

The Chinese lantern challenge is May 2015.

Chinese Lantern

Background fabric (light color)

Cut 2 strips (A) $9\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$, (C) 4 squares $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$,

(B) 4 rectangles $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

Lantern fabric (bright color)

Cut 2 strips (D) $2\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$

Top, middle and bottom of lantern (dark color)

Cut 2 strips (E) $5\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$, 1 strip (A) $9\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$

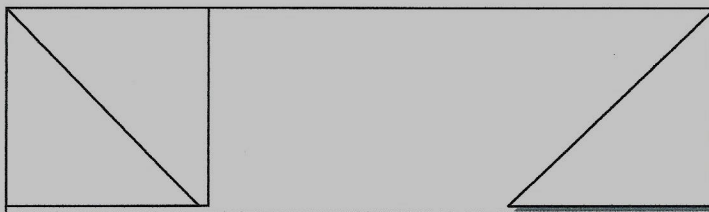
Assembly:

Sew background squares ($2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$) to either end of lantern fabric snow ball style along diagonal line press open and trim

excess

leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ "

seam allowance.



Sew the 2 snowballed lantern fabric strips with the long side of the lantern fabric to the top and bottom of the dark center strip of fabric ($9\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$)

Next sew the $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ background pieces to either end of the dark $5\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ fabric. Sew one to the top of the lantern pattern and one to the bottom. Finish by sewing the $1\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ background strips to top of square and one to bottom. The finished size will be $9\frac{1}{2}$ inch square.

