

Christmas Mystery Quilt – Step for September (step #1)

You will need 4 fabrics; I would recommend a green, red and two creams. What is important is that you have all three with good contrast and one of the colors has a companion fabric which blends with it.

For the purposes of these instructions I will assume one green, one red, a TOT (tone on tone) cream and figured cream.

The finished quilt is approximately 60 x 60.

Fabric requirements:

Green – 3 1/4 yard
Red – 1 yard
Figured cream* – 1 1/4 yard
TOT cream – 1/2 yard

Binding fabric – 1/4 yard

Cutting instructions

Green fabric:

Cut 14 6 1/2 inch strips Width of Fabric (WOF) of the green fabric. From these strips cut 64 6 1/2 by 6 1/2 inch squares and 36 6 1/2 by 4 1/2 rectangles. Set 24 of the 6 1/2 by 6 1/2 squares and 16 6 1/2 by 4 1/2 rectangles aside for step 3.

Red fabric:

Cut 7 2 1/2 inch strips WOF of the red fabric. Sub cut into 104 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inch squares. Mark a line on one diagonal.

Figured cream fabric:

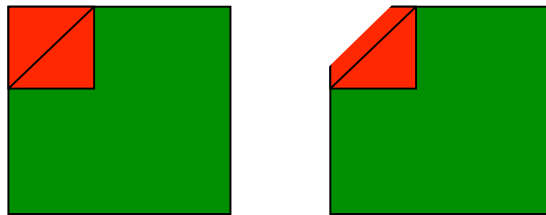
Cut 8 3 1/2 inch strips WOF of the figured cream fabric. Sub cut into 96 3 1/2 inch squares. Mark a line on one diagonal.

Note the TOT fabric is used in future step.

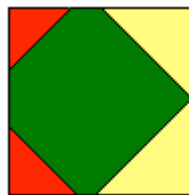
Assembly:

Make 40 off center snowball blocks.

Block assembly – Take one 6 1/2 inch square and sew on one red square by stitching on the line as shown and cut away the corner and iron back the triangle..



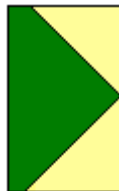
Sew another red square on an adjacent corner. On the remaining two corners sew a figured cream in the same manner, so that your block looks like this.



Next, make 12 red and green rectangles.



Additionally, make 8 figured cream and green rectangles.



End of Step 1.

You now have half of the blocks completed.

* Figured cream – a fabric that reads cream at a distance but has designs on it.