

The Joy of Christmas Tabletop Made by Sally Ablett Size 30"x30"

All the fabrics for the Table Topper are from Fabric Freedom

Requirements

1. Red ground with gold holly and leaves F373 col. 1 - long $\frac{1}{4}$
 2. Antique ground with gold holly and leaves F373 col. 4 - long $\frac{1}{4}$
 3. Antique green shadows and gold snowflakes F372 col. 5 - long $\frac{1}{4}$
 4. Antique ground with red trees and gold snowflakes F374 col. 4 - long $\frac{1}{4}$
 5. Burgundy Perfect Palette H50 col. 42 - $\frac{1}{2}$ yard (50cm)
 6. Cream Reflections F1222 col. 31 - $\frac{1}{3}$ yard (30cm)
 7. Antique squares F371 col. 3 - 2 rows
- Wadding and backing 34"x 34"
Gold thread.

Cutting.

From fabric .1

2 x $2\frac{1}{8}$ " x $2\frac{1}{8}$ " squares

From fabric .2

2 x $2\frac{1}{8}$ " x $2\frac{1}{8}$ " squares

From fabric .3

3 x $2\frac{1}{8}$ " x $2\frac{1}{8}$ " squares

2 x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42" strips

- **From these strips** cut 8 x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " strips. Place these in pairs, right sides together and cut a 45° triangle from one end of each of these pairs.

From fabric .4

2 x $2\frac{1}{8}$ " x $2\frac{1}{8}$ " squares

From fabric .5

4 x $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares cut in half diagonally once.

4 x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42" strip

- **From these strips** cut

4 pairs of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{7}{8}$ " strips, keeping the fabric folded cut a 45° angle off the top right corner.

2 pairs of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{4}$ " strips, keeping the fabric folded cut a 45° angle off each corner, top left and top right.

4 pairs of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ " strips, keeping the fabric folded cut a 45° angle off the top right corner

From fabric .6

1 x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " square, cut in half diagonally twice .

4 x $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares, cut in half diagonally once.

2 pairs of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $11\frac{1}{4}$ " strips, keeping the fabric folded cut a 45° angle off each corner top

left and top right.

4 pairs of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{7}{8}$ " strips, keeping the fabric folded cut a 45° angle off the top right corner.

From fabric 7

24 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Making up

For the star.

Take your strips of fabrics 1, 2 and 3 and line them up next to each other, off-setting each strip by 1" and sew them together, press open the seams as you go.

Repeat the above process this time using fabric strips 2, 3 and 4 and press open the seams.

Again repeat the process, this time using fabric strips 3, 4 and 1. Pressing open the seams as you go.

Align the 45° angle on the ruler with the straight edge of pieces strips 1, 2 and 3. Make a 45° cut. Align the $2\frac{1}{8}$ " measurement on the ruler with the newly cut angled edge and cut 8 $2\frac{1}{8}$ " segments.

Use the same method and cut 8 pieces from both of the other strips.

Take one of each of your pieces. And place them next to each other to form a diamond shape, check that the colour sequence is correct. Fabric 3 will be in the middle, and one will be at each end.

Pin and sew the segments together. Be careful to offset the diamond points to ensure perfectly matched seams. Press open the seams.

Repeat this to make 8 diamonds in total.

Next make up the triangles. Lay out all of your pieces and sew the strips together. Press. This will give you your 4 middle triangles and the 8 corners triangles.

Making up the main body

The main body of the quilt will be made up from 4 large triangular sections.

Start by taking all of your diamond shaped pieces and marking a point $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each of the corners, this is the point were you start and stop sewing

Sew your diamonds together in pairs. Leave a $\frac{1}{4}$ " gap towards the outside edge in order to make it easier to inset the triangles

Now sew in the middle triangle, sewing from one point to the other. Press as you go and then add the side triangles. Press

Repeat this to make your 4 triangular sections.

Sew the triangles together in pairs and press. Then sew the pairs together to complete the main body. Press.

Border.

Taking strips of fabrics 3 and 5, sew fabric 5 to each side of fabric 3. Press. Do this to the other strips and then cut

16 x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

4 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

These pieces go between fabric 7, around the whole border.

Lay out all of your border pieces in the following arrangement;

$7 - 1\frac{1}{2} - 7 - 1\frac{1}{2} - 7 - 2\frac{1}{2} - 7 - 1\frac{1}{2} - 7 - 1\frac{1}{2} - 7$.

Sew together pressing as you go and then add to the top and bottom. Press. Next add the

corner pieces to the other strips and sew to the sides. Press.

Using your mitred fabric pieces of fabrics 5 and 3, make all four corner pieces. Start by joining your bits of fabric together in groups of three and then join these together to form squares. Press

Sandwich together the top layer, wadding and backing.

Machine or hand quilt as desired.

Make up binding using your remaining pieces of fabric 5 and then attach this to the quilt.

