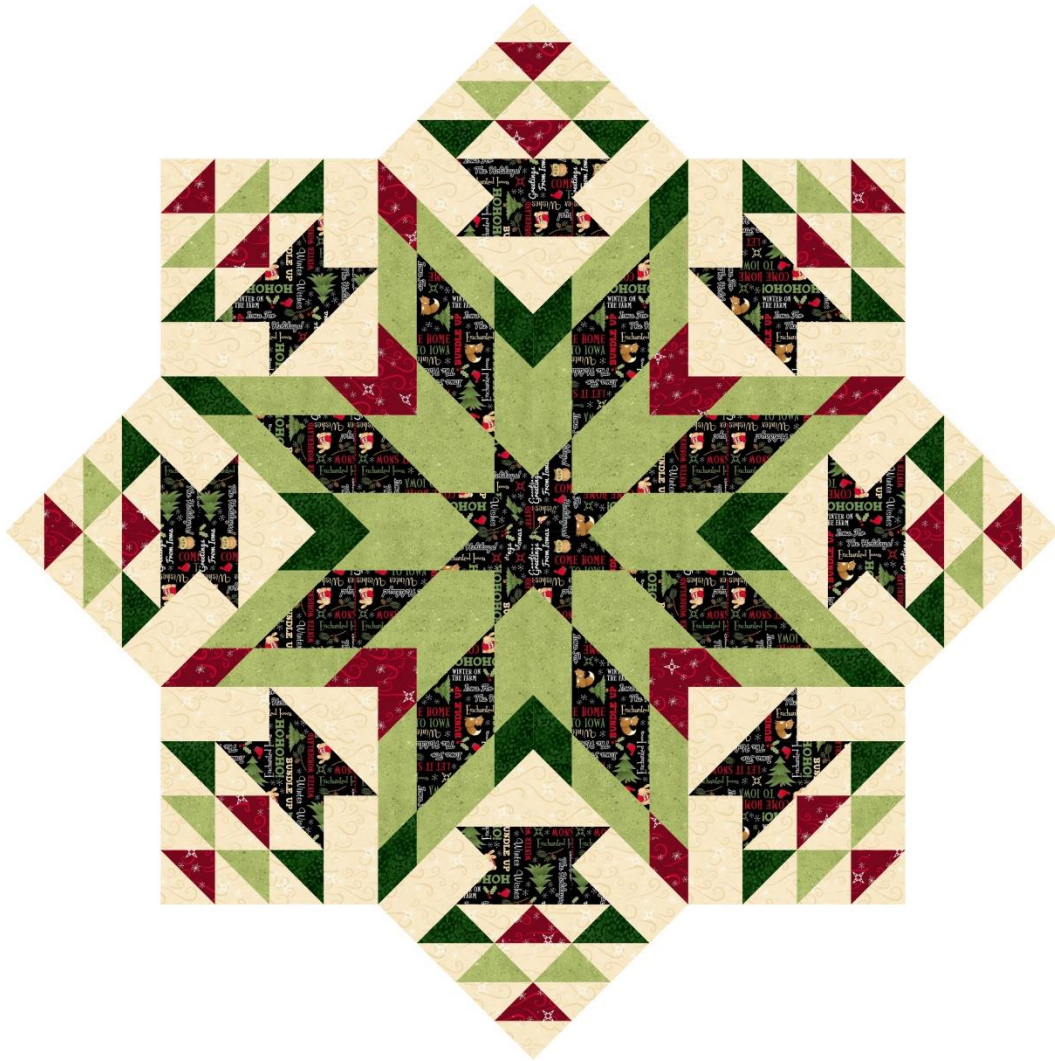

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Quilt Size 50" x 50"

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Fabric Requirements

Q1862-67551-973 (Black Print)

1 1/4 Yard



Q1862-67552-331 (Red Tone on Tone Iowa Star Print)

1/4 Yard



Q1862-67552-221 (Cream Tone on Tone Iowa Star Print)

3/4 Yard



Q1080-31588-771 - (Light green Tone on Tone Print)

1/2 Yard



Q1402-26035-797 - (Green Floral Tone on Tone Print)

1/4 Yard



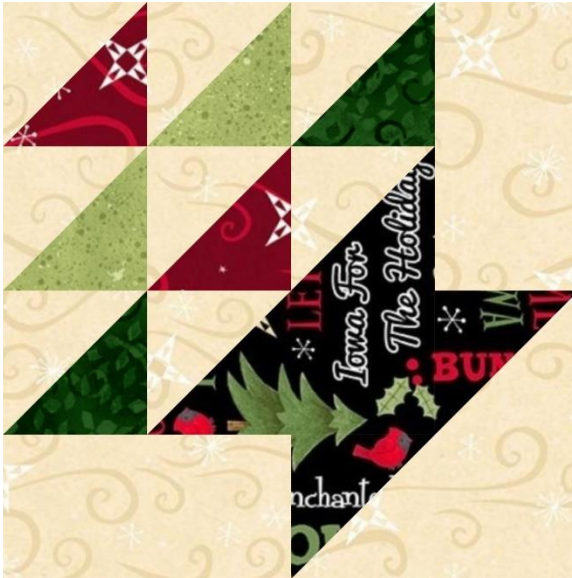
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Making the Basket 10 1/2" Finished Block



Note: you will be making 8 blocks.

Cutting Instructions:

Step 1: Cut 2 - 3 3/8" strips from the cream fabric.

Sub-cut into 32 - 3 3/8" squares.

Cut each square diagonally (from corner to corner). You will have 64 half square triangle (HST) units.

Step 2: Cut 1 - 3 3/8" strips from each of the red, green floral, light green, and black print fabrics.

Sub-cut each strip into 8 - 3 3/8" squares.

Cut each square diagonally (from corner to corner). You will have 16 half square triangle units.

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Step 3: Cut 3 - 3 1/8" strips from the cream fabric.

From these strips cut 16 - 5 5/8" x 3 1/8" rectangles.

Step 4: Cut 1 - 6" strip from the cream and the black print fabric.

From the cream strips cut 4 - 6" x 6" squares

From the black print strip cut 4 - 6" x 6" squares.

Cut each square diagonally (from corner to corner). You will have 8 half square triangle units from cream fabric and 8 half square triangle units from the black print fabric.

Sewing Instructions:

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

You will be making 16 half square triangle blocks from the green floral, light green, and red print fabrics.

Step 1: Right sides together, sew 16 of the small red HST units to 16 small cream print HST units on the diagonal. Make 16.

Note: Press 8 HST unit's seams toward the red fabric and 8 HST unit's toward the cream fabric. Each HST block should measure exactly 3" square unfinished. (2 1/2" finished)



Step 2: Right sides together, sew 16 of the small green floral HST units to 16 small cream print HST units on the diagonal. Make 16.

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Note: Press 8 HST unit's seams toward the green floral fabric and 8 HST unit's seams toward the cream fabric. Each HST block should measure exactly 3" square unfinished. (2 ½" finished)



Step 3: Right sides together, sew 16 of the small light green HST units to 16 small cream print HST units on the diagonal. Make 16.

Note: Press 8 HST unit's seams toward the light green fabric and 8 HST unit's toward the cream fabric. Each HST block should measure exactly 3" square unfinished. (2 ½" finished)



Step 4: Right sides together, sew 8 large black print HST units to 8 of the large cream print HST units together on the diagonal. Make 8.

Note: Press seams toward the black print fabric. These larger HST blocks should measure exactly 5 5/8" square.



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Step 5: Select the 8 green floral, 8 light green, and 8 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 8 sets.

Press seams toward the left.



Step 6: Select the 8 black print, 8 red print, and 8 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 8 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 5 5/8" x 3 1/8" rectangle. Make 8 sets.



Press seam allowance toward the cream fabric.

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Step 8: Select the 8 black print and 8 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 8 sets.



Sew the units made in Step 8 to a 5 5/8" x 3 1/8" 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 8 sets.



Press seam allowance toward the black fabric.

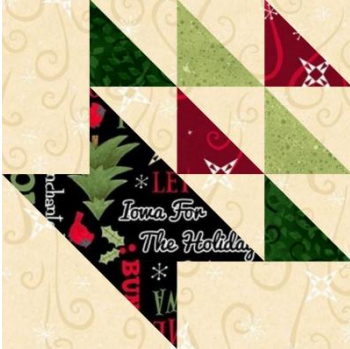
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Step 10: Sew the units made in Step 7 to the units made in Step 9 together, matching seams.



Your 8 basket blocks should measure a little larger than 10 1/2" square. Do not trim.

Making the Elongated Triangle Blocks

Cutting Instructions:

Step 1: Cut 1 - 2 3/8" strips from the black print and green floral print. Using template A cut 8 black print units and 8 green floral units. These units should measure 3 1/4" along the straight edge.

Step 2: Cut 2 - 2 3/8" strips from the red print. Using template A cut 16 red print units. These units should measure 3 1/4" along the straight edge.

Step 3: Cut 3 - 2 3/8" strips from the light green fabric. Using template B cut 16 light green units. These units should measure 5 7/8" along the straight edge. Label these Template B units.

Step 4: Cut 3 - 2 3/8" strips from the light green fabric. Using template C cut 16 light green units. These units should measure 5 7/8" along the straight edge. Label these Template C units.

Step 5: Cut 3 - 4 1/8" strips from the black print fabric. Using template D cut 8 units. These units should measure 5 7/8" along the straight edge.

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Sewing Instructions:

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

You will be making 8 elongated triangle blocks. The finished blocks will look like this.



Step 1: Sew a light green Template C unit to each end of the black print triangle cut from Template D. Make 8. Refer to image above.

Press seams toward the black print.

Step 2: Sew a red unit made from Template A to each end of a light green unit made from Template B. Make 8. Refer to image above.

Press seams toward the red print.

Step 3: Sew a green floral unit made from Template A to the right end of a light green unit made from Template B. Sew a black print unit made from Template A to the left end of this unit. Make 8. Refer to image above.

Press seams toward the red and black print.

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Step 4: Sew the units made in Step 1 to the unit made in Step 2. Match seams. Refer to image above.

Press seam allowance toward the light green print.

Step 5: Sew the units made from Step 4 to the unit made in Step 3. Match seams. Refer to image above.

Press seam allowance toward the light green print.

Table Topper Construction Instructions:

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

Step 1: Sew to the side of the elongated triangle blocks, a basket block. The base of the basket should be angled with the side of the elongated triangle block which has the red and green floral triangle ends. Make 8. See diagram below.



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Step 2: Mark with a lead pencil a dot that is $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the corner of the edge of the basket block. Mark a $\frac{1}{4}$ " dot on green floral point of the triangle block. With right sides together, place a pin matching up the dots. Start sewing from the dot out to the end of the block. Repeat starting at the center again out to the opposite end, jointing the elongated blocks together.

Repeat the process 4 times, joining two Basket/Elongated Triangle blocks together.

Step 3: Each time you sew a Basket/Elongated Triangle unit together, mark with a lead pencil a dot that is $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the corner of the edge of the basket block. Mark a $\frac{1}{4}$ " dot on green floral point of the triangle block. With right sides together, place a pin matching up the dots. Sew two of units from Step 2 together. Start sewing from the dot out to the end of the block. Repeat starting at the center again out to the opposite end, jointing the elongated blocks together.

Repeat the process 2 times, joining two Basket/Elongated Triangle blocks together.

Step 4: Mark with a lead pencil a dot that is $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the corner of the edge of the basket block. Mark a $\frac{1}{4}$ " dot on green floral point of the triangle block. With right sides together, place a pin matching up the dots. With right sides together sew the two halves made from Step 3 together. Start sewing from the center. Match seams. Sew to the dot marked on the green floral triangle. Repeat this on the opposite side starting in the center and sewing out to the dot marked on the green floral triangle. Take a 2 – 3 back stitched to lock the stitches at the dot. Turn fabric and align edges of the basket block and the elongated triangle block. Start sewing at the dot out to the end of the basket block. Repeat starting on the opposite side.

Your table topper is now sewn together.

Finishing:

Quilt your topper as desired.

Cut 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " strips from the black print for binding. Cut as many strips as needed to completely encase the edge of your topper. You will need more strips if you are making a tree skirt. These strips will be ironed in half for a nice $\frac{1}{4}$ " bound finished edge.

Attach binding using your favorite binding technique.

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Tree skirt option:

If you would like to make your topper into a tree skirt draw a chalk line from the center down to an inside point of an elongated triangle block. Draw a chalk circle in the center. I would recommend cutting a circle with a 5" diameter. Cut from the elongated triangle point to the center circle. Cut on the chalk line. Cut around the chalk line marking the circle.

Bind using your favorite binding technique.

*Wishing you all a very Merry and Bright Holiday
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