch unit should measure 3½" × 3½".

Make a total of (15) units.



4-Patch Unit
Make (15)

Make Strip-Pieced Units

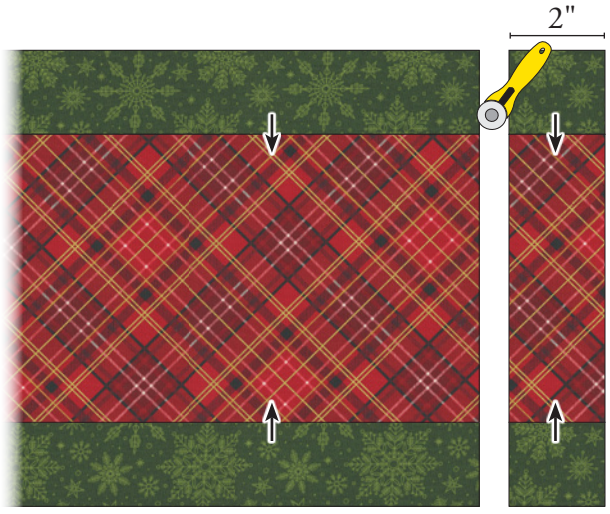
Sew a green text **strip** to the top and bottom of a cream/gold snowflakes **strip**. Make a total of (2) strip sets, paying careful attention to the pressing directions as shown.

From strip sets, refer to diagram *(right)* to cut a total of (30) 2" units. Each unit should measure 2" × 6½".

Make (2) 6½" × WOF **Cut (30)**

Sew a green snowflakes **strip** to the top and bottom of a red plaid **strip**. Make a total of (2) strip sets, paying careful attention to the pressing directions as shown.

From strip sets, refer to diagram *(right)* to cut a total of (30) 2" units. Each unit should measure 2" × 9½".



Make (2) 9½" × WOF **Cut (30)**

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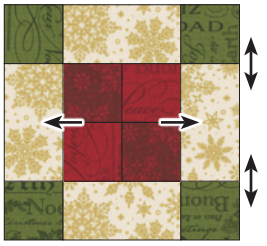
Assemble Blocks

Refer to diagram *(right)* to arrange (1) 4-patch unit, (2) **short rectangles**, and (2) green/cream units.

Sew 4-patch and short rectangle units into a row. Sew row and green/cream units together to make chain block center. Block center should measure 6½ × 6½".

Make a total of (15) block centers.

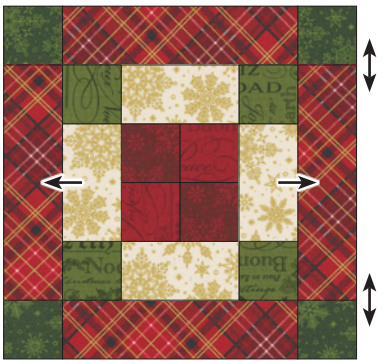


Chain Block Center
Make (15)

Refer to diagram *(right)* to arrange (1) block center, (2) **long rectangles**, and (2) green/plaid units.

Sew block center and long rectangle units into a row. Sew row and green/plaid units together to make a chain block. Block should measure 9½ × 9½".

Make a total of (15) chain blocks.



Chain Block
Make (15)

Assemble Quilt Center

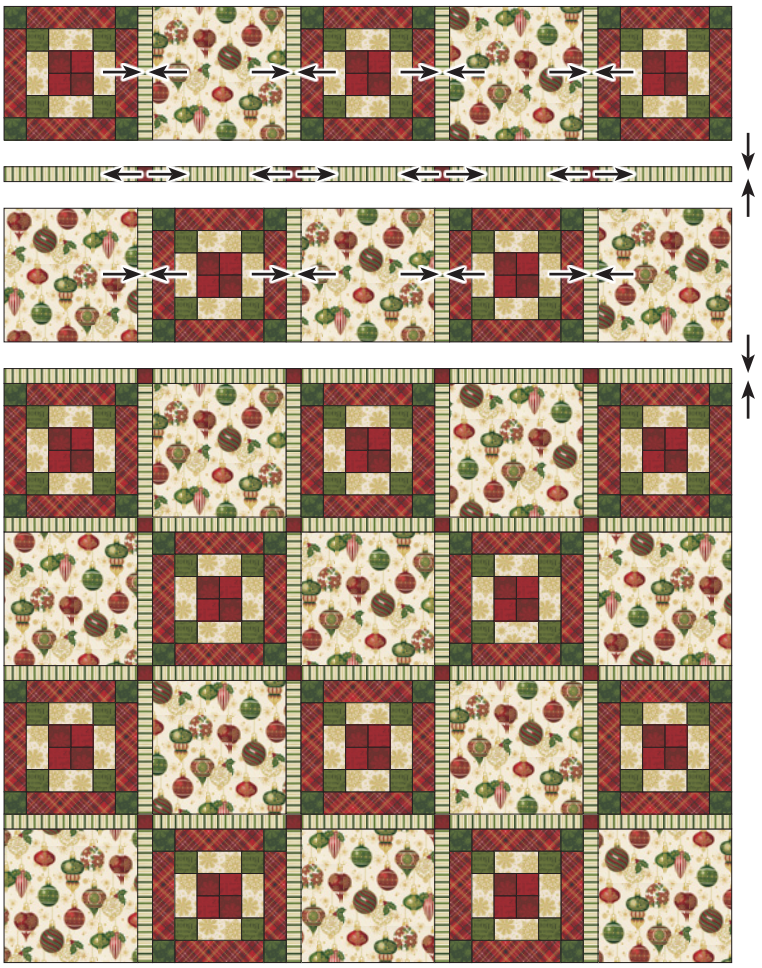
Refer to diagram *(right)*.

Sew together (3) chain blocks, (2) cream ornament **squares**, and (4) **sashing** strips in a row to make a block row A. Row should measure 9½" × 49½". Make a total of (3) block row A.

Sew together (3) cream ornament squares, (2) chain blocks, and (4) sashing strips in a row to make a block row B. Row should measure 9½" × 49½". Make a total of (3) block row B.

Sew remaining sashing strips and **cornerstones** into rows. Each sashing/cornerstone row should measure 1½" × 49½".

Sew block rows and sashing rows together, alternating A and B rows. Quilt center should measure 49½" × 59½".



Add Mitered Outer Borders

Find the middle of an **outer border** strip by folding it in half and gently finger pressing the center. Lay it on the table right side up. With right sides together, align the center of one side of the quilt top with the center of the border. Pin the border strip in place along the edge of the quilt, starting in the middle and working toward the outer corners. The border strip will be longer than the quilt - ***do not trim!***

At the corners of the quilt, measure in **¼"** from each end along the border and mark with a pencil or temporary marking pen (such as a FriXion® pen). This will indicate your starting and stopping points for sewing. Now, sew the border strip to the quilt, starting at the marked point and backstitching 2 or 3 stitches. (**Diagram 1**) Stop sewing at the second marked point, backstitching here as well. Press toward the *border*. Repeat for the opposite side of the quilt top.

When stitching the top and bottom borders, you will see where you started and stopped sewing. Begin sewing exactly where the stitches begin. This should be exactly ¼" from the edges of the quilt top. (**Diagram 2**) Remember to backstitch at the beginning and the end. Press toward the *quilt*.

When all border strips have been sewn on, you will have four overlapping corners (**Diagram 3**) and your seams will nest.

To miter the corners, fold the quilt diagonally, RST, aligning raw edges of adjacent borders. Align a ruler along the diagonal fold and line up **the 45° line** with the raw edge of the outer border (**Diagram 4**). Draw a line, starting where your stitching ends to the outer edge.

Pin along the marked line. Sew on the line from the raw edge to the inner border seam, backstitching 3-4 stitches at the starting and stopping points. Trim seam allowance to ¼" and press seam open (**Diagram 5**).

Miter the three remaining corners of the quilt in the same manner.

Diagram 1

Diagram 2

Diagram 3

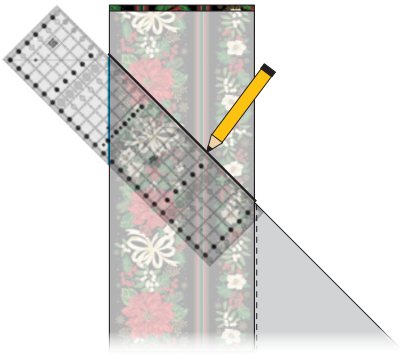


Diagram 4

Diagram 5

Use QR code for a **FREE** video tutorial on sewing mitered borders:

Finish Quilt

Layer quilt top, batting, and **backing**. Quilt as desired.

Sew **binding** into one continuous strip. Fold binding in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Sew binding to front side of quilt, aligning raw edges, starting at any side. Turn binding over and hand sew or machine stitch to back of quilt.

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Poinsettias at Christmas for Riley Blake Designs

Required Materials

red snowflakes
C17635-RED
¼ yard

red text
C17632-RED
6" × WOF

green text
C17632-GREEN
⅜ yard

cream/gold snowflakes
CF17635-CREAM
½ yard

green snowflakes
C17635-GREEN
⅜ yard

red plaid
CF17633-RED
⅞ yard

green stripe
CF17634-GREEN
⅔ yard

cream ornaments
CF17631-CREAM
1¼ yards

black border stripe
CF17637-BLACK
2⅓ yards

multi plaid
CF17633-MULTI
⅔ yard

SUGGESTED BACKING:
black main floral
CF17630-BLACK
4 yards

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