HOLIDAY HOMECOMING - MERRY AND BRIGHT PLACE MATS

Designed for the 2016 All Iowa Shop Hop

Quilt Size 21” x 16”

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Fabric Requirements for 1 place mat

Q1862-67551-973 (Black Print) 3/8 Yard

Q1862-67552-331 (Red Tone on Tone Iowa Star Print) 1/4 Yard

Q1862-67552-221 (Cream Tone on Tone Iowa Star Print) 1/4 Yard

Q1080-31588-771 - (Light green Tone on Tone Print) 1/8 Yard

Q1402-26035-797 - (Green Floral Tone on Tone Print) 1/8 Yard

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Making the Basket 8" Finished Block

Note: you will be making 1 blocks.

Cutting Instructions:

**Step 1:** Cut 1 – 2 7/8” strips from the cream fabric.

Sub-cut into 4 – 2 7/8” squares.

Cut each square diagonally (from corner to corner). You will have 8 half square triangle (HST) units.

**Step 2:** Cut 1 – 2 7/8” strips from each of the red, green floral, light green, and black print fabrics.

Sub-cut each strip into 1 – 2 7/8” squares.

Cut each square diagonally (from corner to corner). You will have 2 half square triangle units.
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Step 3: Cut 1 – 2 1/2” strips from the cream fabric.

From these strips cut 2 – 4 1/2” x 2 1/2” rectangles.

Step 4: Cut 1 – 4 7/8” strip from the cream and the black print fabric.

From the cream strips cut 1 – 4 7/8” x 4 7/8” square.

From the black print strip cut 1 – 4 7/8” x 4 7/8” square.

Cut each square diagonally (from corner to corner). You will have 2 half square triangle units from cream fabric and 2 half square triangle units from the black print fabric. You will only use one of the cream and one of the black print.

Sewing Instructions:

All seams are sewn with an accurate 1/4” seam allowance.

You will be making 2 half square triangle blocks from the green floral, light green, and red print fabrics.

Step 1: Right sides together, sew 2 of the small red HST units to 2 small cream print HST units on the diagonal. Make 2.

Note: Press 1 HST unit’s seams toward the red fabric and 1 HST unit’s toward the cream fabric. Each HST block should measure exactly 2.5” square.

Step 2: Right sides together, sew 2 of the small green floral HST units to 2 small cream print HST units on the diagonal. Make 2.

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Note: Press 1 HST unit’s seams toward the green floral fabric and 1 HST unit’s seams toward the cream fabric. Each HST block should measure exactly 2.5” square.

Step 3: Right sides together, sew 2 of the small light green HST units to 2 small cream print HST units on the diagonal. Make 2.

Note: Press 1 HST unit’s seams toward the light green fabric and 1 HST unit’s seams toward the cream fabric. Each HST block should measure exactly 2.5” square.

Step 4: Right sides together, sew 1 large black print HST unit to 1 of the large cream print HST units together on the diagonal. Make 1.

Note: Press seams toward the black print fabric. These larger HST blocks should measure exactly 4 1/2” square.
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**Step 5:** Select the 1 green floral, 1 light green, and 1 red print HST units with the seam allowance pressed toward the dark fabric and sew these together in a green floral, light green, red sequence. Make 1 sets.

Press seams toward the left.

Step 6: Select the 1 black print, 1 red print, and 1 light green HST units with the seam allowance pressed toward the cream fabric and sew these together in a black print, red, light green sequence. Make 1 sets.

Press seams toward the right.

Sew the rows made in Step 5 and Step 6 together matching seams.

Step 7: Sew each unit made above to a cream 4 1/2” x 2 1/2” rectangle. Make 1 sets.

Press seam allowance toward the cream fabric.

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**Step 8:** Select the 1 black print and 1 green floral HST units with the seam allowance pressed toward the dark fabric and sew these together in a black print, green floral, sequence. Make 1 sets.

Sew the units made in Step 8 to a 4 1/2” x 2 1/2” rectangle.

Press seam allowance toward the cream fabric

**Step 9:** Sew the units made in Step 8 to the large HST made in Step 4. Make 1 sets.

Press seam allowance toward the black fabric.

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**Step 10:** Sew the units made in Step 7 to the units made in Step 9 together, matching seams.

![Image of placed mats]

Your basket blocks should measure 8” square.

**Adding on the Red Corner Triangles to the Basket Block**

**Cutting & Sewing Instructions:**

**Step 1:** Cut 1 - 7” strips from the red print. Cute 2 – 7” squares.

Sub-cut them diagonally to make 4 HST units.

**Step 2:** Sew the red HST units made in Step 1 to the each side of the basket block. Use the diagonal (long side) of the red HST unit. Sew right sides together. Square up block to 11 5/8”.

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Press seams toward the red print fabric

**Adding the Black Print Border to the Basket Block**

**Cutting & Sewing Instructions:**

**Step 1:** Cut 1 – 2 1/2” strip from the black print.

Sub-cut strip into 2 - 11 ½” x 2 ½” rectangle units.

**Step 3:** Cut 1 - 2 1/2” strip from the black print fabric.

Sub-cut strip into 2 - 13 ½” x 2 ½” rectangle units.

**Step 4:** Sew the strips cut in Step 1 to each side of the basket block.

Press seams toward the black print fabric.

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Step 5: Sew the strips cut in Step 2 to each side of the basket block.

Press seams toward the black fabric.

Adding the Green Print Border

Cutting & Sewing Instructions:

Step 1: Cut 1 – 4” strip from the light green print fabric.

Sub-cut strip into 2 - 15 ½” x 4” rectangle units.

Step 2: Sew the strips cut in Step 1 to each side of the basket block.

Press seams toward the light green print fabric.
Your place mat is now sewn together.

**Finishing:**

Quilt your place mat as desired.

Cut 2 1/4” strips from the black print for binding. Cut as many strips as needed to completely encase the edge of your topper. These strips will be ironed in half for a nice 1/4” bound finished edge.

Attach binding using your favorite binding technique.

**Wishing you all a very Merry and Bright Holiday Season!!!!**