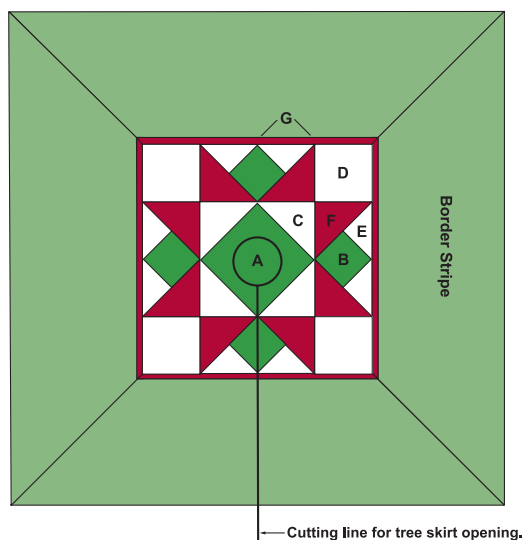


### C. Binding:

- For the table topper:
  - Join five binding strips with diagonal seams. Press seams open.
  - Attach binding to the quilt using your favorite method.
- For the tree skirt:
  - After the quilting has been completed and the edges are trimmed, draw a circle the desired size in the center of A. [Tip: Live trees require larger circle openings than artificial trees.] Then draw a line from the mid-point of one side of the quilt to the circle (see Quilt Diagram below). Cut on the line to open one side of the quilt and remove the circle.
  - Join six 2½" x 42" straight grain binding strips with diagonal seams. Press seams open.
  - Attach binding to tree skirt, beginning at one corner of the circle and proceeding down the straight cut edge. Continue around the quilt until the other corner of the circle is reached. Cut the ends of binding even with the two corners of the circle.
  - Join the 2½" bias binding strips with diagonal seams to equal 65". Press seams open.
  - Mark the center of the length of the bias binding strip and the center point of the circle (midway between the two corners of the circle). Match the centers. Estimate where you should start sewing the binding, beginning at one corner of the circle, so that you will leave ties at each end of the circle after the binding has been attached. Sew binding to circle from corner to corner.
  - After the binding is attached to the circle, cut the ties to the desired length. Fold the long edges of the ties in thirds and stitch closed, folding the short ends in as you stitch.



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# Peppermint Christmas

By Ingrid®



Quilt by Laura Blanchard.

Finished size of quilt: 41½" x 41½"



Fabric from the "Peppermint Christmas" collection by Ingrid® for Red Rooster Fabrics.

## FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Pattern #15994 – GRE1..... $\frac{3}{8}$  yard  
 15997 – BE11 ..... $\frac{1}{2}$  yard, plus additional  $1\frac{3}{8}$  yards for quilt backing  
 15999 – RED1..... $1\frac{1}{4}$  yards (plus additional  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard if making tree skirt)  
 16000 – MUL1..... $1\frac{3}{4}$  yards  
 Batting..... $49\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $49\frac{1}{2}$ "

## CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

*Cut fabrics in order given.*

### A. Pattern #15994 – GRE1 (tossed Santa print):

1. Cut one  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " square (A).
2. Fussy cut four 4" squares, centering a different Santa on each square (B).

### B. Pattern #15997 – BE11 (tossed present print):

1. Cut one  $6\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $42$ " strip. Crosscut into two  $6\frac{1}{4}$ " squares. Cut each square in half twice on the diagonal (E).
2. Cut one  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $42$ " strip. Crosscut into seven  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Cut one additional  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square from the remainder of the  $6\frac{1}{4}$ " strip from above. Label four squares C and four squares D.

### C. Pattern #15999 – RED1 (red texture):

1. Cut one  $5\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $42$ " strip. Crosscut into four  $5\frac{7}{8}$ " squares. Crosscut each square in half once on the diagonal (F).
2. Cut four  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $42$ " strips for inner border (G).
3. Cut three  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $42$ " strips to add to the width of the backing fabric.
4. Cut five  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $42$ " strips for binding.
5. If making the tree skirt, cut the following:
  - a. In addition to the five  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $42$ " strips for binding above, cut one more  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $42$ " binding strip.
  - b. From the remaining fabric, cut as many  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " bias strips as needed to equal 65" for binding the circle opening and ties.

### D. Pattern #16000 – MUL1 (border stripe):

1. Cut four identical  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $42$ " strips for the outer border (refer to photo).

## PIECING INSTRUCTIONS

### A. The Star Unit:

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each C square.
2. Position one C square right sides together with the A square as shown in Figure 1. Stitch on the line. Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the stitching line. Press toward C. Repeat on the three remaining corners of the A square to construct a square-in-a-square unit (Figure 2).

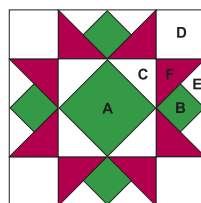


Figure 1



Figure 2

Make one.



Finished size: 20" square.

3. Sew one E triangle to a B square, corners even (Figure 3). Press toward E. [Tip: Position the B square so that Santa will face the outside edge of the quilt.]
4. Sew another E triangle to E/B as shown in Figure 4. Press toward E. Repeat to make four E/B/E units.



Figure 3



Figure 4

Make four.

5. Sew an F triangle to one side of the E/B/E unit (Figure 5). Press toward F. Next sew another F triangle to the other side of the unit. Press toward F. Repeat to complete four star point units as shown in Figure 6.



Figure 5



Figure 6

Make four.

6. Arrange the square-in-a-square unit and the four star point units with four D squares as shown in Figure 7. Sew units together to complete the star unit. Press in direction of arrows.

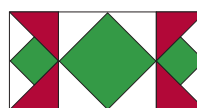


Figure 7

Make one star unit.



### B. The Mitred Border Unit:

1. Sew a G strip to the "Ho Ho Ho" side of one border strip. Press toward G. Repeat to make four border units.
2. With a pencil, mark the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " intersections on each corner of the wrong side of the star unit.
3. Find the mid-point of each of side of the star unit.
4. Find the mid-point of each of the border strip units.
5. Match the mid-point of G of one border unit to the mid-point of one side of the star unit. Pin the strip to the star unit, with the star unit on top.
6. Begin stitching at the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " intersection, back tack and sew the entire seam, stopping at the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " intersection at the end of the seam-line. Back tack. Press toward the border unit. [Tip: Don't sew into the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " intersection markings. Start and stop just short of the markings to avoid thread buildup.] Repeat to attach the three remaining borders.
7. Complete the mitred seams on each corner. Trim excess and press.

## FINISHING

### A. Backing:

1. Trim the selvages from the edges of the backing fabric.
2. Sew the three  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $42$ " red texture strips together, end to end. Press seams open. Cut into two  $49\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths.
3. Sew the red strips to each long side of the backing fabric. Press the seams open. The backing should measure approximately  $49\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $49\frac{1}{2}$ ".

### B. Quilting:

1. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing.
2. Baste layers together.
3. Quilt as desired.
4. Trim the layers even with the quilt top.

