

Christmas Wonder QUILT

5x7 6x10 8x12

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Block of the Week Christmas Wonder Quilt 5x7 6x10 and 8x12 Instructions

WORKING OUT FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Blocks - Work out how many blocks you are having in your quilt. Then multiply it by how much background fabric is required for your size block.

Borders -

- If you would like borders, first decide how wide you would like them (we made them 9cm (3.5") wide).
- Measure one side of the quilt.
- Cut two strips of border fabric this length.
- Cut two pieces of batting to match.
- Now measure one of the alternate sides (including the new border width x 2 in your measurement).
- Cut two strips of border fabric this length x your width.
- Cut two pieces of batting to match.

Backing – the size will depend upon how big you intend to make your quilt.

To calculate, use your hoop size and multiply that by the number of blocks you are having. Add the width of your borders to the length and the width of the quilt.

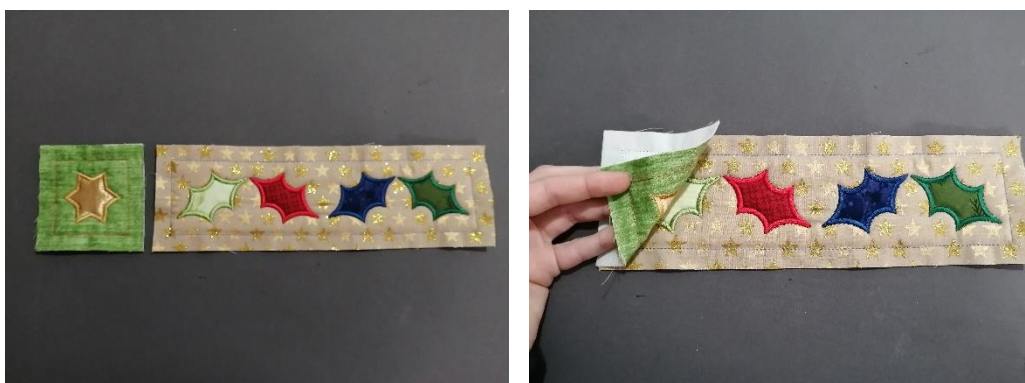
Binding - Measure the finished length and width of the quilt (including borders) and add them together and multiply by two. The width is optional, but I usually find 8cm wide (3") wide sufficient.

JOIN YOUR BLOCKS

Once you have made all your blocks, lay out your blocks on a flat surface. Lay out your blocks on a flat surface and decide on your layout once you have made all your blocks. This is the layout we decided for our sample quilt. You can, of course, use any combination and any number of blocks for your quilt.



Join the blocks in rows. Place the first two blocks right sides together.



Pin and stitch the side seam on your sewing machine. Stitch just inside the border already stitched on the blocks so the stitching will not be seen on the right side later.



Continue this until you have each block in that first row sewn together.



Open out the stitched seams and iron flat.



Continue this until you have each horizontal row of blocks joined.



Next join the horizontal rows to each other by placing the first two rows right sides together.



Pin and stitch the seams on your sewing machine. Stitch just inside the border already stitched on the blocks so the stitching will not be seen on the right side later.



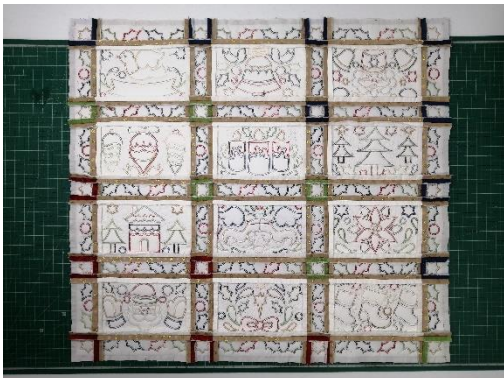
Open out the stitched seams and iron flat.



Continue this until you have each of the horizontal rows joined.



Open out the stitched seams and iron flat.



ADDING THE BACKING

Place your backing fabric wrong side up and place the quilt you have made on top of the backing (wrong sides together)



Safety pin the quilt to the backing fabric. Evenly space the safety pins all over the quilt to keep the backing in place when sewing. We just placed our safety pins in the centre of each block.



To join the backing, stitch in the ditch along the border seams. We found that stitching in the ditch for the borders and down the middle only was enough for a quilt our size, but ditch stitching on all internal seams can be done if desired.



Optional: Edge baste all of the edges around the quilt, sandwiching all layers using a 0.64cm (1/4") seam with a long stitch. (This just helps keep everything in place when attaching the binding).

Once this is done, trim the excess backing fabric so it matches the exact shape of the quilt.



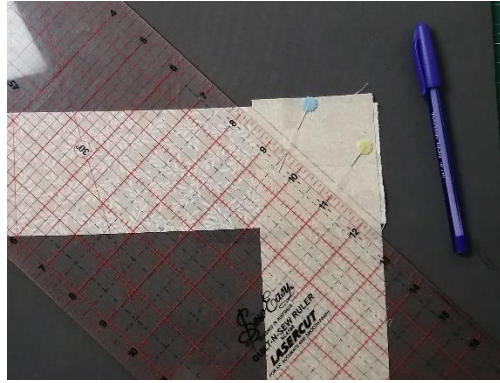
ADDING THE BINDING

To make the binding, measure the length and width of the quilt and add them together and then multiply by two. Cut a long strip of fabric this length (If you are cutting one piece of fabric this length, add about an extra 10 inches to the length just to be sure you have enough fabric in the end) or cut a few strips and join them together with your sewing machine as shown. Add extra length if you are joining strips - about 10cm (4") per strip.

The width is optional, but we usually find 8cm wide (3") wide sufficient.



JOINING STRIPS - Lay the ends of your fabric strips **right sides** together as shown. Sew a diagonal seam from corner to corner (45-degree angle), trim the corner and repeat until all the binding strips are sewn together into one long strip.



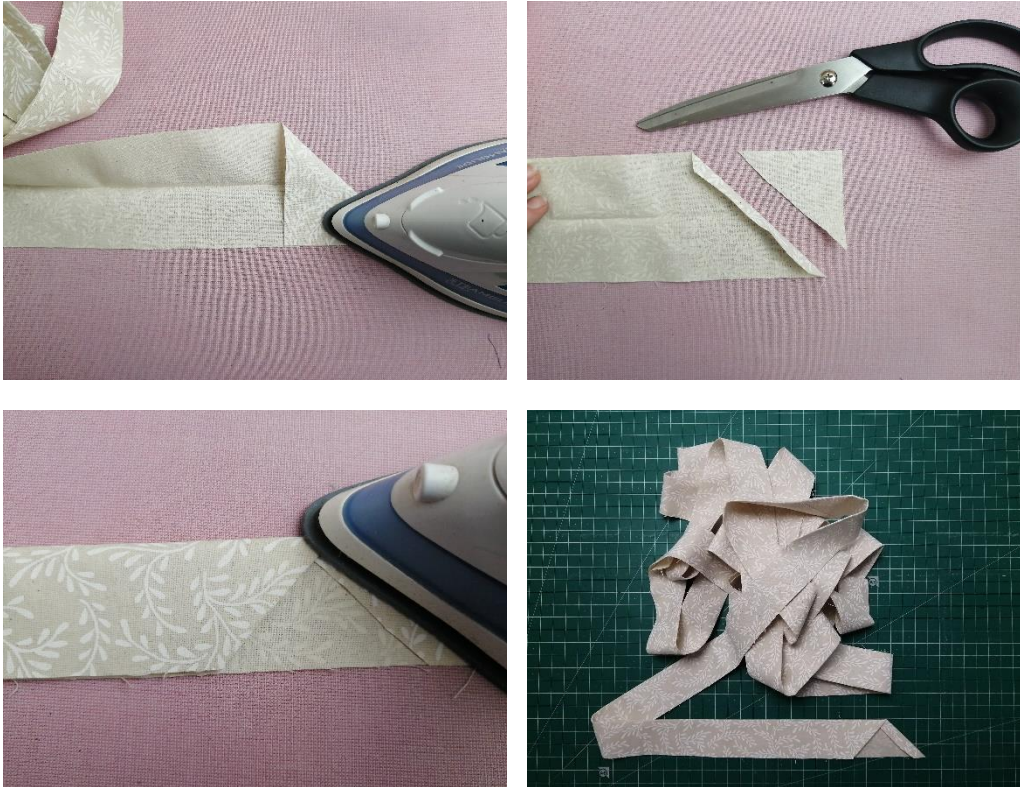
Iron the seam open.



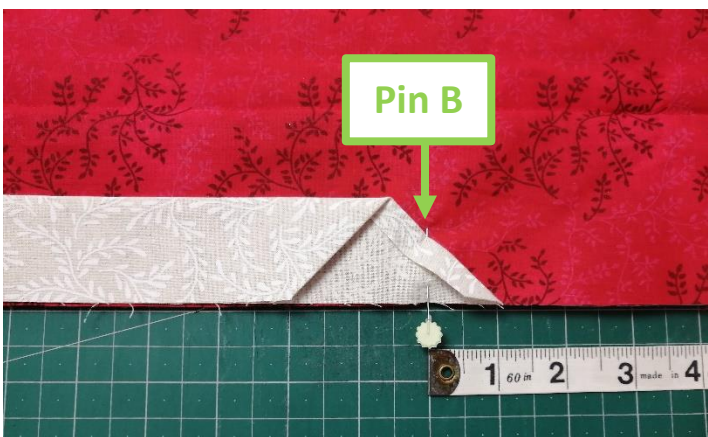
Then fold the whole strip in half, **wrong sides** together and iron down.



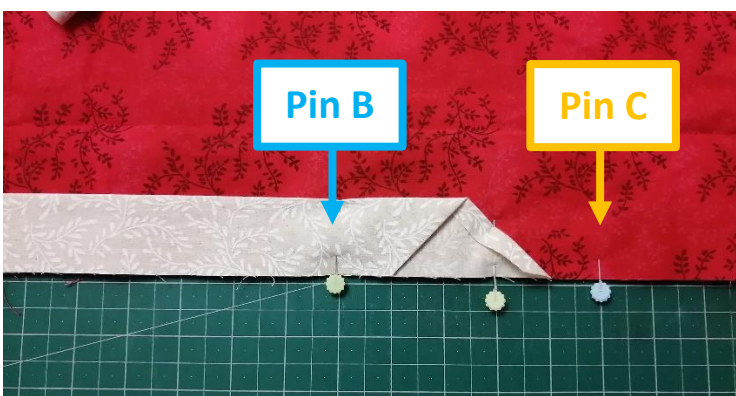
Lay out your binding fabric and unfold one end. Fold that open end of the binding to a 45-degree angle as shown below and lightly press. Trim your fabric 1/4" from the 45-degree angle fold. Fold the binding strip in half again as shown below.



Match the raw edges of the quilt and the binding to the desired starting location. We decided to stitch our binding on the back of our quilt. You can stitch your binding on the front if you prefer. Start halfway along one side of your quilt. Using a ruler, mark one inch down from the end of the strip. Mark with a pin.



Using a ruler, mark 2.5 inches down from the one inch mark. Mark with a second pin (Pin B). At this time, we also pinned a 2 inch gap from Pin A (see below as Pin C). This pin will signal when to stop stitching once we have sewn around the quilt.



Using a 3/8 inch (1cm) seam, stitch one inch of the open fold onto the quilt and stop stitching when you get to the 1 inch mark.



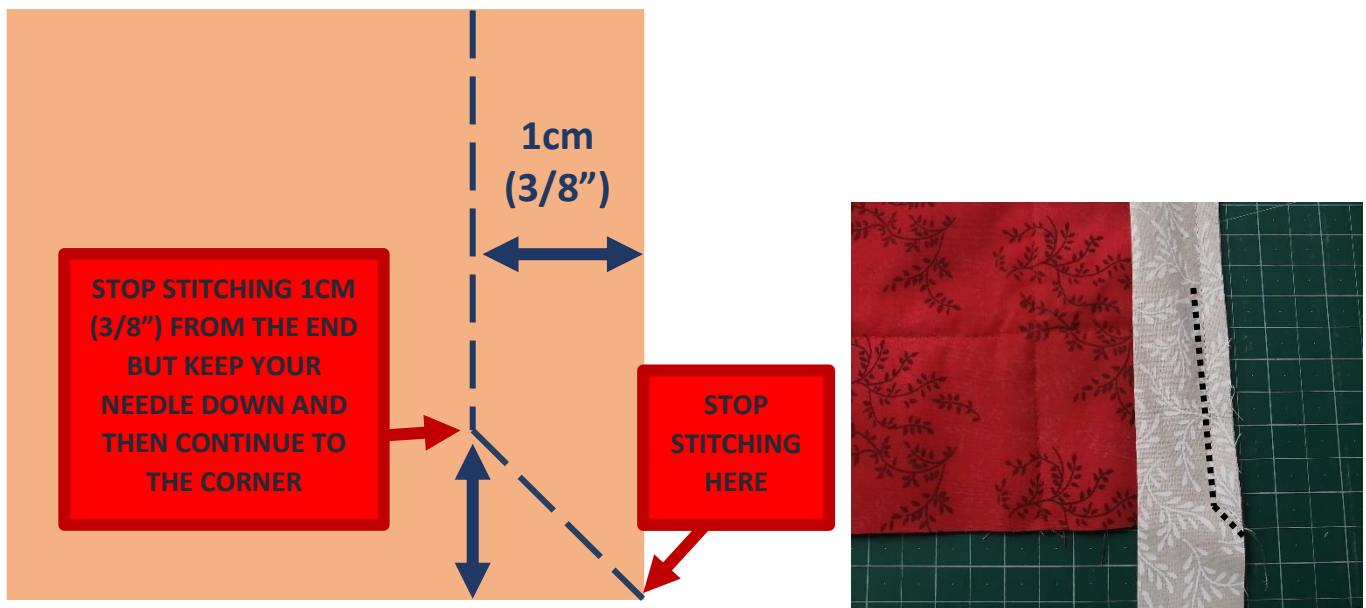
Then leave a two and a half inch gap (this will provide an opening to insert the end of the binding fabric when we have completed the sewing). Then start stitching again at the 2.5 inch mark.



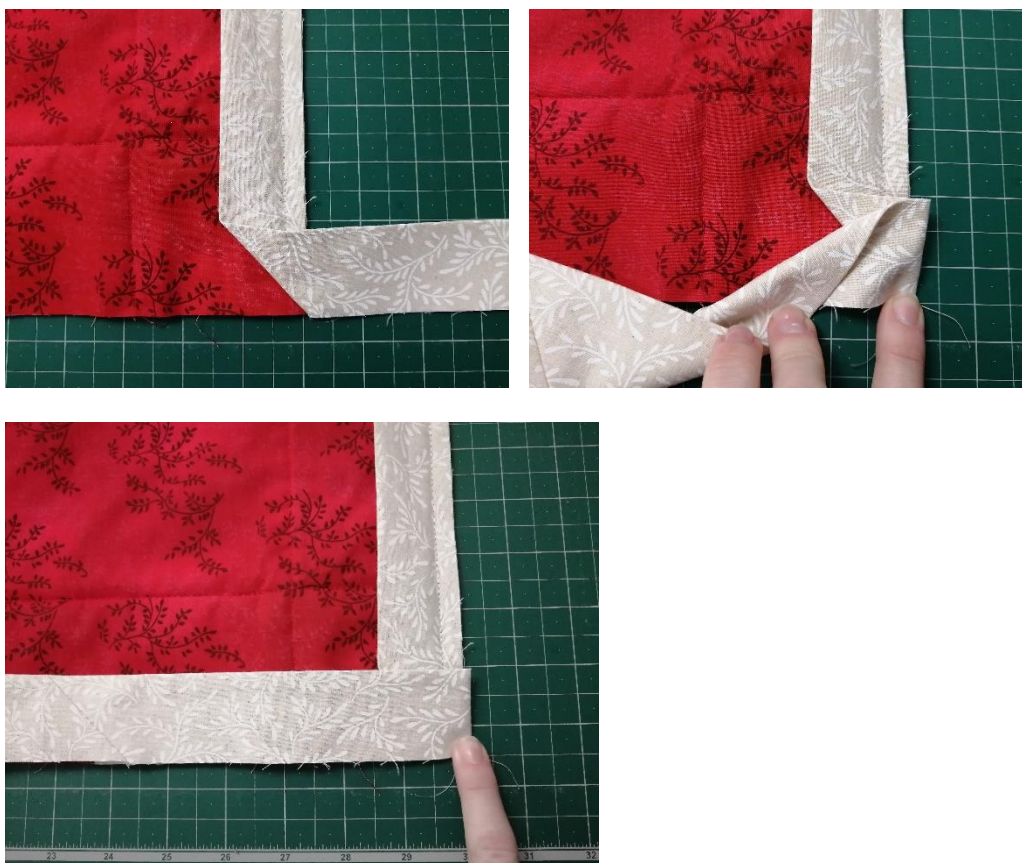
Continue sewing until you reach the first corner and stop stitching 1cm (3/8") from the end but keep your needle down. Lift your foot and turn your quilt (with your needle still down). Continue stitching to the corner.



DIAGRAM BELOW



Lift the binding strip over and pull against that angled stitch that we just made to form a diagonal fold. Then fold the binding strip back down creating a fold at the top. Pin and start stitching again until you reach the side of the quilt that you started on, mitring the corners as you go.



Stop stitching when you get to the pin that marks the two inches from the starting point (Pin C).



Fold up the binding so it sits just above the first two and a half inch mark (Pin B). Trim the excess binding at this point.



Trim a 2-3mm (1/8") off the raw edge of the binding for a good one inch (2-3cm).



Place the end of the binding fabric into the pocket created at the start of the binding process. Pin in place. Continue to stitch the seam until binding is completely sewn on.



Fold back the binding and iron the seams flat.



Now turn the quilt over so you are working on the **front of the quilt**.

We started at the corners of the quilt. Fold in one side of the corner **JUST** past the stitching and iron well. Pin/clip in place. This will help get a nice, pointed corner. Repeat for the other side of the corner meeting up with the first fold creating a nice pointed corner. Repeat for all four corners of the quilt.



Then continue folding and pinning the remaining binding to the front of the quilt, **JUST** past the stitching. Once folded, iron well.



