

Pocketfuls of Christmas

Candy, Candle or Pedestal Cake Stand Mat

Fill pockets with candy canes, spoons, napkins, or sprigs of berries

Color #1 Red Flower Fabric – 3/8 yard

*Triangles - cut one strip 8" wide x w.o.f **

Outer Border - cut two strips 2" wide x w.o.f.

subcut one 2" x 11" piece from each strip

subcut one 2" x 7 1/2" piece from each strip

Color #2 Cream Fabric - 1/4 yard

Cut one strip 8" x w.o.f. (center triangles)

Color #3 Red Fabric – 1/8 yd

Cut two 1 1/4" x w.o.f. (folded border)

subcut eight - 1 1/4" x 7"

Cream Print Backing Fabric – Fat 5/8 yard

Cut one 19" square (backing)

Thermolam Plus Fusible Batting – fat 5/8 yd

Cut one 19" square

*width of fabric



Make fabric cuts as shown above.

Cutting the triangles:

Color #1 – Keep strip folded. Place the 8" strip on a cutting mat horizontally with selvages on left so that it measures 8" x 22". See diagram 1.

Place the *Quilt in a Day* triangle ruler (or plastic template) on fabric strip to right of selvages so that tip of ruler is at top of fabric and 8" mark on ruler rests at bottom edge. See Diagram 1.

With rotary cutter, cut fabric along right side of ruler, then to left of ruler turning mat if desired. Flip ruler (tip facing down). Align edge of ruler with cut edge of fabric. The tip should be at bottom edge of fabric now and 8" mark at top. Cut fabric on right side of ruler. Flip ruler face up and continue until you have cut four triangles giving you a total of 8 triangles since fabric was doubled. Set aside.



Color #2 – Repeat above cutting directions to make 8 cream triangles.

Layering the triangles:

Color #2 – On ironing board, lay a cream triangle wrong side facing up. Bring tip of triangle down to meet bottom edge. The fold created at the top should be straight and there should be an equal amount of wrong side fabric showing on each side. See diagram 2. Press carefully so as to not stretch bias edges. Repeat the above until you have 8 folded triangles.

Transfer folded triangles to a cutting mat. With ruler and rotary cutter, cut excess fabric from each side creating a middle doubled triangle. See diagram 3.

With right side facing out and tip of triangle facing down, layer a color #2 folded triangle on top of a color #1 flat triangle, matching the sides and the tip. See diagram 4. Baste to hold the layered pieces together. Repeat to make 8 layered triangles.

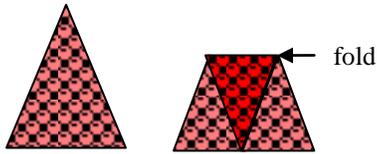


Diagram 2

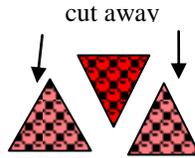


Diagram 3

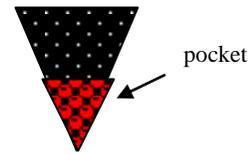


Diagram 4

Sewing the triangles together: All seams are 1/4"

With right sides together, sew triangles into pairs. Hint: Baste seams first to make sure folded triangle seams line up. Carefully, so as to not stretch the bias edges, press triangle seams *open*. Sew pairs together, matching seams. Press seams *open*. Pin halves together, matching seams. There will be a lot of fabric in the center. Slowly sew halves together. Press seam *open*.

Attaching the folded border:

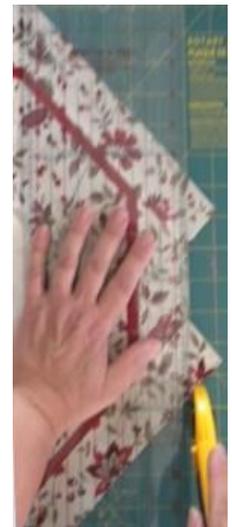
With wrong sides together, fold and press lengthwise the 1 1/4" color #3 strips. Center and then baste raw edges of folded strip to bottom of every other triangle (the fold will face towards the center). Trim excess. Sew remaining strips to remaining triangles. Trim excess.

Sewing the outer border:

With right sides together, center a 2" x 7 1/2" color #1 border strip to bottom of a triangle. Sew. Lift border strip fabric up and press open. Trim away excess fabric using ruler and rotary cutter. Repeat with every other triangle.

Sew the 2" x 11" color #1 border strips to remaining triangles. Trim away excess. →

On wrong side, press completed mat so that all seams lay nice and flat. To make the center flatter, place small pieces of batting in center of mat. Place mat on carpet. Gently pound center with a hammer.



Sandwiching the backing, batting, and mat together:

Fuse batting to wrong side of backing fabric. Right sides together, center mat onto backing fabric. Pin to hold all layers in place. Using a walking foot, sew 1/4" around outer edges leaving a 4" opening. Trim excess backing and batting. Turn right side out. Using a blunt tool, carefully poke out corners. Press. Slipstitch opening closed. Quilt 1/4" from outer edge. Quilt 1/4" from folded border towards the center. Quilt 1/4" from folded triangles to the folded border. Or, quilt in the ditch from center of mat to folded border. Do not quilt on top of folded triangles.

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Trace triangle onto template
plastic or
use *Quilt in a Day* Triangle Ruler

