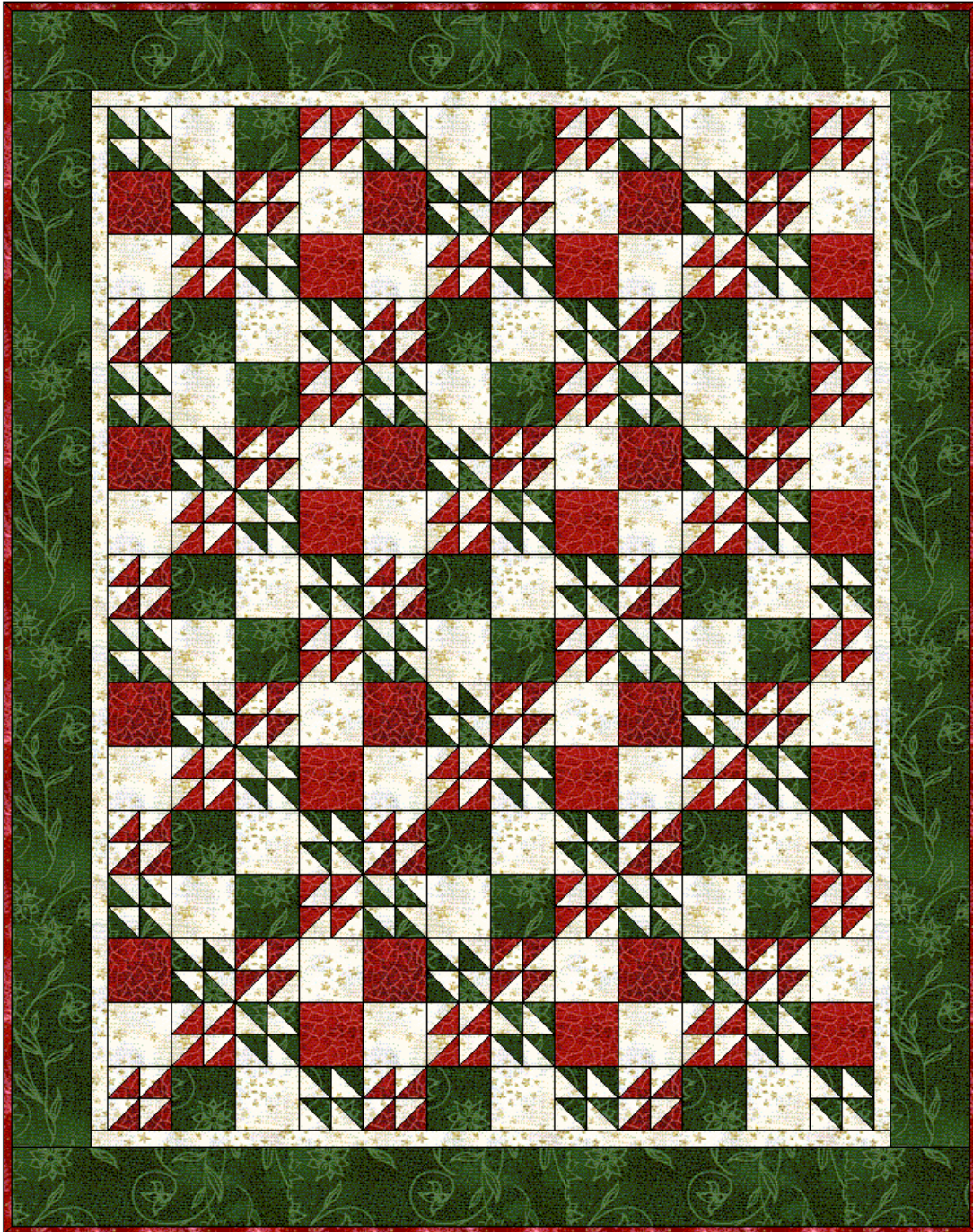


Under the Mistletoe

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...or snuggling under this charming quilt, you'll be dreaming of sugarplums and Christmases yet to come. Choose 3 stunning fabrics, do some simple strip cutting, and stitch squares and easy half-square triangles together using updated techniques to create this, surprisingly, uncomplicated quilt.



61" x 77"

The large lap quilt shown here is made using 48 blocks set 6 blocks across by 8 blocks down.

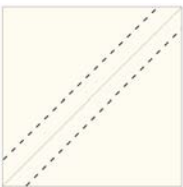
Fabric

Three great fabrics will make this a spectacular quilt. Use pre-washed 100% cotton fabrics. A $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance is included in all cutting instructions.

	Yardage	Cutting
BLOCKS		
Red	1 $\frac{1}{3}$ yds.	(3) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x width of fabric strips, sub-cut into (24) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (8) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x width of fabric strips, sub-cut into (96) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares
Green	1 $\frac{1}{3}$ yds.	(3) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x width of fabric strips, sub-cut into (24) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (8) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x width of fabric strips, sub-cut into (96) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares
White	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ yds.	(6) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x width of fabric strips, sub-cut into (48) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (15) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x width of fabric strips, sub-cut into (192) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares
BORDERS		
#1—White	$\frac{1}{2}$ yd.	(6) 2" x width of fabric strips
#2—Your choice	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yds.	(7) 5" x width of fabric strips
BINDING	$\frac{3}{4}$ yds.	(7) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x width of fabric strips

the width of fabric may vary between 40" and 44"

Half-Square Triangle Units



You will use the "Un-Biased Solution" to make half square triangle (HST) units. Layer one 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " white square and one 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " dark (red or green) square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal pencil line from corner to corner then stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from pencil line (on both sides of the center line) as illustrated here (you may want to draw the stitching lines, too). After stitching, cut on the center line and press seam toward darker fabric. Trim "dog ears." This makes two half-square triangles. You will need a total of 192 red HST and 192 green HST. They should each measure 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Block Construction

Once half-square triangles are made, arrange eight of them to make Under the Mistletoe blocks as pictured below. Each completed block should measure 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (unfinished).



Make 24 blocks using (8) green HST, one white 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square and one red 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



Make 24 blocks using (8) red HST, one white 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square and one green 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Assembling the Quilt

Arrange the completed blocks 6 across by 8 blocks down, rotating blocks a quarter turn as needed, as shown on page 1.

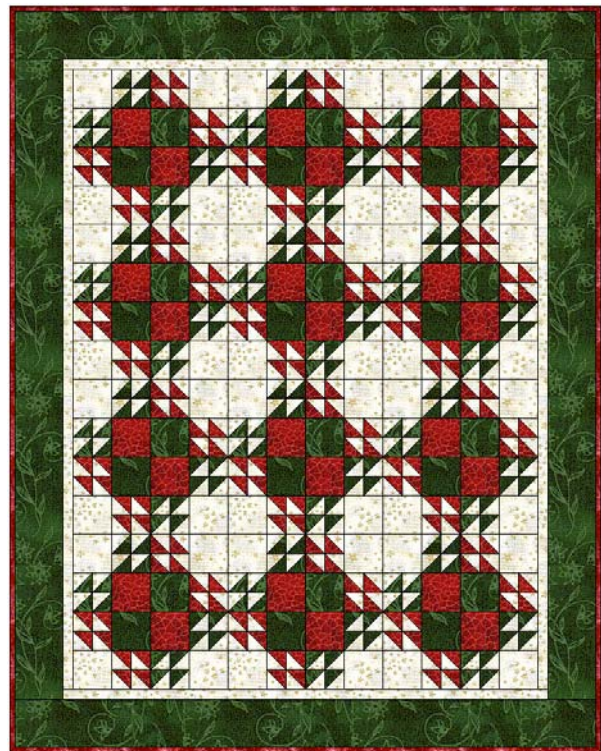
Add borders, sewing side borders on first then top and bottom.

Layer with backing and batting. Quilt as desired and bind using strips listed above to make French-fold (double) binding.

Other Setting Options



"Ribbon Candy"



"Too Much Egg Nog"



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