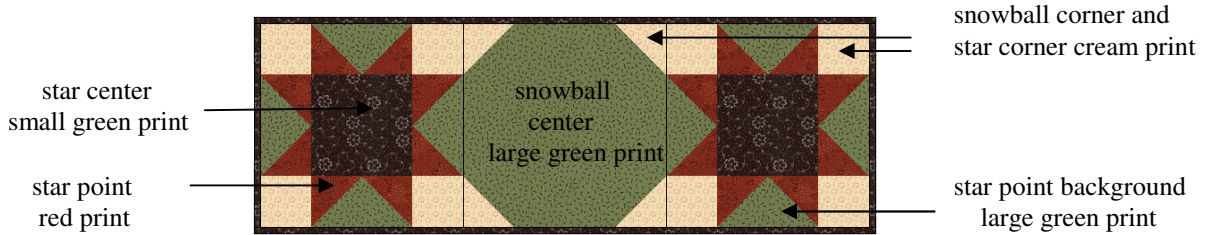


# Dueling Stars Table Runner

## A quilt-as-you-go project



Make the cuts for each fabric as noted below.

### Crib size batting cut to 50" x 22"

### 1 3/8 backing/snowball center/star point background

cut backing fabric in half along fold line . Set 1/2 aside to use for backing.

From other 1/2 cut:

snowball center

cut one 15 1/2" square.

star point background

cut four strips 4 1/4" x 22"

subcut eight – 4 1/4" x 8" rectangles

### fat quarter for snowball corners and star corners

snowball corners

cut one strip 4 1/4" x 18"

subcut four – 4 1/4" squares

star corners

cut two strips 4 1/4" x 18"

Subcut eight – 4 1/4" squares

### fat quarter for the star center

cut one 8" x 18" strip

subcut two 8" squares

### fat quarter for star points

cut four strips 4 1/4" x 18"

subcut sixteen 4 1/4" squares

### 1/4 yard binding

cut four – 2 1/4" x 42" strips

This is a quilt-as-you-go project. You will be working from the center outward. Use thread that matches your backing fabric. Seams are 1/4".

A walking foot must be used to keep the layers of your project flat.

### Batting and Backing:

With wrong side facing up, place backing fabric on a flat surface. Fold and press batting in half widthwise. Open. Fold and press batting in half lengthwise. Open. Place batting on top of backing making sure backing fabric remains smooth underneath. Pin to secure layers leaving center free of pins. (As you work from the center outwards, remove pins that are in the sewing path or that would be covered up.)

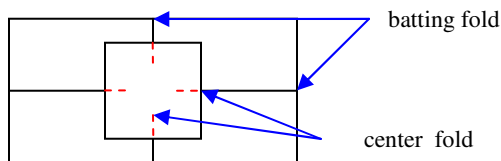
### Snowball Center/Snowball Corners:



With right sides together, fold a 4 1/4" snowball corner in half on the diagonal. Pin triangle to a corner of snowball center matching raw edges. Repeat with remaining corners. Baste 1/8" away from raw edges.

Quilt each triangle approximately 1/2" from folded edge (the distance from the machine needle to the outer edge of the walking foot). Shown by dash line.

Fold snowball center in half. Press outer edge of fabric on the fold. Open. Fold in half the other direction. Press outer edge of fold. Open. Match pressed edges of snowball center with press marks on batting (see below). Pin through all layers being careful to remove any pins that might be hidden underneath.



Quilt snowball center by hand or by machine. For this fabric, the flower stems were quilted by machine. Set aside.

### Star Point Units:

With right sides together, fold a star point square in half on the diagonal. Pin folded triangle to a corner of a star point background matching raw edges. Pin a second folded star point triangle to opposite side (Diagram 1). Baste to hold in place. Repeat with remaining star point backgrounds making eight star point units. Quilt each triangle approximately 1/2" from the folded edge. Set four aside.



Diagram 1 – star point unit

**Star Point/Corner Units:**

Sew a star corner to each side of a star point unit creating a *star point/corner unit* (Diagram 2). Press seams toward corners being careful not to press the triangle folds flat. Repeat to make three more star point/corner units. Set two aside.



Diagram 2 - star point/corner unit

Sew a star point/corner unit to each side of the snowball center. *Note direction of the star points* (Diagram 3). Press seams away from center.



Diagram 3

Sew a star point unit to a star center, matching seams. *Note direction of the star points*. Sew another star point unit on opposite side (Diagram 4). Press seams toward star center. Make two like this. Add one to each side of table runner (Diagram 5).

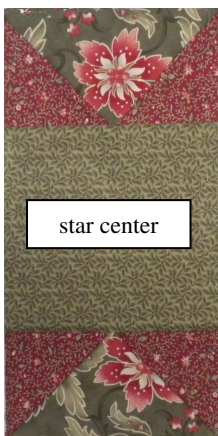


Diagram 4



Diagram 5



Add star point/corner units (that you put aside earlier) to each side completing the top of the table runner (see Diagram 6).

Press seam to star point/corner units.

Pin outer edges to hold in place.



### Quilting:

When assembling the table runner, the vertical seams between the star center and the star points were quilted. To finish the star block, quilt in the ditch horizontally between the star center and the star points (Diagram 6).

Quilt star centers using free motion quilting or use the poinsettia outline on the last page and quilt by hand or machine.



quilt in  
the ditch

quilt star  
center

Diagram 6

Trim batting  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from table runner outer edges.



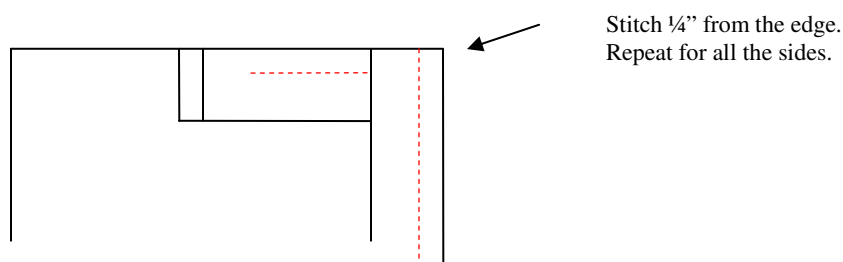
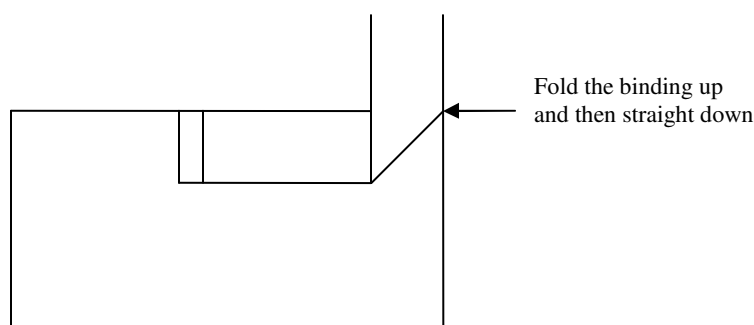
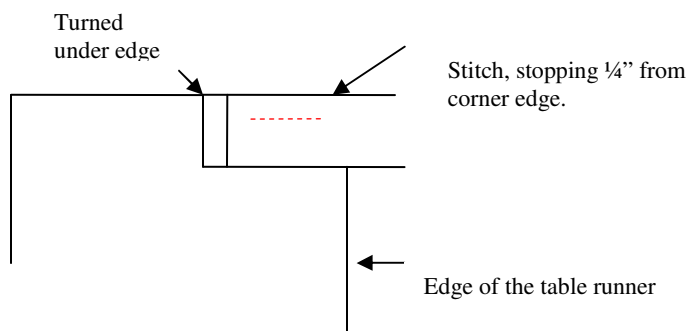
## Binding:

Miter strips together as shown below. Trim seams. Press seams open.



With wrong sides together, press binding strip in half. Press one short end  $\frac{1}{4}$ " under.

Referring to the diagrams below, align raw edges of binding to raw edges of table runner. Start sewing about an inch from pressed under edge. Miter corners as shown below. As you get close to where you began sewing the binding on, cut binding strip leaving enough length to tuck into the opening. Finish sewing binding on.



Bring binding to back of table runner and slipstitch in place.

The center of the table runner is ideal for a centerpiece and the star centers are perfect for a pair of candles.

Use other seasonal fabrics to create more Dueling Stars Table Runners for every occasion!

