

Friendship Braid Table Runner – Makes 2!

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Finished size 15 x 42"

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Required material for 2 runners:

2 ½" strips cut WOF (also known as jelly roll strips): 12 assorted light or medium strips and 4 assorted dark strips

½ yard outer border

½ yard binding

1 ¼ yards backing

Batting or fleece – 2 pieces measuring 17 x 45"

Cutting Directions:

Take 1 of the light strips and sub-cut to 8@2 ½" squares

Take 1 of the medium strips and sub-cut to 4@2 ½" squares

Take 4 dark strips and sub-cut to 2 ½" squares, for a total of 26 squares

Take the remaining light/medium strips and sub-cut to 40@10x2 ½" strips.

Borders: cut 6 (3 for each runner) strips at 2 ½" WOF. *NOTE: We used 2 different border fabrics for our runners, but you can use the same material for both if you would like!*

Sewing instructions for your first runner:

Take 3 dark and 4 light and 2 medium squares and stitch a nine-patch block as shown below. Steam press all seam allowances to one side.



Starting at one of the dark corners of the nine-patch, stitch one of the light/medium strips onto the right side of the nine-patch. Do not trim off the excess length. Finger-press seam allowance away from the nine-patch.



Stitch one dark accent square onto the end of a light/medium strip. Finger-press seam allowance toward the 10" strip. Stitch this onto the left side of the nine-patch unit as shown below pressing seam allowance away from the nine-patch.



Keep adding strips to the right, and strips with accent squares onto the left until you have 5 on the right and 5 on the left.



Now it is time to stitch the strips onto the other side of the nine-patch. Starting at the dark accent corner of the nine-patch, stitch on a light/medium strip onto the right side. This strip will overlap some of your previous patchwork – that is ok – just stitch along the whole side of the 10” strip then cut away the excess of the previous patchwork to leave a ¼” seam allowance.

Stitch one dark accent square onto the end of a light/medium strip. Stitch this onto the left side of the nine-patch unit. Again, this strip will overlap some of your previous patchwork - just stitch the along the whole side of the 10” strip and cut away the excess of the previous patchwork to leave a ¼” seam allowance.

Keep adding strips to the right, and strips with accent squares onto the left until you have 5 on the right and 5 on the left.

Steam-press the runner so it is very flat.

Using a rotary cutter and plastic ruler, trim the runner to 12” wide. This is easiest by measuring 6” away from the imaginary line running down the center of the accent blocks and cutting one side, then turn the runner around and do the same thing on the second side.

Stitch your border onto the long sides of the runner. *Note that the sides of your patchwork runner are now cut on the bias and could stretch if you are not careful.* Trim off excess. Stitch borders onto the short edges and trim off excess.

Repeat the sewing directions to make your second runner.

Quilt, bind, and enjoy!

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