It's Christmas Time

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Dressed up for Christmas Quilt

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Quilt size: 57" x 67"
Skill Level: Beginner

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It's Christmas Time - Fabrics in the Collection

3466-66 Trees
Greens

3467-66 Bias Plaid
Green

3468-88 Poinsettias
Red

3469-90 Birch
Trees - Gray

3470-88 Sleds
Red

3471-90 Winter
Scenic - Gray

3472-88 Plaid
Reindeer - Red

3473-90 Snowdrop
Texture - Gray

3465-90 Christmas Blocks - Gray

3474P-90 Christmas Stocking Panel 36" - Gray

Selected fabric from the
Starlet Collection

6383
White

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Materials
Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

Two 3465-90 Christmas Blocks - Gray panels
¼ yard 3466-66 Trees - Green
¼ yard 3468-88 Poinsettias - Red
⅓ yard 3469-90 Birch Trees - Gray
½ yard 3472-88 Plaid Reindeer - Red
⅝ yard 3470-88 Sleds - Red
⅞ yard 3467-66 Bias Plaid - Green
1 yard 3471-90 Winter Scenic - Gray
1¼ yards 6383 Starlet - White
3¾ yards 3472-88 Plaid Reindeer - Red
  for backing
65" x 75" piece of Air Lite® Colour Me 100%
  Cotton batting

Cut Fabrics
Note: All strips are cut across the width of the fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage unless otherwise indicated.

From 3465-90 Christmas Blocks - Gray panels:
*Trim panels into (10) 9½" squares.

From 3466-66 Trees - Green, cut:
*(1) 5" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (3) 5" squares.

From 3468-88 Poinsettias - Red, cut:
*(2) 2¾" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (16) 2¾" squares.

From 3469-90 Birch Trees - Gray, cut:
*(6) 1½" x WOF strips for border 2.

From 3472-88 Plaid Reindeer - Red, cut:
*(5) 3" x WOF strips.

From 3470-88 Sleds - Red, cut:
*(3) 5½" x WOF strips.

From 3467-66 Bias Plaid - Green, cut:
*(1) 2¾" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (15) 2¾" squares.
*(1) 5" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 5" squares and (9) 2¾" squares (for a total of 24).
*(7) 2½" x WOF strips for binding.

From 3471-90 Winter Scenic - Gray, cut:
*(7) 4½" x WOF strips for border 3.

From 6383 Starlet - White, cut:
*(3) 2¾" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (40) 2¾" squares.
*(2) 5" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (20) 2¾" x 5" rectangles.
*(9) 1½" x WOF strips for sashing.
*(6) 1½" x WOF strips for border 1.

Assemble Blocks
Notes: Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated. If no direction is specified, press the seam toward the darker fabric.

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of (12) 2¾" 6383 Starlet - White squares. With right sides together, place one marked White square on a corner of one 5" 3466-66 Trees - Green square and stitch on the drawn line. Repeat with the opposite corner of the same square. Trim the seam allowances to ¼" and press open. Repeat with the other corners of the square. Make (3) 5" units.

    - Repeat this step with (8) 2¾" Starlet
    - White squares and (2) 5" 3467-66 Bias Plaid - Green squares to make (2) 5" units (*figure 1*).
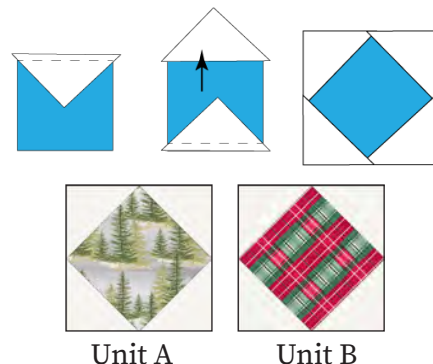

Unit A   Unit B
Figure 1 – Make 5 assorted 5" units.

2. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 2¾" 3467-66 Bias Plaid - Green squares. Noting the line orientation and with right sides together, layer a marked Green square on the left short end of a 2¾" x 5" Starlet - White rectangle and stitch on the drawn line. Trim 1/4" away from the seam line and press open. Similarly, stitch another Green square to the opposite end of the same rectangle. Repeat to make (12) 2¾" x 5" flying-geese units.

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- Repeat this step with the 2¾" 3468-88 Poinsettias - Red squares and the remaining 2¾" x 5" Starlet - White rectangles to make (8) 2¾" x 5" flying-geese units (*figure 2*).
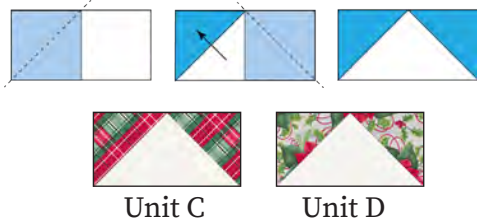
Unit C   Unit D

Figure 2 – Make 20 assorted 2¾" x 5" units.

3. Noting fabric orientation, sew a Step 2 unit C to opposite sides of a Step 1 unit A to make center rows. Press the seams toward the center. Repeat to make 3 rows. Sew a 2¾" Starlet - White square to opposite sides of the remainder of the Step 3 units A to make 6 rows. Press the seams away from the center. Sew one row to the top and one to the bottom of the center rows to complete (3) 9½" blocks (*figure 3*). Press the seams open.
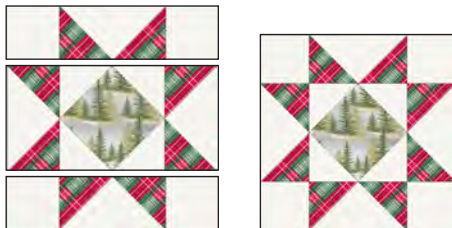
Figure 3 – Make (3) 9½" blocks.

4. Repeat Step 3 with the remaining 2¾" Starlet - White squares, the Step 1 units B, and the Step 2 units D to make (2) 9½" blocks (*figure 4*).

Figure 4 – Make (2) 9½" blocks.

Assemble Quilt Top

5. Sew the 5 star blocks together in a row, alternating them as shown in the quilt photo. Press the seams open.

6. Sew the 1½" 6383 Starlet - White strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Measure the length of the star row and trim 8 sashing strips that length. Sew one strip to the top and one to the bottom of the star row. Press the seams away from the center. Set aside the remaining strips.

7. Gather the (10) 9½" 3465-90 Christmas - Gray panel squares. Sew them into 2 strips of 5 squares each, press the seams in one direction, and sew one strip to the top and one to the bottom of the star row. Press as before.

8. Sew a Step 6 White sashing strip to the top and one to the bottom of the quilt. Press.

9. Sew the (5) 3" 3472-88 Plaid Reindeer - Red strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Cut 4 strips the same length as the White strips, and sew one strip to the top and one to the bottom of the quilt center. Press. Set aside the 2 remaining strips for the moment.

10. Repeat Step 8.

11. Sew the (3) 5-1/2" 3470-88 Sleds - Red strips together as before. Cut two strips the length of the White sashing strips and sew one to the top and one to the bottom of the quilt center. Press.

12. Repeat Step 8.

13. Sew a Step 9 strip to the top and one to the bottom of the quilt center and press.

14. For border 1, sew (6) 1½" Starlet - White border strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Measure the vertical length of the quilt top through the center and cut two border strips that length. Sew one strip to each side of the quilt top. Measure the width of the quilt top through the center. Cut two border strips that length and sew one to the top and one to the bottom. Press the seams toward the borders.

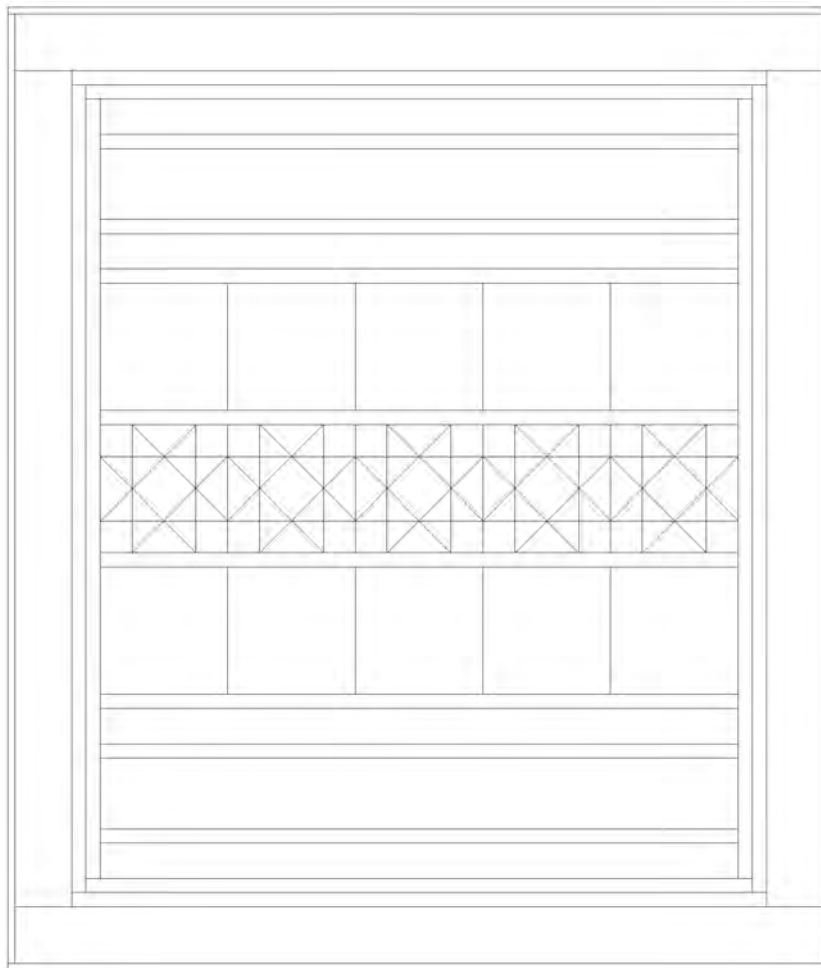# Dressed up for Christmas Quilt

15. Repeat Step 14 with the (6) 1½" 3469-90 Birch Trees - Gray strips to make and add border 2.

16. Repeat Step 14 with the (7) 4½" 3471-90 Winter Scenic - Gray strips to make and add border 3. Note the direction of the print as you add the border strips.

Finishing

17. Create a sandwich with the batting between the quilt top and the backing. Pin or baste layers together, mark the quilting design, and quilt by hand or machine.

When quilting is complete, remove pins or basting, and trim batting and backing even with the raw edges of the quilt top.

18. Join the (7) 2½" 3467-66 Bias Plaid - Green strips together end to end using a diagonal seam to make one long strip. Fold in half lengthwise with wrong sides together, and press. Sew binding to the edges of the quilt, mitering corners, and overlapping ends. Fold the binding to the back of the quilt and stitch it in place by hand to finish.

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