

Trim the Tree



Prairie Quilting



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Fabric shown is Snowfall by Shelley Cavanna for Benartex.

Quilt Size about 49" x 49"

Fabric Requirements

1/8 yd. Teal Geometric

1/4 yd. Light Lime Geometric

1/8 yd. Blue Holly Print

1/2 yd. Pink Holly Print

3/4 yd. Lime Holly Print

1/3 yd. Green Floral

1/3 yd. Teal Floral

1/3 yd. Blue Floral

1/4 yd. Light Gray Floral

7/8 yd. Dark Red Star Print (includes binding)

2/3 yd. Red Snowflake Tonal

1-1/8 yds. Dark Green Snowflake Tonal

3-1/8 yds. Backing Fabric

55" x 55" Batting

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Cutting the Fabric

Note: Some strips have squares of different widths cut from them to save fabric. Cut largest pieces first, to make sure the rest of the pieces fit in the strip. Cutting directions assumes fabric is 40" of usable fabric width.

WS=Wrong Side

RST=Right Sides Together

Teal Geometric

- 1 strip 2-1/2" wide

Light Lime Geometric

- 2 strips 2-1/2" wide

Blue Holly Print

- 1 strip 2-1/2" wide

Pink Holly Print

- 1 strip 7-1/2" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 2 rectangles 7-1/2" x 8-1/2"
- 2 strips 2-1/2" wide

Lime Holly Print

- 6 strips 3-1/2" wide (border)

Green Floral

- 1 strip 7-1/2" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 2 rectangles 7-1/2" x 8-1/2"

Teal Floral

- 1 strip 7-1/2" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 2 rectangles 7-1/2" x 8-1/2"

Blue Floral

- 1 strip 7-1/2" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 2 rectangles 7-1/2" x 8-1/2"

Light Gray Floral

- 3 strips 1-1/2" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 12 rectangles 1-1/2" x 8-1/2"

Dark Red Star Print

- 1 strip 7-1/2" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 2 rectangles 7-1/2" x 8-1/2"

- 6 strips 2-1/4" wide (binding)

- 1 strip 2-1/2" wide

Red Snowflake Tonal

- 1 strip 7-1/2" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 2 rectangles 7-1/2" x 8-1/2"

- 1 strip 2-1/2" wide

- 5 strips 2" wide (border)

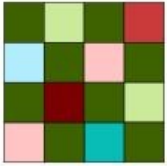
Dark Green Snowflake Tonal

- 4 strips 3" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 48 squares 3"
- 8 strips 2-1/2" wide

Piecing the blocks

All seams are Right Sides Together, and 1/4" unless otherwise indicated.

Lights Block

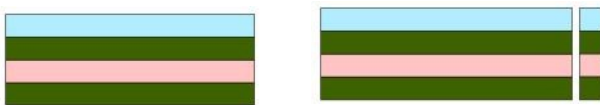


Make 13. Block measures 8-1/2".

1. Sew 2 Dark Green 2-1/2" strips to 1 Lt. Lime 2-1/2" strip and 1 Red 2-1/2" strip on long sides, as in diagram. Make 1. Cut units 2-1/2" wide, as in diagram. Cut 13.



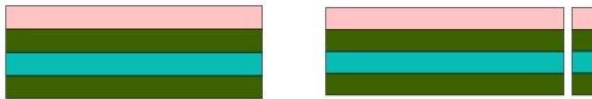
2. Sew 2 Dark Green 2-1/2" strips to 1 Blue Holly 2-1/2" strip and 1 Pink Holly 2-1/2" strip on long sides, as in diagram. Make 1. Cut units 2-1/2" wide, as in diagram. Cut 13.



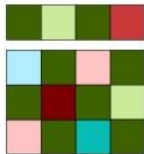
3. Sew 2 Dark Green 2-1/2" strips to 1 Dark Red 2-1/2" strip and 1 Lt. Lime 2-1/2" strip on long sides, as in diagram. Make 1. Cut units 2-1/2" wide, as in diagram. Cut 13.



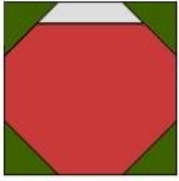
4. Sew 2 Dark Green 2-1/2" strips to 1 Pink Holly 2-1/2" strip and 1 Teal Geo 2-1/2" strip on long sides, as in diagram. Make 1. Cut units 2-1/2" wide, as in diagram. Cut 13.



5. Sew 1 unit from Step 1, 1 unit from Step 2, 1 unit from Step 3, and 1 unit from Step 4 together, as in diagram. Make 13.



Ornament Block



Make 12. Block measures 8-1/2".

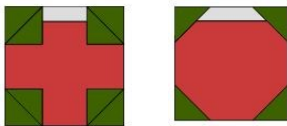
1. Sew 1 Light Gray 1-1/2" x 8-1/2" rectangle to 1 Red 7-1/2" x 8-1/2" rectangle, as in diagram. Make 2.



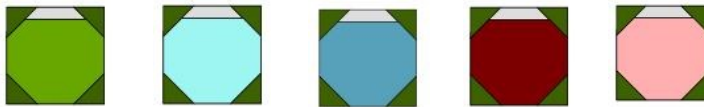
2. Repeat Step 1 with Light Gray 1-1/2" x 8-1/2" rectangles and Green Floral, Teal Floral, Blue Floral, Dk. Red, and Pink Holly 7-1/2" x 8-1/2" rectangles. Make 2 of EACH color.



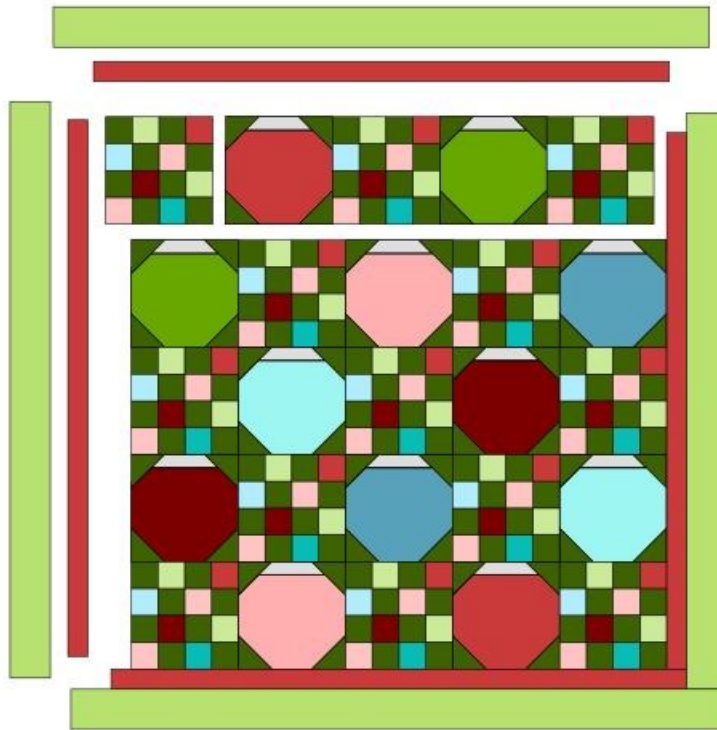
3. RST, match 4 Dk. Green 3" squares to corners of 1 Red unit from Step 1. Draw lines diagonally on WS of each square, as in diagram. Sew ON THE LINE. Trim 1/4" on the OUTSIDE of the seam. Make 2.



4. Repeat Step 3 with Dk. Green 3" squares and Green Floral, Teal Floral, Blue Floral, Dk. Red, and Pink Holly units from Step 2. Make 2 of EACH color.



Quilt Diagram

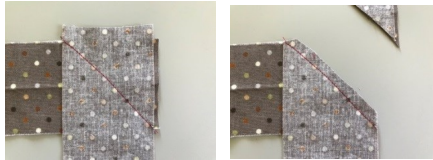


Assembling the Quilt

1. Sew the blocks together in rows, as in quilt diagram. Press rows in opposite directions so seams will nest.
2. Sew rows together, as in diagram.
3. Cut 2 strips 40-1/2" long from Red 2" border strips. Sew to sides of quilt.
4. Sew 3 Red 2" border strips together end to end to make a long strip. Make 1.
5. Cut 2 strips 43-1/2" long from Strips in Step 4. Sew to top and bottom of quilt.
6. Sew 3 Lime Holly 3-1/2" strips together end to end to make a long strip. Make 2.
7. Cut 2 strips 43-1/2" long from Strips in Step 6. Sew to sides of quilt.
8. Cut 2 strips 49-1/2" long from Strips in Step 6. Sew to top and bottom of quilt.

Finishing the Quilt

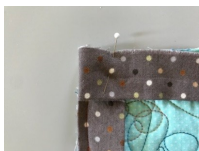
1. Cut backing fabric in half to make two 56-1/4" pieces. Sew pieces together to make one 80" x 56-1/4" piece. Press seam open.
2. Layer backing (wrong side up), batting, and quilt top to make a quilt sandwich. Baste the layers together with your favorite method. (quilting pins, hand basting, spray adhesive, etc.)
3. Quilt as desired, either by hand or machine.
4. Sew 2-1/4" wide binding strips together, laying the right sides together to form a backward L shape with the selvages overlapping. Sew from corner to corner so that when the seam is sewn, the strip will be continuous. Trim excess fabric. Press seams to one side.



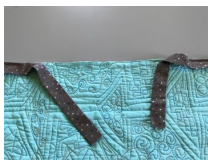
5. Fold binding strip in half lengthwise and press.
6. Using 1/4" seam allowance, sew the binding to the quilt sandwich, starting in the middle of the bottom of the quilt, and leaving a 4 or 5" tail. Sew up to 1/4" of the edge that is perpendicular to the side you are stitching. Backstitch to secure.
7. Fold the binding so that a 45 degree angle is formed with the binding.



8. Fold it back on itself until the folded edge meets the raw edge of the sewn side. Pin the next side.



9. Start your seam on the edge of the side you have just sewn, and stop 1/4" from the next edge, backstitching.
10. Repeat steps 7 –9 until you have a gap about 8" from where you started. Overlap your two tails. Cut your tails so that they overlap 2-1/4". Match them up in the L shape like you did before and sew corner to corner. Pin first to make sure the seam is correct. Trim off excess fabric, and finish sewing your binding on the last side with 1/4" seam.



11. Fold the binding to the back, mitering the corners by folding them. Hand stitch or top stitch with the machine to secure the binding to the back.
12. Enjoy!