

*Christmas in July 2019
Table Topper / Runner
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This project was first designed for a five week quilt along on my blog. For this year's Christmas in July, I'm bringing it back since most of my readers haven't seen it. It makes up quickly, and is complex enough to engage the experienced quilter, but broken down into small units to make it easy enough for beginners. I hope you like it!

Fabric requirements – (estimated using my Quilter's Fabric Calculator)

Size	40" Table Topper	28" Table Topper	17x64" Runner
Black background print	3/4 yard	1/3 yard	1/2 yard
Red print	3/4 yard	1/3 yard	1/2 yard
Green print	3/4 yard	1/3 yard	1/2 yard
Neutral Background	3/4 yard	1/3 yard	1/2 yard
Border print	1/2 yard	1/4 yard	1/3 yard
Backing and binding yardage	2-1/2 yards	2 yards	2 yards



The drama in the design is made with one of the Christmas prints having a black background.

If you may want to use scrappy bits, use consistent colors with similar values, like all medium value green prints for the green, all red prints for the reds, and so on. Make the neutrals truly neutral, tone on tone or solids.

Cutting Instructions

Size / squares	40" Table Topper	28" Table Topper	17x64 Runner
Black bkgnd 4-1/2" squares	cut 9	cut 4	cut 5
Black bdgrnd 3-inch squares	cut 72	cut 32	cut 40
Red 2-1/2-inch squares	cut 72	cut 32	cut 40
Green 3-inch squares	cut 72	cut 32	cut 40
Neutral Bkgnd 3-inch squares	cut 72	cut 32	cut 40

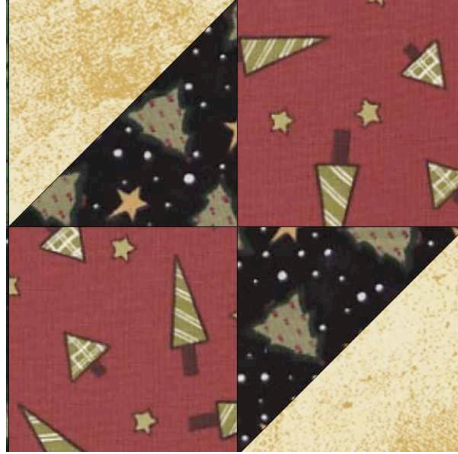
Sewing Instructions

First, make the Half Square Triangle Units. Pair half of the 3-inch black background squares with half of the green 3-inch squares. Pair the other half of the 3-inch black background squares with half of the background neutral 3-inch squares. Pair the other half of the background neutral 3-inch squares with the other half of the green 3-inch squares.

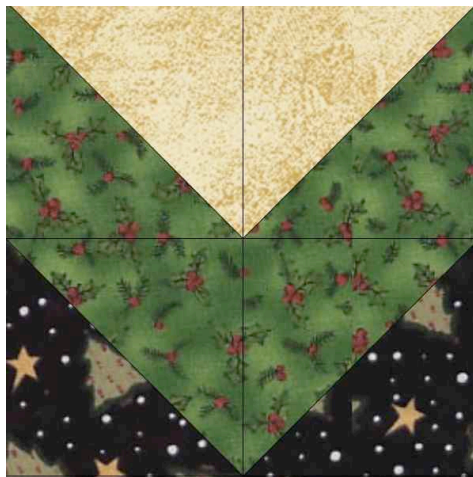
Draw diagonal lines on the backside of the lighter square, and chain piece the units by sewing 1/4-inch away from the line on both sides of the line. Cut apart and press forming the half square triangle units. Square them all up to 2-1/2-inch units.



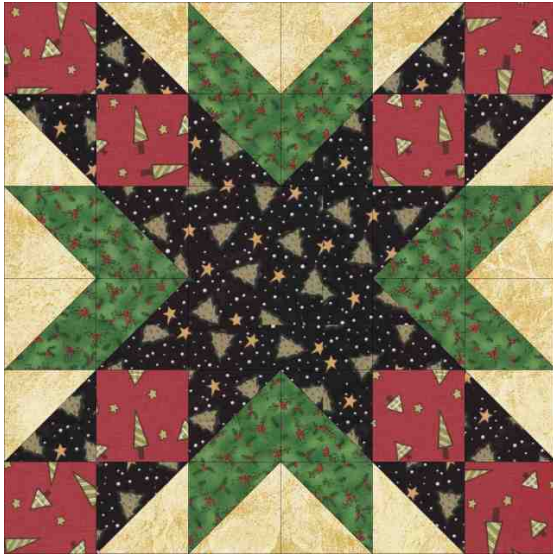
Using your black/neutral HSTs and the red squares, make this unit. Make as many as you have elements for. For the large topper, you should have 36. For the smaller topper, you should have 16. For the runner, you'll have 20.



Using the green/neutral HSTs and the black/green HSTs, make this unit.



Using these units, along with the 4-1/2 inch black background squares, assemble into blocks. The larger topper will have nine blocks, the smaller has 4, and the runner has 5.



Each block finishes at 12-inches square.

Add a 2-inch border with or without cornerstones, quilt and bind as desired.

Make it in other color combinations for year round use. Rust, gold and brown for Autumn, orange and black for Halloween, pastels for next spring.

Enjoy your holiday star table topper or runner this season! It makes a wonderful gift too.

Have fun with all the Christmas in July projects!



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