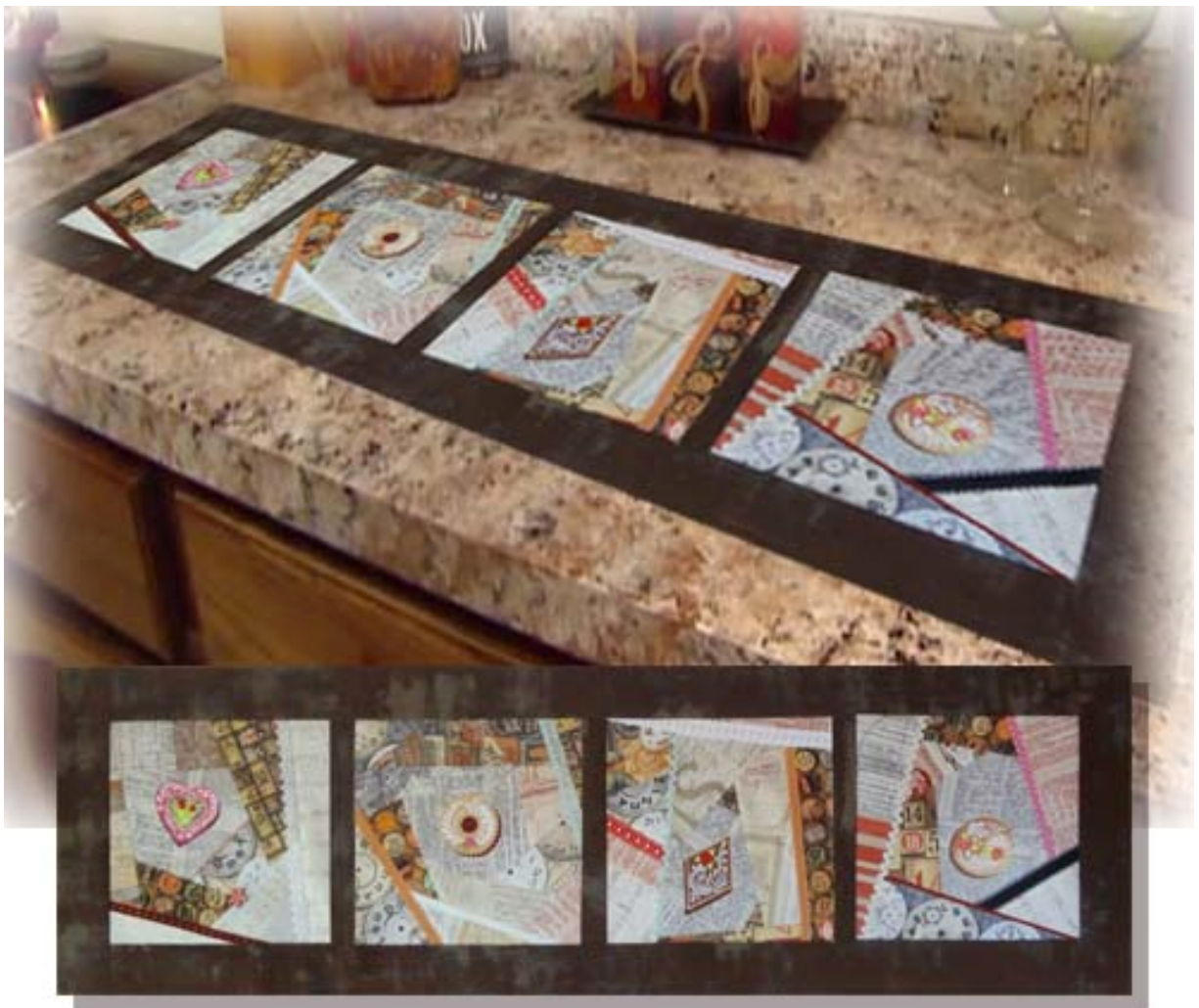


# Cookie Crush Table Runner



*Turning four little cookies into a whimsical  
14" x 44" topper is easy and fun to do with  
some crazy quilt inspiration!*

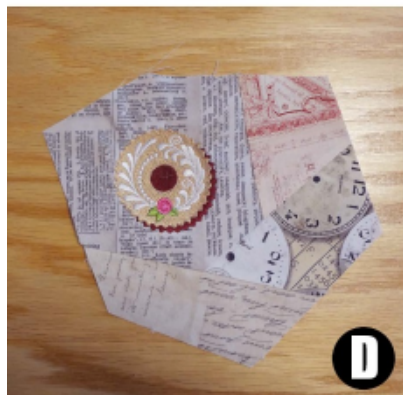
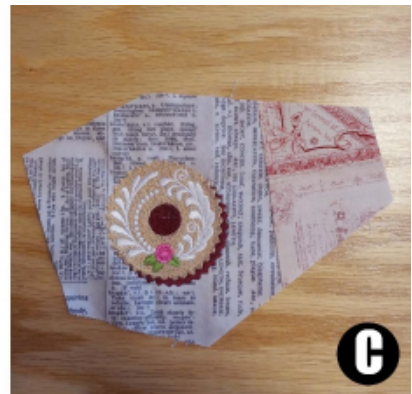
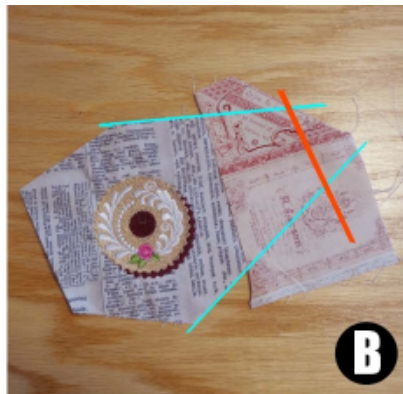


## Supplies:

- Four cookie crush designs; either the four free ones, or four of the same type within a set—we used the “Fancy Frosted” collection for our table runner
- Scraps! This is a great scrap busting project! Any type of fabric, or color is acceptable—and the more, the merrier certainly applies here
- Ribbons, buttons, crystals and other embellishments
- Border fabric
- Batting, backing, and binding if desired.

### 1. Get a little crazy.

Cut a cookie into a five sided shape. There are no rules! Just don't cut any closer than 1-1/4" away from your cookie on all sides to allow for seam allowances. (Photo A.) Gather your scraps! Again, there are no rules—pick colors you like, whatever you have in your stash, batiks, novelties, calicoes are all fair game. Pick any side of your cookie, and using 1/4" seam, sew a random scrap onto the edge as shown in Photo B—make sure there is excess fabric as shown. Press seams either toward the dark side, or just keep pressing them facing out as you stitch along. Now make three cuts—first, even the sides of the scrap up with the cookie as shown by the blue lines. Then even off the unattached end of the scrap as shown by the red line. There are no rules for the angle that you cut—just make it a straight line. Your piece will look as in Photo C. Continue this process working clockwise around the cookie. (Photo D.) For quick progress, use larger scraps; for more detail, use smaller ones. Just try to use pieces 3/4" or larger to allow for seams.



Once you've gone all the way around your cookie once, put a ruler on the piece. (Photo E.) The finished block size will be 9-1/2" x 9-1/2." Start planning to now fill in the corners—you can see that our piece needed one more scrap in the upper left and right corners, and a couple of pieces in the lower left. Fill them in, leaving a generous amount of excess—when a 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" area is filled in, use your ruler to trim the block. If you trim off large pieces, remember, you can sew them to the next block! Continue along until you have all four blocks complete.

## 2. Add ribbons

We are fortunate to have quite a few ribbons in the studio! Check around your house and see what you have. Ribbons add a lot of interest and if you can't come up with anything, we'd recommend going out



and buying at least one fabulous spool to add to your piece—pick a color that coordinates with everything—or one bright accent would be a wonderful choice as well.

When stitching on your ribbons, snug them up to the ditch side of the seam and stitch along both sides of the ribbon in a matching thread to secure them. Ric-rac is designed to be stitched once straight through the middle. Plan so that the ends of the ribbons fall off the edges or under other ribbons; then there is no need to turn the ends under. Study our detail photos on the previous page to see what we came up with.

How many different decorative stitches does your sewing machine have? And how many have you used? If you are like most, you haven't fully explored the potential of our modern, computerized sewing machines. Take the opportunity to find out what you have—test on a scrap piece of fabric, then add your favorite stitches to some of the seams in colorful embroidery thread.

### **3. Add borders**

Once your four blocks are embellished, cut three 1-1/2" x 9-1/2" strips. Arrange the blocks in the way you like best, and sew them together with the strips in between. Then cut two 2-1/2" strips the same length of your piece and sew them to the top and bottom; cut two 2-1/2" strips the height of your piece and sew one to each end.

### **4. Finish as desired**

You can finish this piece easily by just rolling a little hem on each side—or finish it royally with batting and backing, all quilted in the ditch. The choice is yours. And finally, don't miss the opportunity to stitch on more buttons, yoyos, appliques, crystal or just about anything else you can dream up to finish the look of your crazy cookie quilt.

*Congratulations! We hope you enjoyed learning a new technique at the same time as you created a very vintage look! Look for more "Cookie Crush" finished projects coming soon, and be sure to post pictures of your creation for all to admire at our social media platforms listed and the link below.*

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