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# CHRISTMAS QUILT

Approximate size 26 3/8" x 26 3/8" (67 x 67 cm)

## Sewing Supplies

- Sewing and Embroidery Machine
- 1.8 m x 140cm wide (2 yd x 55" wide) Silver metallic (lame') fabric for squares, border and backing
- 0.4m x 140 cm wide (16" x 55") green silk fabric for binding and inner frame strips.
- 0.75m x 140cm wide (30" x 55") thin cotton quilt batting
- 2m Lightweight fusible interfacing for silver metallic fabric (optional)
- Tear away stabilizer
- Embroidery thread
- Bobbin thread
- Invisible thread (optional)
- Sewing thread to match silver metallic fabric and green silk fabric
- Chalk marker
- Rotary Cutter
- Ruler 6" x 24"
- Cutting Mat
- Quilting needle size 75
- Embroidery needle
- 1/2" bias tape maker
- Pins
- Safety Pins



## Accessories

- Embroidery Designs
- Embroidery Foot
- 120 x 120 Hoop
- Endless Hoop (optional)
- 1/4" Foot
- Narrow Edge Foot
- Free Motion Foot

## Cutting Instructions:

1/4" (6mm) seam allowance included in all measurements.

Optional: You may wish to back the silver metallic fabric (lame') for the blocks and borders with lightweight fusible interfacing to prevent excessive fraying.

From Silver metallic fabric backed with lightweight fusible interfacing (optional) cut:

- 9pcs - 8" squares for blocks.
- 4 strips - 8" x 33" (20 cm x 85 cm) for borders.

From Silver metallic fabric (without fusible interfacing) cut:

- 32" square (80 cm) for backing

From Green silk fabric cut:

- 4 strips 1 1/4" x 17" (3 cm x 45 cm) for horizontal and vertical block frame strips.
- 2 strips 1-1/4" x 55" (3cm x 140 cm) for border frame strips.
- 3 strips 3" x 140cm (7.5 cm x 55") for quilt binding

From Batting cut:

- 1 pcs 30 x 30" square (75 x 75 cm)

## Embroider quilt blocks:

Mark the middle of all squares with the chalk marker. Center the fabric with stabilizer in your 120 x 120 mm hoop. Embroider a star in 5 of the squares foll

Embroider the remaining four squares using different Christmas embroideries. Carefully remove the stabilizer.

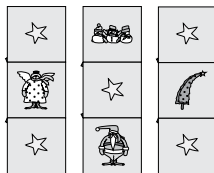
Using a rotary cutter and a ruler, keep the embroidery centred and trim the embroidered squares to 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" (14 x 14 cm).

## Sewing:

Rethread your sewing machine with sewing thread to match the silver metallic fabric on top and in the bobbin. Select a straight stitch, stitch length 2.5. Attach 1/4" Foot.

Pin and stitch a Star square to the top of an embroidered square.

Let the guide ride along the fabric edge for a 1/4" (6mm) seam allowance. Press seam allowance to one side. Sew another star square to the bottom of the embroidered square. Press seam allowance to the opposite side of the square. For the second row sew a star square between two embroidered squares.



For the third row sew an embroidered square between two star squares.

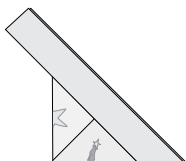
Pin the rows right sides together and sew them into one large quilt top. Match the seams carefully and press the seam allowances to one side.

## Sewing borders to quilt top:

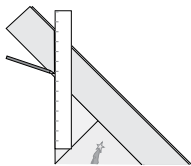
Mark centre of quilt top, bottom and both sides. Mark the centre of each border strip. Pin the long border strips to the sides, top and bottom of the quilt top with right sides together and matching centre markings. Sew border strips to quilt top stopping and starting  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from corners. Press seams toward border strip.

## To mitre border corners:

From wrong side fold quilt in half diagonally.



Place side border to top/bottom border matching inner border seams. Pin in place. Line a ruler up with the diagonal fold of the quilt and draw a line from the border seam to the outside edge of the border.

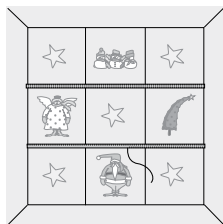


Sew from the beginning of the marked line, backstitch, and continue to sew on line to the outer edge.

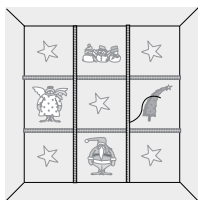
Unfold to make sure quilt is lying flat – if not, correct the stitching line. Trim seam to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press open.

## Sew the frame strips to the quilt top:

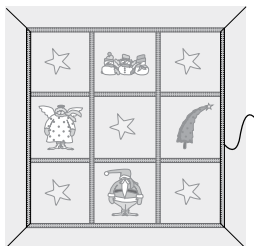
Use a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " bias tape maker to create the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " green silk strips for the blockframes. Follow the instructions included with your bias tape maker. To frame the blocks pin one of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " green silk strips centred over the horizontal seams on the quilt blocks. Rethread your sewing machine with green sewing thread and attach the narrow edge foot. Choose an appliqué stitch and sew the strips in place making sure you don't stitch past the block seams.



Repeat on the vertical seams of each row.



Join the 2 longer 1-1/4" x 55" strips together and use the 1/2" bias tape maker to create a continuous 1/2" frame strip. Fold under one end at a 45 degree angle and centre over the seam between the border and quilt top. Pin in place around the quilt top mitring the corners. To mitre the corner, stop 1/4" past the corner and fold the 1/2" frame strip back on itself. Fold down and over the next seam section creating a 45 degree mitred angle. Continue around the quilt until you get to the starting strip. Fold the end strip under at a 45 degree angle and match to the starting strip. Sew around all seams using an appliqué stitch

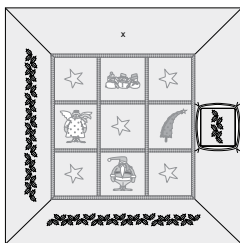


## EMBROIDER OUTER BORDERS

Attach the embroidery unit. Thread your embroidery machine with embroidery thread on top and matching sewing thread to the backing in the bobbin or use invisible thread in the bobbin. Insert an embroidery needle and attach the embroidery foot.

Mark 2-1/2" out from the seam and draw a line lengthwise on all 4 borders. Mark the centre lengthwise on all 4 borders. This marks the starting position for the border design.

Centering the starting position, hoop all layers of the border. Embroider the design. Embroider 2 more repeats on either side of the centre embroidered design for a total of 5 repeats. Repeat for all border sides. Don't forget to use the positioning feature so the embroideries look endless or use an Endless Hoop.



See your manual for detailed instructions for using the Positioning feature.

## Quilting

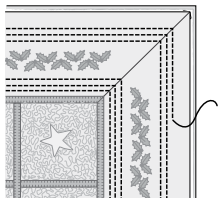
Place backing fabric on a flat surface, right side down. Centre the batting on top of the backing. Lay the quilt top right side up on top of the batting. Baste with safety pins approx every 4" (10cm) all over the quilt, making sure that all layers are flat.

Start from the centre and work your way out to the edges.

Re-thread with thread to match silver metallic fabric on top and bobbin. Set your sewing machine for free motion. Attach a Free Motion Foot. Select straight stitch and stipple quilt around the embroideries on the silver squares. For even stitches move the fabric in a smooth, even motion. Remove the safety pins as you come to them.

Quilt the borders with channel quilting. Sew three rows of straight stitch on each side of the embroidered design. Use a rotary cutter and ruler and trim the outer borders, batting and backing to 5" (12.5 cm) width. Set your sewing machine to a 3 step zigzag with a stitch width of 4.5mm. Sew around all the outside edges of the border.

## QUILT BINDING

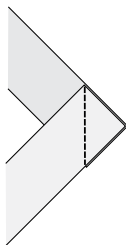


Thread machine top and bobbin with green thread to match green silk fabric. Join the 3" (7.5cm) wide strips of green silk together with mitered corners to make one long strip for binding.

Trim to 1/4" seam allowance and press open. Fold strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press.

Starting on wrong side of quilt, sew raw edge of binding to raw edge of quilt with 3/8" (1cm) seam allowance. Sew around all sides mitering each corner.

## To miter corners of quilt binding:



Sew to within 3/8" (1cm) of corner. Remove from machine.

Fold fabric up and back down at corner forming 45 degree angle. Start sewing the next seam 3/8" (1cm) from folded corner and sew to next corner stopping 3/8" (1cm) from corner.



Repeat for all corners.

Press binding to right side of quilt.

Attach a Narrow edge Foot and edge stitch along fold of binding. Optional: Stitch using an Applique Stitch to match stitching on quilt frame strips.

